

ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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

Three Top in the World awards for IGCSE! These outstanding results from last year's November examinations were recently announced – very late this year but better late than never! Our congratulations to Wu Yanyu and Wei Yu on their 100% scores and attaining the Best in the World award for Additional Mathematics, and to Rupert Chia on gaining the Best in the World award for International Mathematics. Two other ACS (International) students were only one mark behind in each of these Mathematics subjects.

Being Best in the World in a subject is an outstanding effort and the whole school is delighted in congratulating these students on their supreme achievements which are the result of fine ability and outstanding and sustained effort, particularly over the past two years. We also congratulate their teachers, Mrs Lim-Tan Lay Pian, Ms Jasmine Teo and Mrs Beena George, on their extensive skills and hard work, supported by the whole Mathematics faculty over the past four years that the students have been with us. ACS (International) students have achieved 23 Top in the World awards in 10 of the past 11 years.

Seeing students perform at an elite level in any endeavour is very satisfying, and in terms of academic excellence I am reminded of 2 Peter 1:5 (NIV) "For this very reason, **make** every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, **knowledge**" (emphases are mine). Top performances don't just happen, but require sustained effort and persistence over a long period to achieve success. As Vidal Sassoon said: "the only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary"! Our three Top in the World students, and their teachers, are the proof of these quotes.

We have now finished Term 3. We especially thank all those who attended the recent virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs) which replaced our usual face-to-face Parent-Teacher Meetings as a result of COVID-19 restrictions. Feedback from both staff and parents has been universally positive – but we would need to give staff a few more 10 minute breaks from time to time, and also find a way to accommodate non-English speaking parents who need an interpreter sitting next to them. Any other feedback on these virtual PTCs would be appreciated.

Our thanks to the student leaders, the PSP and wider parent body for their wonderful affirmation of their teachers at this week's Teachers' Day celebrations. Celebrations were quite muted this year but the staff did appreciate all the gestures, notes and participating in the prize draw.

We wish everyone a safe school holiday, and we look forward to meeting again on 14 September.



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Rob Burrough Principal

# Term 3 Commendation Awards

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

Prin	cipal's List for Effo	ort and Ac	hievement		Distinction for Effe	ort and Achiev	ement
NAME	1	YEAR	HOUSE	NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
Shreya Bis	/as	1	CHEONG KOON SENG	1	Aryav Bhesania	1	CHEONG KOON SEN
Advika Karth		2	CHEONG KOON SENG	2	Acharekar Om Nitin	2	CHEONG KOON SEN
Jiang Chu		REIGCSE	CHEONG KOON SENG	3	Natsuko Kawasumi	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SEN
Lee May Ann		3	CHEONG KOON SENG	4	Leung Cheuk Hin	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SEN
		-		5	Cao Fangru	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SET
Moon Day		3	CHEONG KOON SENG				
Li Yizhe		3	CHEONG KOON SENG	6	Diya Biswas	3	CHEONG KOON SEM
Natasha Wong	Su Ann	3	CHEONG KOON SENG	7	Teo Jie Shi Alarice	3	CHEONG KOON SEM
Kan Nuo		5	CHEONG KOON SENG	8	Ronak Sanan	5	CHEONG KOON SEN
Natalie Chew	iaxian	5	CHEONG KOON SENG	9	Zee Yuet Yi Audrey	1	GOH HOOD KENG
Sanjita Para	shar	2	GOH HOOD KENG	10	Dhar Yutika	1	GOH HOOD KENG
Chong Har	hah	3	GOH HOOD KENG	11	Kelly Ng	1	GOH HOOD KENG
Jeong Hoo	ul	3	GOH HOOD KENG	12	Yuri Masuda	2	GOH HOOD KENG
Varalee Chaipha	nichapun	3	GOH HOOD KENG	13	Asha Bodestyne Jing Zi Siow	2	GOH HOOD KENG
Saw Yone S	nou	3	GOH HOOD KENG	14	Aama Sanjay Singh	2	GOH HOOD KENG
Chan Yee	ok FOUN	NDATION IB	GOH HOOD KENG	15	Luke Lai Wen Le	2	GOH HOOD KENG
Wang Yar		5	LEE SENG GEE	16	Ernest Loh Wei Qian	2	GOH HOOD KENG
Natasha Tar		1	OLDHAM	17	Chia Fui Rupert	5	GOH HOOD KENG
Aurelia Clarib		REIGCSE	OLDHAM	18	Fahim Mohammed	5	GOH HOOD KENG
Marisa Renji		3	OLDHAM	19	Reianne Hoon Yi Lin	2	LEE SENG GEE
				20	Mikayla Alyson Toh	2	LEE SENG GEE
Muhtasin Fiyaz		3	OLDHAM	21	Zhuang Yachen	3	LEE SENG GEE
Ajay Karthik	-	3	OLDHAM	22	Liu Jihan	3	LEE SENG GEE
Son Yoo	a	5	OLDHAM	22		PREIB	LEE SENG GEE
Rohan An	ra	5	OLDHAM		Kim Hyojin		
Lucas Zachary Le	ng Joe-Yii	5	OLDHAM	24	Yang Nayoung	5	LEE SENG GEE
Wan Hoi Y	in	1	SHAW VEE MENG	25	Kim Minjae	2	OLDHAM
Ahn Chee	oon	3	SHAW VEE MENG	26	Lee Adel	2	OLDHAM
Larissa Chan M	ei Huen	3	SHAW VEE MENG	27	Bhardwaj Aditi	2	OLDHAM
Lai Hong Chan	Jayden	3	SHAW VEE MENG	28	Ma Mingyue	2	OLDHAM
Soong Jae S		3	SHAW VEE MENG	29	Liu Binyi	PRE IGCSE	OLDHAM
Rhena Gan P		3	SHAW VEE MENG	30	Carter Luke Xavier	3	OLDHAM
Nanditha Vith		3	SHAW VEE MENG	31	Lee Xue En Aeriel	1	SHAW VEE MENG
		NDATION IB		32	Kim Sunbin	2	SHAW VEE MENG
Wan Hoi C	-		SHAW VEE MENG	33	Kim Nakyung	2	SHAW VEE MENG
Jin Kawa		5	SHAW VEE MENG	34	Zhou Shaun Run Sheng	2	SHAW VEE MENG
Joeliane Woo		2	TAN CHIN TUAN	35	Kamaraj Mohi	2	SHAW VEE MENG
Ho Myra Me	yan	3	TAN CHIN TUAN	36	Kim Jibin	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
Michael Ch	ung	3	TAN CHIN TUAN	37	Prisha Chalak	3	SHAW VEE MENG
Masuvathi Ramesh Char	der Samstheetha	3	TAN CHIN TUAN			5	
Park Jim	n F	PRE IB	TAN CHIN TUAN	38	Jeong Hyeonji	5	SHAW VEE MENG SHAW VEE MENG
Riho Tak	ki	5	TAN CHIN TUAN	39	Manya Nahata		
Ko Bomi		5	TAN CHIN TUAN	40	Wu Yanyu	5	SHAW VEE MENG
Hannah Lim '	Wen	2	THOBURN	41	Clarisse Lim Jia-Yi	5	SHAW VEE MENG
Gurmehr Kaur		2	THOBURN	42	Cheah Eu Jin Ethan	5	SHAW VEE MENG
Ethelyn Huan		3	THOBURN	43	Cui Nan	5	SHAW VEE MENG
Conrad Trey In		3	THOBURN	44	Kim Jian	PRE IGCSE	TAN CHIN TUAN
Airi Nari		3	THOBURN	45	Nira Pitiwiwat	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
Vera Yong Yin		3	THOBURN	46	Shravya Kishor Kacha	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
Cheng Xi		5	THOBURN	47	Roh Seung Hwan	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
Eliana Kw		5	THOBURN	48	Thaddeus Luke Shen	1	THOBURN
				49	Nadine Helena Tan	1	THOBURN
Lam Ngoc		RE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE	50	Melody Lee Yun Shyan	1	THOBURN
Eloise Laetitia L		2	TAN KAH KEE	51	Yun Seojin	1	THOBURN
Daiki Kashi	-	2	TAN KAH KEE	52	Choi Jiwoo	PRE IGCSE	THOBURN
Abhay Ma	ik	3	TAN KAH KEE	52	Chye Shu Lin Lauren	3	THOBURN
Chantel Thora	hesney	5	TAN KAH KEE	54	Lee Chaehyeon	5	THOBURN
				55	Isabella Tan	5	THOBURN
				55	Jesslyne Yau	5	THOBURN
				57	Mao Shimono	2	TAN KAH KEE
				58	Choong Hui Yu Shannen	2	TAN KAH KEE
				59	Celine Lestari Bongso	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
				60	Zhang Hanyi	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE

Bhagwani Sandhya

Kim Nahyun

Suen Ching Man

Samuel Agra Sianipar

Chau Nguyen Khanh Giao

Wan Zhijun

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NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	Yum Songeun	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	Shi Yuting	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	Kim Minwoo	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	Ariel Wong Su Ann	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	Teo Yu Ning Aglaia	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	Regan Tian Jin	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	Abirami D/o Murti	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	Lim Jun Le Waine	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	Jo Woonhyeong	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	Lim Yi Xing	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	Natalie Heng Qiu Xuan	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	Vo Thi Tra My	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
13	Priscilla Boo	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
14	Aahana Roy	1	GOH HOOD KENG
15	Loh Junyan Jerry	2	GOH HOOD KENG
16	Chen Siyu	3	GOH HOOD KENG
17	Jeong Hyukchul	3	GOH HOOD KENG
18	Lao Hanfei	3	GOH HOOD KENG
19	Summer Yew Min	3	GOH HOOD KENG
20	Hitesh Kishnani	3	GOH HOOD KENG
21	Ji Hyunmin	FOUNDATION IB	GOH HOOD KENG
22	Sabrina Koswara	5	GOH HOOD KENG
23	Rohan Kishore Buxani	5	GOH HOOD KENG
23	Kevin Huang Li Bang	5	GOH HOOD KENG
24		1	LEE SENG GEE
26	Govind Anurupa Ajeet Wagle	1	LEE SENG GEE
	Kaylee Victoria Ng		
27	Anisha Mahibalan	1	LEE SENG GEE
28	Kan Xinyue	PRE IGCSE	LEE SENG GEE
29	Cho Yeeun	PRE IGCSE	LEE SENG GEE
30	Chun Sijun	PRE IGCSE	LEE SENG GEE
31	Johan Imran Mattinson	2	LEE SENG GEE
32	Einna Parekh	2	LEE SENG GEE
33	Ng Hei Lam	3	LEE SENG GEE
34	Supitchar Sritrakarnont	3	LEE SENG GEE
35	Kyren Lavan	FOUNDATION IB	LEE SENG GEE
36	Anna Kong Min Yi	5	LEE SENG GEE
37	Wang Renhe	5	LEE SENG GEE
38	Justin Cheng Ming Hearn	5	LEE SENG GEE
39	Jung Saekyung	5	LEE SENG GEE
40	Ma Tri Dung	1B	OLDHAM
41	Lee Yeseo	1B	OLDHAM
12	Fu Si Jie	1	OLDHAM
43	Sara Attal	1	OLDHAM
44	Nishka Birmi	1	OLDHAM
45	Jin Yining	PRE IGCSE	OLDHAM
46	Chua Si Rei	2	OLDHAM
47	Chin Wei Sheng Jason	2	OLDHAM
48	Danelle Ong Keng Yee	3	OLDHAM
49	Ethan Yap	FOUNDATION IB	OLDHAM
50	Goh Jun-En Samuel	5	OLDHAM

51	Jiang Jinyi	5	OLDHAM
52	Wong Hai Ning	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
53	Han Seohee	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
54	Darnesh Ramu	2	SHAW VEE MENG
55	Kristy Ann Lim Shue Wen	2	SHAW VEE MENG
56	Lea Chong Wern Fang	2	SHAW VEE MENG
57	Lee Rui En Aeryn	2	SHAW VEE MENG
58	Lee Yeonje	PRE IB	SHAW VEE MENG
59	Lee Keondong	5	SHAW VEE MENG
60	Lee Sumin	1B	TAN CHIN TUAN
61	Yuri Alex Rowan Cook	1B	TAN CHIN TUAN
62	Julia Miyo Coffey	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
63	Kim Seojung	PRE IGCSE	TAN CHIN TUAN
64	Wu Yiyou	PRE IGCSE	TAN CHIN TUAN
65	Kim Amin	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
66	Um Seyoung	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
67	Gweon Sujin	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
68	Zhou Yichen	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
69	Elizabeth Chia Kay Yan	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
70	Lee Chae Been	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
71	Isabella Ang Jingxuan	1	THOBURN
72	Gabriel Loh Seck Chuan	1	THOBURN
73	Zhang Qingyan	PRE IGCSE	THOBURN
74	Tan Li En Lorraine	2	THOBURN
75	Kim Sanghee	2	THOBURN
76	Kohtaro Okano	2	THOBURN
77	Gao Zihan	3	THOBURN
78	Lee Heonjune	PRE IB	THOBURN
79	Nguyen Ngoc Thien An	PRE IB	THOBURN
80	Rebecca Toh Jia Ying	1	TAN KAH KEE
81	Athena Peh	1	TAN KAH KEE
82	Zefanya Loretta Sarianna Sianipar	2	TAN KAH KEE
83	Karthikeya Vetsa	2	TAN KAH KEE
84	Loh Kin-Shin Declan	2	TAN KAH KEE
85	Krishna Gehlot	3	TAN KAH KEE
86	Alyssa Kastono Ahadi	3	TAN KAH KEE
87	Abigail Kastono Ahadi	5	TAN KAH KEE
88	Nivedita Venkataraghavan	5	TAN KAH KEE

Commendation for Effort					
NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE		
1	Alicia Lim Zhi Xuan	1	CHEONG KOON SENG		
2	Grenda Kennedy	3	CHEONG KOON SENG		
3	Claudia Tan En Qi	2	GOH HOOD KENG		
4	Tan Li San	3	GOH HOOD KENG		
5	Charlotte Rebecca Chang	5	GOH HOOD KENG		
6	Zhang Xiaoyu	2	LEE SENG GEE		
7	Sin Zi Ting Chelsea	3	LEE SENG GEE		
8	Sarah Lim May Xuan	1	OLDHAM		
9	Chiang Yee	2	OLDHAM		
10	Cheng Xiya	1B	SHAW VEE MENG		
11	Li Xinrui	1B	SHAW VEE MENG		
12	Roy Kwan Kay Tjin	1	SHAW VEE MENG		
13	Maanav Girish Jethnani	5	TAN CHIN TUAN		
14	Eldon Joel Kwan	1	TAN KAH KEE		
15	Jiang Luxi	1	TAN KAH KEE		
16	Priya Renee Peeris	3	TAN KAH KEE		

# Information for Parents on Firefly

The Term 3 grades have been published via the Student and Parent Portals. Parents can access the assessment and reports at <a href="https://acs.fireflycloud.asia/information-for-parents-public">https://acs.fireflycloud.asia/information-for-parents-public</a> where other information such as the IGCSE and IBDP programmes and examination matters, virtual parent-teacher conference booking, parent portal (iSAMS) and schools buddy portal can be accessed as well.

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### STAFF NEWS

# Three IGCSE Top in the World Awards

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The school would like to thank their teachers, Mrs Lim-Tan Lay Pian, Ms Jasmine Teo and Mrs Beena George, for their hard work, supported by the whole Mathematics faculty over the past four years that the students have been with ACS (International).

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Wu Yanyu and Rupert Chia (Not in photo: Wei Yu is currently studying overseas)



# Welcome Back

A warm welcome to Mr Praeman Balasundram, Teacher of Geography, who is back after a two-year role as Founding Principal at Wesley Methodist School Penang International. Mr Praeman first joined ACS (International) in 2006 as a teacher and just before his appointment to Penang was Housemaster of Oldham House.

### NOTICES

# Safe Distancing Observance in Holland Village

We have received a number of complaints about students gathering in groups in Holland Village and near the MRT station. Breaking the law by not obeying safe distancing measures and not wearing masks reflects very badly on the individuals and on the school. We ask all students to please keep themselves safe by observing the recommended safe distancing measures, respect the school uniform and school values, and obey the law, be it during term time or school break!

### School Break Matters

### General Office and Library Hours

Please note that during the holiday period from 31 August to 11 September, Monday to Friday, the General Office and the Library will be open from 9:00am to 4:00pm (note: library is closed for lunch from 12noon to 1:00pm).

#### SafeEntry

All staff, students and visitors arriving at school from 29 August to 13 September still need to check in using this code at the Main Gate.



In addition, for the school's records, all staff and student arrivals will also need to sign in using the school's bar code found on staff/student ID. For this reason, only the Main Gate will be open for access during the holidays. In general, students will not be allowed back to school unless they have approval to attend holiday revision classes.

### No Walk-In Visitors

Visitors to the school including admission enquiries, must make a prior appointment before being allowed entry into the school. Please phone (65) 6472 1477 for an appointment time. We apologise for the inconvenience.

### Student Dress Code

Full school uniform or school-related shirts, such as the polo tee and House T-shirts are permitted, and must be worn with the school pants/culottes when visiting school. PE shorts are not allowed. Students in the wrong attire will NOT be allowed entry into the school/library.

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# Term 4 Staggered Arrivals and Dismissals

School start times have been adjusted as follows:

- Monday Junior Division 8:00am, Middle Division 8:00am, Senior Division 8:30am
- Tuesday All Divisions, 8:30am
- Wednesday Junior Division 8:30am, Middle Division 8:00am, Senior Division 8:00am
- Thursday Junior Division 8:00am, Middle Division 8:30am, Senior Division 8:00am
- Friday All Divisions 8:00am

Please note the adjustments from 8:35am to 8:30am.

School finish times have been staggered as follows:

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

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# Term 4 Key Dates

Please note the following key dates for Term 4:

25 September	Last day for Year 4 before study leave begins
29 September	<ul> <li>First day of extended Library hours for Year 4/6 Study Nights (through to 12 November)</li> </ul>
7 October	Last day for Year 6 before study leave begins
19 October	Internal end-of-year exams for Year 5 begin
20 October	• Study Leave for Year 3, Foundation IB and Pre IB
21 October	<ul> <li>Internal end-of-year exams for Year 3, Foundation IB &amp; Pre IB begin</li> </ul>
26 October	<ul> <li>Internal end-of-year exams for Years 1 and 2 begin</li> </ul>
30 October	Final day of Internal end-of-year exams
2–16 November	Normal school days
13 November	Final IBDP examination
14 November	Deepavali Public Holiday (School closed)
15 November	<ul> <li>Year 6 Graduation Ceremony (for Year 6 Graduands only unless COVID-19 restrictions are further eased and parents may attend)</li> </ul>
16 November	<ul> <li>Year 6 Prom (only to be held if COVID-19 restrictions are further eased)</li> </ul>
17 November	<ul> <li>Academic Reports given out</li> <li>Last day for Non-Prize winners, 1/2 day for most students</li> <li>Speech Day rehearsals for Prize Winners</li> </ul>
18 November	• Years 1–5 Speech Day Prize Giving for Prize

Winners and Teachers Only

Staff Only days

# 2020 Leadership Colours Awards

Each year, the school recognises our students' leadership development and contribution by awarding Leadership Colours Awards (Gold, Silver or Bronze).

Students who have demonstrated commendable leadership by serving school, House, CCA and/or wider community are welcome to submit an application for the award. To be CONSIDERED for the award of Colours, students must set an example of good conduct, service and leadership, in line with general expectation for the age group they are in.

### Criteria

### I. Citizenship

- · being clear about personal values and beliefs and behave consistently with these values
- inspire a shared vision to serve or do good to a community
- show respect for social, cultural and community diversity

### II. Modelling the Way

- · infuse team/others with energy and confidence
- foster collaborating
- · coach or encourage other people
- manage personal and emotional relationships

### III. Inspiration

- show positivity in the face of challenges and failures
- celebrate success and managing disappointment
- innovate, experiment, and explore ways to improve
- · exude enthusiasm for the work/project/event
- are trustworthy

### IV. Achievements (Team or Individual)

- · successful completion
- significant achievement/recognition

Students are required to get at least two teachers/mentors to endorse the self-reflection/application form (by completing the Supervisor's/Mentor's Evaluation) before submitting it for consideration by Mrs Tan Siew Hoon and another SLT member. Collect an application form from General Office or download it from the school website:

https://www.acsinternational.edu.sg/en/admissions-live/forms-andimportant-information-2/

The submission deadline for Year 4 (IGCSE only) and Year 6 is Friday, 28 August. The last day of submission by other year groups (including Foundation IB and Pre IB) is Thursday, 1 October. Please drop the completed form into the box marked "Colours Awards Application Forms" at the General Office.

# Step-Up Dengue Prevention Measures

A reminder that as part of the school's continued health and safety measures, fogging is carried out every Saturday at school and granules are laid in potentially infected areas. Everyone is reminded to practise preventative measures to reduce the chances of being bitten.

# End-of-Year Exams and Progression to Next Year

The school's internal end -of-year examinations are planned to be held as usual, starting mid-October. We do not expect any change compared to other years. Each subject teacher will confirm details with their classes next term. The examination schedule will be published on Firefly in due course. The examination start dates are published elsewhere in this newsletter.

All students will sit for the internal school examinations at school under secure conditions. There is no scope for students to sit for the papers at alternative times. However, for new students not yet in Singapore and having to study independently in their home country, we are planning to provide an alternative venue at our Regional Offices so that these few students can sit for the examinations at the same time as their fellow Singapore students and under secure conditions. More details later.

Progression to the next academic year level is usually automatic unless there are significant academic concerns or the minimum entry criteria have not been met (e.g. for IB Diploma). The school Progression Policy may be accessed <u>here</u>. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we plan to be as flexible as possible when considering those cases where progression is in doubt, and each case will be considered on a case-by-case basis. In general terms, progression is based on the whole year's work, not just the performance in the endof-year examinations.

# ACS (International) 2021 IBDP Internal Scholarships

Year 4 students are invited to apply for three 2021 scholarships worth \$10,000 each for the year 2021 only – click <u>here</u> for the application form.

The successful applicants would have demonstrated:

- Outstanding academic achievement throughout Year 4 (in IGCSE, Foundation IB or Pre IB classes);
- Strong contribution to co-curricular and/or House activities; and
- The ability to achieve highly in the IBDP and give back to the school.

Each scholarship will be used to offset Year 5 IBDP tuition fees. \$5,000 will be deducted from the fees payable for each of the two semesters. Applications to the Principal consisting of a letter of application listing achievements and contributions to the school close on 30 September.

# Study Nights

Study nights run from 26 September to 12 November, every Tuesday and Thursday, at the school library. The extended hours till 8:00 pm are solely for Years 4 and 6 students. No other students will be admitted so as to provide a conducive environment for the Years 4s and 6s.

Students are reminded to dress in school attire when using the library. School-related shirts, such as the polo tee and House T-shirts are permitted, and must be worn with the school pants/culottes. PE shorts are not allowed. Students in the wrong attire will be asked to change out before being allowed entry into the library. The PSP has arranged to sponsor an online ordering of food. Details later.

## **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 Aug–September 2020 issue of ACS Echo magazine has arrived. Parents and students who would like a copy may pick one up from the General Office reception.

# 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.

# Holiday Revision Classes

### Year 6 HL Lessons (Attendance is compulsory)

Time	Monday 31 Aug	Tuesday 1 Sep	Wednesday 2 Sep	Thursday 3 Sep	Friday 4 Sep	Tuesday 8 Sep
0900h to 1100h	English	History	Biology	Maths	Chemistry/Art	
1200h to 1400h	Biology	Maths	Art	English	History/Psychology/ Business Management	Sport Exercise and Health Science
1500h to 1700h	Art	English	History/Psychology	Art	Maths	

### Languages Faculty Year 4 Oral Practice

Subject	Teacher	Venue	Date	Time
French	Delphine Esnault	NB307	Friday, 4 Sep Friday, 11 Sep	1000h to 1200h
Japanese	Akane Yoshida	NB304	Wednesday 2 Sep	1000h to 1500h

### Science Faculty Year 4 Chemistry

Teacher	Venue	Target Group	Date	Time	Suggested work to be done
Grace Lim Pei Lin	Chem lab 1-4	Groups 1 & 5	Tuesday 1 Sep	0900h to 1100h & 1300h to 1500h	To continue with Organic Chemistry Macromolecules & go through test paper corrections

### The Arts Faculty

Time/Week 1	Monday 31 Aug	Tuesday 1 Sep	Wednesday 2 Sep	Thursday 3 Sep	Friday 4 Sep
0000b to 1100b		Year 4 Music (via ZOOM)	Year 4 Music (via ZOOM)	Year 4 Art 0900h to 1600h	IB Music IB Visual Arts
0900h to 1100h		Year 4 Art 0900h to 1600h			
1200h to 1400h			IB Visual Arts IB Theatre		
1500h to 1700h	IB Music IB Visual Arts			IB Visual Arts	
Time/Week 2	Monday 7 Sep	Tuesday 8 Sep	Wednesday 9 Sep	Thursday 10 Sep	Friday 11 Sep
0900h to 1600h	IB Visual Arts Year 4 Art	IB Visual Arts	IB Visual Arts	IB Visual Arts Year 4 Art	IB Visual Arts

# Holiday Revision Classes

### Mathematics Faculty Year 4 Revision of Topics

Teacher	Venue	Target Group	Date	Time
Raghuraman Chandramani	OB3-5	4AM2	Tuesday 1 Sep	0900h to 1100h
Lim-Tan Lay Pian	OB3-8	4AM4	Tuesday 1 Sep	0900h to 1200h
Charles Lee	OB4-5	4AM1	Wednesday 2 Sep	0900h to 1100h
David Fillary	OB2-1	4Ma4	Thursday 3 Sep	0900h to 1200h
Frank Yip	OB3-1	4Ma1	Thursday 3 Sep	1300h to 1600h
Frank Yip	OB3-1	4Ma7	Friday 4 Sep	1300h to 1600h

### English Faculty Year 4 Composition Skills

Teacher	Target Group	Date	Time
Carrie Cheah	4ELa4	Wednesday 2 Sep	1000h to 1130h

### Humanities Faculty Year 4 History

Teacher	Date	Time
Claire Tan	Wednesday 2 Sep	1000h to 1200h

### **EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

# International Day 2020

International Day celebration has traditionally been a big event with a concert, free international food and activities, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this big gathering could not take place. Instead, to mark the occasion, we, the Peer Leaders, helped to prepare an International Day video to be shown to the school on 9 August after the National Day messages were read.

As the purpose of this event is to increase awareness of the culture of the many different nationalities we have at ACS (International), the video included interview clips of staff and students answering the question "Where in Singapore would you go to to get a taste of your own country?" and recommending the best place to experience their home countries .It also included a display of national flags of all the nations that our school community came from and concluded with a trivia quiz on countries that contributed much to enthusiastic discussions among classmates watching the video.

Despite some difficulties involved in producing the video within a tight timeline, the Peer Leaders were happy doing the project. It was also valuable time of building up teamwork and knowing more about friends and teachers in school. During our research, I was pleasantly surprised to find out that we have representatives from more than 30 different nationalities around the world. For the quiz portion, I found myself at a loss to the answers too. As a Korean, I thought that the national animal of Korea was not a Siberian tiger. Later, I figured out that Siberian tiger is a name of one type of tigers that live in Korea and that Siberian tigers do not live in Siberia.

The day concluded with gifts of teddy bear clothed in PE jersey with international flags – a wonderful gesture by the Parents School Partners (PSP). Although this international day was celebrated differently, it was nonetheless meaningful!



Nam Hyeonbin (Kelly), 4 TKK Peer Leader



Yoonie (2-LSG, Korea) : The place that reminds me of Korea is Sky luge in Sentosa and it reminds me of Sokcho in Korea.



Dr Kris Achter (Vice Principal, US) : One of my favorite places to go when i miss home is in Takashimaya, the bookstore Kinokuniya

### Student Reflections

This year's International Day Celebration was very different from before as no booth could be set up and no celebration events could be held. However, with special thanks to the PSP, a bear gift wearing the school's PE shirt with different countries' flags printed on it was given to all students in the school. This memorable gift helps students to remember this special year and also reminds them to always be open-minded when they get to know different cultures.

Natalie Tan, 6 TCT, from Hong Kong

Given the circumstances, International Day went virtual this year. The video was a great way to encompass the spirits of the times whilst also sharing the small ways in which we can celebrate the diverse culture that Singapore has to offer. The bear has also been a nice addition. A friend to hug without breaking social distancing measures!

Lim Jia Ying, 6 CKS, from Malaysia

This year was special because we had to organise International Day virtually. It was a wonderful opportunity to overcome boredom and meet with my friends under lockdown. The video was amazing. The PSP's bear gift will always be close to my heart.

Arnav Parag Salkade, 6 TKK, from India

I am immensely grateful for the countless contributions of the PSP to student welfare thus far, and as a soon-to-be Alumni, I really appreciate that I have a souvenir to remember the school. I come from Malaysia and have two young brothers I haven't seen in a long time because of the coronavirus. So when I claimed an extra bear that my friend didn't want, I'm positive my brothers will enjoy the bears.

Jakob Ray Yoong Wai Khuen, 6 CKS, from Malaysia

Although we could not have the regular International Day celebration this year, we were able to have an opportunity to appreciate our multicultural environment with a contribution of a bear gift from the PSP. We watched a video presentation during Tutor Time in which students shared the activities or food they enjoy when they missed their hometowns. As an international student, I could relate to their stories a lot and it made me interested in other cultures as well.

Yasumi Sakaide, 5 CKS, from Japan

I appreciate the PSP's effort in giving us the bear on International Day. Although we could not gather in big groups and play some games, I found this year's celebration fun too. The video, the interviews from students and teachers contributed a lot to the celebration. However, I hope that this pandemic would end soon so that we can have another celebration face-to-face.

Vo Thi Tra My, 5 CKS, from Vietnam

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This year's really a unique experience as we celebrated International Day. Instead of holding a huge celebration event in the Sports Hall and enjoying all the different cuisines of food from different countries, we celebrated International Day in our classroom watching a video consisting of a list of recommended restaurants in Singapore to try different cuisines. Quite funny, isn't it? Well, there's always a first time for everything. And as we celebrated International Day virtually this year, the PSP was so kind as to give us a teddy bear to remind us of this year's celebration of International Day being a unique one. The soft toy we received would be a memory of this unique experience.

#### Jesslyne Yau, 5 Thoburn, from Indonesia

On 7 August, we had a virtual International Day celebration. Since we are in the midst of the pandemic, we had a virtual celebration instead of the usual physical celebration. In the morning, we watched a short video about the world we are living in and had a mini quiz that is related to the countries where the students in ACS (International) come from. Then, before we left school, the PSP gave each student a teddy bear wearing school PE attire that has different flags on its back. All my friends liked the bear and some of them even asked for more bears. It was a new and special experience and this celebration would be memorable. Also, it's a nice chance for us to learn that we are living in a global society and feel belonged in the society.

#### Baik Jongha, 5 SVM, from Korea

This year, due to the surreal pandemic, we are unable to celebrate International Day as usual. PSP and the school found a way which brings us a unique form of celebration. PSP kindly prepares each and everyone a gift, the bear wears the ACS PE kit with all flags representing the various nationalities our school has. Unlike one of my previous schools, a bear gift was to be awarded to or used as the grand prize for that one or two students who score the highest mark in the whole cohort or the prize winner of a largescale competition. Yet in our school, it's a gift prepared by the PSP. Despite the fact that there are some inevitable confines in terms of social gathering, the school still manages to celebrate International Day virtually. We thank those who took part and contributed to the video-making, there are definitely still some improvements to be made since it is the first time we celebrate International Day online.

Cheng Yingfei (Selina), 5 TKK, from China

Thank you PSP for the lovely gift. Yes, I think the bear is quite cute; it represents the ACS (International) student because it is wearing the school uniform. I like it very much, so I put it on my bed.

Yang Jiaqi, 4 LSG, from China





### Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences

The school held three days of virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences (more commonly known as Parent-Teacher Meetings [PTMs] in previous years): 19 August for Year 4 and Year 6, and 24 August and 27 August for all other year groups. The conferences were conducted using video conferencing tools due to the COVID-19 situation. This is actually a good platform especially for teachers to meet up with parents who are normally busy or are overseas and hence not able to attend the previous PTMs. With time saved on coming to the school and waiting in the queue physically, parents appreciated the quality time spent on discussing their concerns with the teachers. Indeed, in many ways, this platform is a more effective avenue compared with face-to-face meetings.

### Mrs Lim-Tan Lay Pian

Divisional Coordinator (Junior Division)/Teacher of Mathematics



### ACS (INDEPENDENT) BOARDING SCHOOL NEWS

# **Fireworks on National Day**

To celebrate National Day, the Singapore government arranged for a 10-minute fireworks displays at 8:20pm at 10 locations around the island, with one of them being just a short hike away from ACS (Independent) Boarding School.

In the evening, Ms Stacey and several international students from ACS (Independent) Boarding School decided to enjoy the fireworks display show at Buona Vista. Instead of going by bus, we decided to walk there, from the boarding school to the area near Star Vista.

There were seven of us students from different countries, and we shared our different views on language, culture, subject choice and more. Even though the walk wasn't that long, we shared our thoughts and felt connected with everyone. It was a really peaceful and enjoyable walk. The night breeze was very comfortable, and everyone chatted more than they usually would. There were a lot of families and friend groups gathered there to watch the fireworks but fortunately everyone maintained a safe distance. The fireworks displays were wonderful, and everyone enjoyed it. We ended the night by having ice cream at a nearby provision shop before heading back.

Suen Ching Man (Circle), 4 TKK





### **HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS**

### **University Application Session 2020**

Year 6 students had the opportunity to attend the University Application Session conducted by the Higher Education and Careers Team on 7 August. Despite the additional effort due to the safe distancing measures, students were enthusiastic about the session. The latest changes to university admissions in light of the COVID-19 situation were shared and the students acquired tips on how to better their chances in gaining admissions to the universities of their choice.

We had the privilege of having 12 alumni who took time off their busy schedule to come back to share their experiences studying various subjects in universities across the world. We were heartened by their desire to give back to our Year 6s in this period of uncertainty.

A separate online session was held for the parents of Year 6 students via Zoom on 12 August. Parents had the opportunity to clarify questions which they had regarding the application process and other immediate concerns which they held.

The Higher Education and Careers Team is resolved to provide the necessary support to all students in spite of the constant changes happening globally and looks forward to working with all stakeholders to ensure the best possible outcome in the university application of all students.



# Job Shadowing

The usual job shadowing attachment which normally takes place during the school holidays has now gone virtual during Term 3 school break. Due to the COVID-19 situation, 20 of our students are attached to the companies remotely, in the industries as follows:

- Legal services
- Virtual reality technology
- Cloud accountant services
- Manufacture of medical equipment
- Business intelligence/Software infrastructure management services

These online sessions will be conducted over five days where students will be exposed to careers in the respective industry and will be given daily assignments/projects to work on.

Our partners have put in an enormous amount of effort to make this possible and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support!

Parents/Guardians who are keen to support our job shadowing programme can contact Ms Yap Lin Lin at linlin.yap@acsinternational.edu.sg

### **ALUMNI NEWS**

### Catching Up with Ju-Hyun Park Julie

The school shares great joy in announcing that our former Head Girl (2018/19) Ju-Hyun Park Julie (former 6 SVM) has been accepted into her choice university, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, for deferred entry in 2021. We congratulate Julie on her varsity placement and wish her continued successes.

The Communications Department caught up with Julie via email for a brief interview.







### What's keeping you busy since your return home after the release of the IBDP results?

I have started university in February at Yonsei University, Korea, where I major in Economics with a minor in Sustainable Development and Cooperation. During the interim period before I begin my course at Cambridge, I will continue with my studies.

Besides the academics, I have joined the student union for debate as well as the climate action network. These activities form a big part of my university life! I feel great exchanging ideas with people who have common interests and passions. Other than these, I have volunteered as a tutor in a local community centre since March, to help students whose learning has been disrupted due to COVID-19.

### What will you be reading at Cambridge?

I am going to pursue a BA (Hons) at Hughes Hall, one of the 31 colleges of the University of Cambridge, in Land Economy which focuses on law, economics, real estate finance and urban policy. Land Economy is a specialised course that look into the practical implications of law and economics with regards to land, natural resources and real estate. The subject's interdisciplinary nature and practicality motivate me to want to deepen my knowledge in this area.

### What's your plan for the near future?

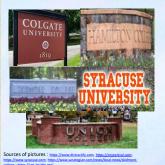
I love to travel and see the world. I really look forward to traveling to different places for leisure once COVID-19 is over and also traveling in Europe and nearby cities during my vacation breaks at Cambridge. Career wise, I endeavour to be a lawyer specialising in legal issues related to management of land and sustainable development so that I can contribute to making a more sustainable environment and efficient use of limited natural resources.

Read about Julie who was first featured in <u>the 2018</u> <u>December issue – "Conscious Bins" Campaign by Julie</u> <u>Park.</u>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August	Event	
31 August to 11 September	Term 3 School Break	
September	Event	
16	08:00–08:35 Term 3 Commendations Assembly	
18	08:00–09:00 ACS Combined Prayer Meeting	
25	Year 4 Last Day – EOY Reports published and issued	
28	• Wellness Week	
October	Event	
01	• 08:00–09:00 Parents' Prayer Group	
02	IGCSE Exams begin	





### Discover Central New York Colleges and Universities:

(Colgate University, Hamilton College, Skidmore College, Syracuse University, and Union College)

Thursday, 17 September 2020 9:00 am (EDT)



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# UCAS Virtual Exhibition 2020

Business, Law and Finance – 29-30 Sept Biomolecule and physical sciences – 16 Oct People studies and teaching – 23-24 Oct Maths, engineering and computing – 2-3 Nov Creative subjects – 13-14 Nov

https://uqevents.eventsair.com/uq-open-day/register/Site/Register



# Singapore Mathematical Olympiad

(Revised Contest Dates)

Junior Round 1 & Senior Round 1 Monday, 7 September, 0930–1200 hours

**Open Round 1** 

Tuesday, 8 September, 0930–1200 hours

### Location

ACS (International) 61 Jalan Hitam Manis, Singapore 278475

### Note

- The Olympiad will be held during the second week of the September school holiday.
- The dates are fixed; no refunds will be allowed.
- The venue will be Old Block level 3 classrooms; report time is 9:15am.
- Registered students must participate in the contest in their school uniform.
- Temperature check will be done and safe distancing measures will be followed.





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Venue: Oldham Chapel, ACS (International) 61 Jalan Hitam Manis, Singapore 278475

Please contact Joseph Ng or Serene Lim at +65 6472 1477 or admissions@acsinternational.edu.sg



# ACS (International) **Admissions Seminars** for 2021

	11 September, 1pm
Seminar in Korean	16 October, 1pm
	RSVP ro_southkorea@acsinternational.edu.sg
Seminar	22 September, 3:30pm
in Japanese	RSVP ro_japan@acsinternational.edu.sg
Seminar	23 September, 1pm
in Chinese	RSVP admissions@acsinternational.edu.sg
Seminar	29 August, 10am
in Vietnamese	RSVP ro_vietnam@acsinternational.edu.sg
	5 September, 9am & 11am
	8 September, 9am & 11am
Seminar in English	10 September, 9am & 11am
for Singaporeans	26 September, 9am & 11am
& Other Locals	10 October, 9am & 11am
	17 October, 9am & 11am
	RSVP admissions@acsinternational.edu.sg
	26 November, 1pm & 3pm
Post PSLE Seminar	27 November, 10am, 1pm & 3pm
for Locals	28 November, 9:30am & 11:30am
	RSVP admissions@acsinternational.edu.sg

# TOP IN THE WORLD **IGCSE 2019 Results**

The school wishes to congratulate the following students on achieving Top In The World IGCSE 2019 grades:

- Wu Yanyu Additional Mathematics
- Wei Yu Additional Mathematics
- Rupert Chia International Mathematics