



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Students and Friends

Next week, our students and teachers will continue with Term 2 whilst the local Singaporean schools have an early school break then a longer Term 3. We have decided to keep to the original term dates in order to maintain the rhythm, routine, certainty and structure that we have achieved with Home Based Learning (HBL).

We realise that our decision will not please everyone, and our apologies for the disruption and extra stress our decision has caused. However, the vast majority of students and teachers are now adjusting well to HBL as indicated by the HBL survey results from students, parents and staff. We also took into consideration how to best meet the international curriculum requirements and deadlines for IGCSE and IBDP, plus the impact on our many international students who would otherwise be confined to the hostel or homestay, away from home, and with no organised structure to their days.

We also realise that the best method of teaching is face-to-face and we hope and pray that we will be able to return to regular teaching at the start of Term 3 on Monday, 29 June. We have made some refinements to the HBL delivery model which we trust will help both students and teachers over the next three weeks. If students or parents have issues with HBL, we encourage them to contact the subject teacher or the House Tutor or HSM for extra support.

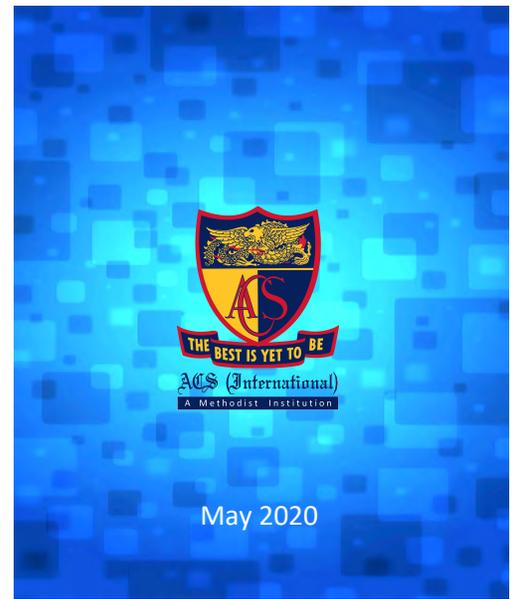
We are encouraged and reassured by the research results into student learning as a result of the Christchurch earthquakes as reported in last week's Circuit Breaker Connector Community Newsletter (Issue 2). Even though schooling in the city was disrupted for many students for several months, the students' results in the end-of-year formal examinations actually increased. Psychologists and educational researchers determined that there were two main reasons for the improved examination results – firstly, teachers focused on learning which actually mattered, and secondly students were more focused on learning due to the disruption to regular everyday lives.

The pruning back to what matters reminds me of the passage in John 15: 1-2 where Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." One of the outcomes of the COVID-19 crisis is that, due to so many restrictions, we are forced to re-evaluate everything that we do, and everything that we hold dear. We are forced into pruning back many of our actions and habits, focusing on what is important and necessary. It will be interesting to see what permanent changes remain in place as life returns to normal, and what good fruit comes from the COVID-19 crisis.

Our congratulations to the incoming student leaders who are identified in another section of this newsletter. We look forward to a face-to-face acknowledgement of the new leaders, and a proper thank you to the outgoing student leaders when we resume regular school-based learning in Term 3.

Best wishes to all

Rob Burrough
Principal



May 2020

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CHRISTIAN MINISTRY NEWS

The Parents Prayer Group (PPG) continued its monthly prayer meeting via Zoom platform on Thursday, 2 April, 8:00am to 9:00am. PPG met again online on Friday, 24 April, 8:00am to 9:00am to participate in ACS Combine Prayer Meeting, as the parents committed their prayers to Anglo-Chinese Junior College (ACJC) and the PPG of each ACS school was assigned to pray for another ACS school. We thank God for the dedicated parents who continue to offer prayer support to the school, staff and students, despite the Circuit Breaker period we are in.

Chapel services on Fridays have been moved online for students to listen to recorded video messages. (e.g. When the World Goes Quiet – Ms Chantal Roux, and Managing our Relationship: Conflict Management – Rev. Malcolm Tan).

STAFF NEWS

The school congratulates the following staff members:

March: Mr Michael Patterson and Mrs Georgina Patterson on the arrival of their second daughter.

April: Mr Harold Manalo on the new addition of a daughter to the family, his second child.

NOTICES

Open House Postponement

Due to the circuit breaker measures, the school can no longer proceed to hold the Open House on 16 May that was postponed from 28 March. The school will offer an alternative to its Open House over the coming months and will advise the ACS Community when the details have been finalised.

However, if you would like more details about admission to the school, please contact the school at admission@acsinternational.edu.sg.

Visit www.acsinternational.edu.sg for updates.



Term 3 Start Dates

Friday, 26 June, Staff Only Day: All staff to attend at 8:00am.

Friday 26 June, New Admissions: All new students to report to the Chapel for Welcome and Orientation III at 9:00am.

Monday 29 June: School begins at 8:00am for all students with full school assembly (subject to social distancing regulations at that time).

Monday 13 July: Prelim examinations for Years 4 and 6 begin (Note: examination timetable to be published within weeks).

Circuit Breaker Connector Community Newsletter

Do check out our weekly [Circuit Breaker Connector Community Newsletter](#) for physical activity tips, updates on school matters, etc.

The newsletter content includes:

- ISSUE 1 (17 APRIL 2020):**
 - Christian Faith: Last week was Holy Week in the Christian calendar. The Cross and Empty Tomb represent two of the very important events in Christian Faith. Immense resurrection guarantee.
 - COVID-19 pandemic has caused anxious and even fearful, with our vulnerability and GOD. Where or on whom?
 - Quote: "Where is God in a John Lennon, Emeritus Professor at Oxford University and C that question many are (recently released) with this..."
 - Recommendation: I highly recommend that interview of Professor J place on 8 April. Much questions from the pub: <https://www.youtube.com/uc...>
- ISSUE 2 (24 APRIL 2020):**
 - Greetings to all as we enter the third week of Home Based Learning (HBL). The novelty of HBL has now passed, and both teachers and students are adjusting to the new ways of full-time online learning.
 - Senior Leadership Team review: The Senior Leadership Team is currently reviewing the student, parent and teacher HBL survey results, and will be discussing with the Heads of Faculty whether to tweak or adjust any of our current practices. This review has become more significant in light of the Singapore government's move to extend the circuit breaker measures including HBL to 1 June. Full-time online delivery of lessons has resulted in increased teacher workload but their commitment to providing the usual high quality learning experiences to our students is appreciated and reassuring. We are confident that students will not be disadvantaged by HBL.
 - Message from Home Office: As I write this message from my home office in Christchurch, New Zealand, I am reminded of the impact of the Christchurch earthquakes on students and their learning. Even though schooling in the city was disrupted for many students for several months, the students' results in the end-of-year formal examinations actually increased! Psychologists and educational researchers determined that there were two main reasons for the improved examination results – firstly, teachers focused on learning which actually mattered, and secondly students were more focused on learning due to the disruption to regular everyday lives. For more information see [UC RESEARCH REPOSITORY](#) and [Does missing a term due to COVID-19 really matter?](#)
 - Physical Activity: We all look forward to resuming lessons onsite in Holland Village as soon as it is safe to do so. Like the Christchurch gatherings having an impact on our school culture and identity. Humans are social beings and we all benefit from physically interacting with each other. The writer to the Hebrews also recognised this when he said "...And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another..." (Hebrews 10: 24-25).
 - Return to School: For me, I am also looking forward to the day when flights between New Zealand and Singapore resume so that I too can physically rejoin our school community. In the meantime, my home office is a little more distant from school than most of the ACS community, but, in reality, modern technology ensures that I remain connected. I just have to adjust to different time zones!
 - Stay safe and healthy. Rob Burroughs, Principal.
 - LET'S MOVE!: During this stay-home month, you don't have to miss out on the opportunity to keep improving your health, fitness and physical well-being! Here's one resource that you can use at home this week. All you need is a computer/laptop or mobile device! (And you can do it as many times per day, per week!)
 - Just Dance YouTube Channel: This channel is an great place to start if you love to dance! Select songs to dance and sing along with on your own. Or why not ask your family to join in too? Here's an extra resource for you to try out this week – a skills challenge on how to juggle three balls: <https://youtu.be/79bXyem69S>
 - Teacher vs Student PE challenge: You are welcome to join the Teacher vs Student PE challenge, a weekly challenge where a PE teacher films themselves attempting a short physical or skill-based task and then challenges the PE class to "beat the teacher". This week's challenge is Burpees. Check out <https://youtu.be/73N1C1B8de4> Submit your video to any PE teacher and see how you do. We look forward to seeing you in action! PE Department

16th School Prefectorial Board and 2020 House Prefects

After a rigorous and comprehensive selection process, we are pleased to announce the 16th School Prefectorial Board and its Exco:



16th PREFECT BOARD 2020–2021

Jin Kawaso	5-SVM	HEAD BOY
Abigail Kastono Ahadi	5-TKK	HEAD GIRL
Natalie Chew Jiaxian	5-CKS	DEPUTY HEAD STUDENT IN CHARGE OF HOUSES / SECRETARY OF THE PREFECT EXCO
Yoona Son (Iris)	5-OLD	DEPUTY HEAD STUDENT IN CHARGE OF AMBASSADORS
Samuel Agra Sianipar	5-TKK	DEPUTY HEAD STUDENT IN CHARGE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
Elizabeth Chia Kay Yan	5-TCT	DEPUTY HEAD STUDENT IN CHARGE OF STUDENT COUNCIL
Ko Bomin	5-TCT	AMBASSADORS
Yang Nayoung	5-LSG	AMBASSADORS
Lucas Leong Joe-Yii	5-OLD	AMBASSADORS
Le Quoc Thai	5-SVM	AMBASSADORS
Wu Yanyu (Rita)	5-SVM	AMBASSADORS
Jesslyn Goh	5-TCT	AMBASSADORS
Erica Molenberg	5-TCT	AMBASSADORS
Jesslyne Yau	5-THO	AMBASSADORS
Cheng Xirui	5-THO	AMBASSADORS
Lee Chaehyeon	5-THO	AMBASSADORS
Cheng Yingfei (Selina)	5-TKK	AMBASSADORS
Kan Nuoya	5-CKS	STUDENT AFFAIRS
Ng Wei Ming	5-GHK	STUDENT AFFAIRS
Seth Yew Kuan Yang	5-GHK	STUDENT AFFAIRS
Fahim Mohammed	5-GHK	STUDENT AFFAIRS
Rohan Kishore Buxani	5-LSG	STUDENT AFFAIRS
Nguyen Yen Minh Phuong (Jenny)	5-LSG	STUDENT AFFAIRS
Eugene Kiera Tanaputra	5-OLD	STUDENT AFFAIRS
Lim Kai Jun	5-SVM	STUDENT AFFAIRS
Cheah Eu Jin Ethan	5-SVM	STUDENT AFFAIRS
Shirley Wang	5-CKS	STUDENT AFFAIRS



Lee Seungju (Daniel)	5-CKS	STUDENT COUNCIL
Renee Joy Tan	5-CKS	STUDENT COUNCIL
Priscilla Boo	5-CKS	STUDENT COUNCIL
Gabrielle Lynn Ong	5-GHK	STUDENT COUNCIL
Anna Kong Min Yi	5-LSG	STUDENT COUNCIL
Yang Jongwon	5-OLD	STUDENT COUNCIL
Manya Nahata	5-SVM	STUDENT COUNCIL
Xavier Ng Jan Hao	5-SVM	STUDENT COUNCIL
Maanav Girish Jethnani	5-TCT	STUDENT COUNCIL
Eliana Kwok	5-THO	STUDENT COUNCIL
Chau Nguyen Khanh Giao (Helen)	5-TKK	STUDENT COUNCIL
Gurnihal Singh	5-CKS	HEAD OF HOUSE
Charlotte Rebecca Chang	5-GHK	HEAD OF HOUSE
Justin Cheng Ming Hearn	5-LSG	HEAD OF HOUSE
Rohan Arora	5-OLD	HEAD OF HOUSE
Clarisse Lim Jia-Yi	5-SVM	HEAD OF HOUSE
Shreyas Ashvin Henry	5-TCT	HEAD OF HOUSE
Isabella Tan	5-THO	HEAD OF HOUSE
Briandley Ang	5-TKK	HEAD OF HOUSE

House Prefects 2020

	CKS	GHK	LSG	OLD	SVM	TCT	THO	TKK
Head of House	Gurnihal Singh 5 CKS	Charlotte Chang 5 GHK	Justin Cheng 5 LSG	Rohan Arora 5 OLD	Clarisse Lim 5 SVM	Shreyas Ashvin Henry 5 TCT	Isabella Tan 5 THO	Briandley Ang 5 TKK
2	Austin Anderson Tan 5 CKS	Liu Yanxi 5 GHK	Bethel Loke 5 LSG	Minjoon Heo 5 OLD	Cui Nan 5 SVM	Lee Chae Been 5 TCT	Alicia Chang 5 THO	Chantal Chesney 5 TKK
3	Fang Jiaxin 5 CKS	Swareena Jain 5 GHK	Celina Abueg 1 LSG	Avril Leong 5 OLD	Joel Liow 5 SVM	Jeremy Choi 5 TCT	Bruce Tianzhou Hu Vice Captain 5 THO	Nivedita Ventkataraghavan 5 TKK
4	Gai Siyan 5 CKS	Stephanie Tsang 5 GHK	Govind Wagle 1 LSG	Simar Singh 5 OLD	Yasmin 5 SVM	Joshua Chang 5 TCT	Shaun Ng 5 THO	Derrick Limawal 5 TKK
5	Eshita Suvarna 5 CKS	Rhys Yeo 5 GHK	Justin Liow 1 LSG	Ashley Yeu 5 OLD	Ng Yuen Nling 5 SVM	Riho Takaki 5 TCT	Nasha Marican 5 THO	Ayush Deb 5 TKK
6	Ronak Sanan 5 CKS	Rupert Chia 5 GHK	Kaylee Ng 1 LSG	Ziye Lu 5 OLD	Ng Kai Kin 5 SVM	Zhou Yichen 5 TCT	Tara Teo 5 THO	Huang Qianhui 5 TKK
7	Yasumi Sakaide 5 CKS	Kim Seoyun 5 GHK	Einna Parekh 2 LSG	Elliot Sivarajan 5 OLD	Liu Zhen Rui 5 SVM	Dhaniesha Jethnani 4 TCT	Brian Ng 5 THO	Kim Nahyun 4 TKK
8	Lai Shanxuan 5 CKS	Kevin Huang 5 GHK	Antonio Abueg 2 LSG	Zachary Tan 5 OLD	Ryan Shin 5 SVM	Natanya Abigail Mandagi 4 TCT	Joshna Shobia 5 THO	Ching Man Suen 4 TKK
9	Anna Loh 5 CKS	Sabrina Koswara 5 GHK	Jing Ning Tong 3 LSG	Samuel Goh 5 OLD	Jeong Hyeonji Nora 5 SVM	Wang Yujia 4 TCT	Shreya Sak 4 THO	Alyssa Kastono 3 TKK
10	Vo Thi Tra My 5 CKS	Lin Xinmeng 5 GHK	Chaemin Kim 4 LSG	Pongyada 4 OLD	Baik Jongha Harry 5 SVM	Soo Hwan Jeong 4 TCT	Jiayi Zheng 4 THO	Leanne Nair 2 TKK
11	Moon Eunyeong 4 CKS	Zara Hartanto 5 GHK	Li Jia 4 LSG	Emmanuel Carter 4 OLD	Celine Kao 4 SVM	Michael Cheung 3 TCT	Lehan Sun 4 THO	Athena Peh 1 TKK
12	Annabella Tiffany Princessa 4 CKS	Cho Young Woo 5 GHK	Ji Min Ham 5 LSG	Johannes Wong 2 OLD	Joshua Anthony 4 SVM	Aryan Asri 2 TCT	Vera Yong 3 THO	Athena Peh 1 TKK

We congratulate all the above students on their appointment to school and house leadership roles, who will officially assume office next Monday, 4 May.

While it is most unfortunate that we are unable to celebrate the appointment of the incoming student leaders and thank the outgoing leaders at our usual Student Investiture Assembly due to the circuit breaker restrictions, we intend to hold a face-to-face leadership assembly as soon as we can in Term 3 to congratulate and present the student leaders to the school community.

STAY SAFE STAY HOME ACTIVITIES

Leadership Training 2020

Amid the unfortunate COVID-19 outbreak, the team of Executive Prefects managed to spearhead the first-ever virtual camp successfully on 4 April. This one-day leadership training focused on preparing our Prefect nominees for their role as student leaders.

Despite the execution of this training through online platforms such as Google Classroom and Zoom, we managed to build rapport with the nominees and maintain the authenticity and rigour of the Leadership Training. As one Executive member was attached to every team of nominees, we had the chance to share our experiences and observe the dynamics of the team.

After the leadership sharing, the nominees had time to video their reflections regarding their values and leadership styles. Virtual sessions allowed discussions and collaboration among the nominees as they designed creative pieces to spread awareness of this COVID-19 situation or the IGNITE values as well as planned a Design For Change project. We were heartened to see the numerous interesting and fresh ideas delivered by the nominees. Ideas included improving payment methods in our canteens, posting of daily jokes on social media platforms, and promoting games that students could participate in during this HBL period.

As the first virtual camp, the organising team had to think out of the box on ways to communicate leadership qualities to the nominees. Hence, leadership sharings were pre-recorded and we made use of Zoom calls to empower them. More importantly, clear communication between the nominees and ourselves ensured the smooth running and success of this Leadership Training.

Towards the end of this Leadership Training, the nominees had ample opportunities to strengthen their inter- and intra-personal skills. With their participation, they gained a better understanding of what being a leader entails for the Prefectorial Board. The nominees ended the camp looking forward to being the catalyst of change in the upcoming Prefectorial Board.

*Sheryl Tan, 6 TCT
Main Organiser and Head of Student Affairs*



Student Dormitory Reaching Out to Foreign Workers' Dormitory

Over the Easter weekend, 20 ACS (International) students who stay at ACS (Independent) Boarding School wanted to engage in something meaningful during this COVID-19 circuit breaker period. We reached out to Westlite Toh Guan, one of the dormitories gazetted as an isolation dormitory, and did a recording of new year and well-wishes greetings in Bengali, Tamil, Thai, Burmese and Mandarin. Compiled together with songs in the respective languages, the video was sent out via whatsapp to the 7,000 workers isolated in the dormitory on Tuesday, 14 April, New Year Day for the Bengalis, Indians and Myanmar, and Songkran Festival for the Thais. It is our little way of saying that we, the "villagers" [as ACS (International) students are affectionately known as in the boarding school], care and remember them.

I am very honoured to be part of this meaningful project. I hope our video have brought positivity in this difficult time.

So Wan In Ian, 4 SVM, Hong Kong

싱가포르를 위해 열심히 노력해주시는 외국인 노동자분들께 감사의 말씀을드립니다. 저희가 외국 노동자분들을 위해 비디오를 만들었습니다. 이 힘든 시기를 잘 극복하시기를 바랍니다!

Jiwon Yang, 6 Oldham; Johnson Yang, 5 Oldham, Korea

我很荣幸能够参加这次活动 为在新加坡的工人朋友尽一份我力所能及的力量 来改善他们的生活状态 这次活动也让我们意识到了生活的不容易 从今以后我们更要学会去关心这个群体的生活状态

Liu Yanxi, 5 GHK, China

मुझे उस अवसर पर गर्व है जो हमें संकट के इस समय में समुदाय की सेवा करने में सक्षम होने के लिए मिला।

Vansh Romesh Goel, 6 CKS, India

Em cảm giác rất vinh dự và vui là em có thể đem được sự hạnh phúc và nụ cười trong những thời kì tối tăm như bây giờ

Le Quoc Thai, 5 SVM, Vietnam

Sewaktu kita membuat video untuk pekerja asing di Singapura, saya merasa puas dan kita masih bisa berkontribusi ke komunitas meskipun covid-19 sedang terjadi.

Treshia Siotama Tan (Tracy), 6 Oldham, Indonesia



CAS At Home

School closure and HBL has been a learning journey for both students and teachers alike. With CCAs, sport competitions and service trips cancelled due to COVID-19, meeting the CAS requirement has become more challenging for the IBDP students. But the students have taken this in their stride and have become more innovative and creative in implementing CAS experiences at home. Safe distancing and circuit breaker has not deterred our students' initiative in having a balanced "C", "A" and "S".

The creative experiences range from creating social blogs; maintaining journals based on online museum tours; posting artwork in social media platforms; signing up for online courses like science and cooking, fashion and design; learning new hobbies like baking and cooking; learning new DIY skills like crafting, scrapbook making; creating awareness posters about sustainable living; learning new languages like Korean and Spanish and listening to TED Talks podcasts to enhance their learning. They are also keeping fit through doing workouts at home; participating in 30-day fitness challenge; creating nutritious diet plans, etc. These experiences have enabled them to recharge themselves physically, mentally and emotionally during these tough times.

Ms Jamuna Madhav



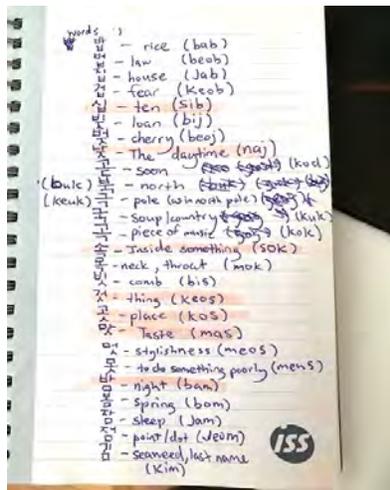
Baking
by Stephanie Miao Zi Tsang, 5 GHK



A Healthy Meal
by Abigail Kastono Ahadi, 5 TKK



Workout At Home
by Vivian Xin Hui Hu, 5 TCT



Learning Korean
by Ethan John Jian-Hao Ong, 5 SVM



Sketch
by Chloe Chu Yi Chiang, 6 Oldham



Cooking At Home
by Siting Zhang, 5 GHK



Art
by Natalie Jiaxian, 5 CKS



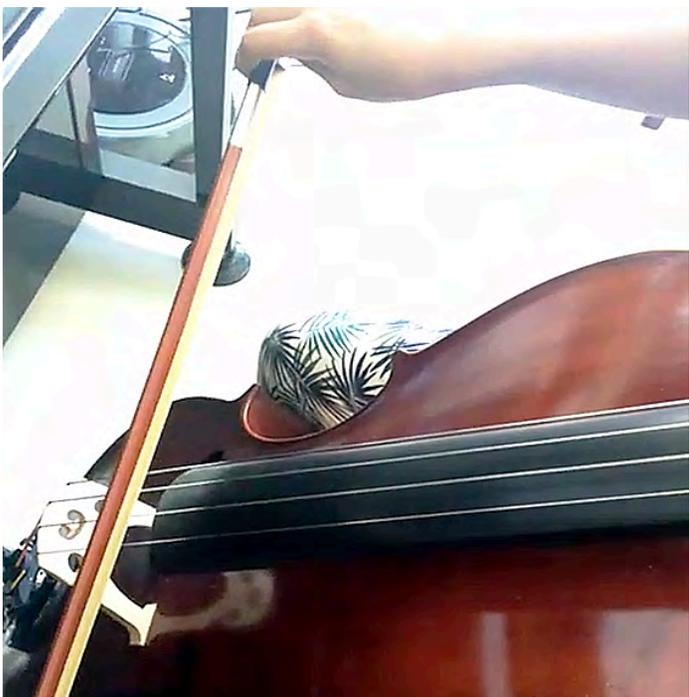
String Orchestra: Ongoing Practices

The recent circuit breaker that started on 8 April in Singapore schools has unfortunately interrupted many school activities this past month.

One such activity is the String Orchestra's rehearsal sessions. Without practice, the orchestra would not be able to perform as well as it does. However, despite the conditions, some of our members persevered and practised together in ensemble groups on online platforms like Whatsapp, and even invite teachers on Zoom meetings. Despite technological difficulties like lag and latency issues, Ethelyn Huang, Samstheetha Masuvathi, Larissa Chan and I were able to meet up every Monday and/or Thursday to put together a few ensemble pieces, such as Joe Hisaishi's Path of the Wind and the main theme of Up!

It is important for us to continue with our practices so that we are able to maintain our musicianship skills. As practice has been reduced to one or two sessions a week, we spend the extra time we have practising on our own individual parts. It is also nice to talk to our fellow orchestra musicians when we are unable to meet up in person. Even though we are faced with this long-lasting pandemic, we try our best to work hard and play as best as we would during in-school practices.

Lauren Chye Shu Lin, 3 Thoburn

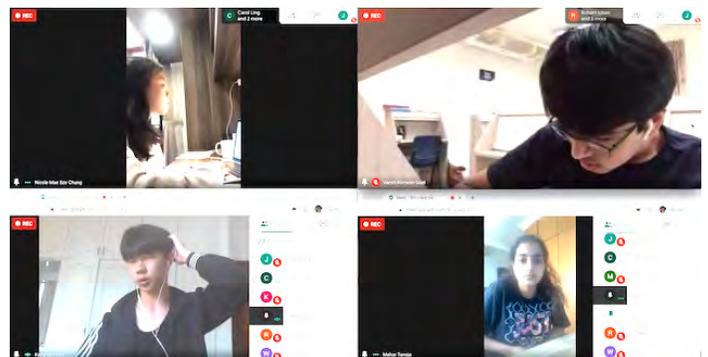


Inaugural Online IB Assessments at ACS (International)

Instead of cancelling the pre-planned mock examinations for Year 6 students registered for May 2020 IB examinations, we conducted the examination online during the full HBL period. On 13 and 16 April, 12 Year 6 IB students sat for Malay ab initio, Hindi B, and Vietnamese A mock examinations online.



Students were sent briefed and given an online assessment guidelines before full HBL started. With substantial help and support of IT staff and other teaching faculty members, the first ever mock examinations were hosted on Google Meet after school hours. Each student was given their own Google Meet room for their reading and listening comprehension assessments, monitored by faculty observers on their screens during the examination duration. The students each logged into two webcams – one facing the front profile and the other side view showing the laptop screen and desk. Students scanned their written answers and sent to the invigilator at the end of each paper. The mock examinations were successfully conducted. Recordings of the online sessions were made for future reference.



We had also successfully conducted Alternative Oral Commentary and Presentation IB examination to our School Supported Self Taught for May 2020 examination session on 15 April.

IB Faculty



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS NEWS

HBL Experience

Since the staff has been working from home and the international students are having Home Based Learning (HBL) for the past month, we asked a few international students how that the situation has been going for them. Here's what they have to say:

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The HBL experience so far has been exciting. Learning from home has given me the opportunity to spend more time on other meaningful activities as well.

Arnav Parag Salkade, 6 TTK



ACS Oldham Hall

The COVID-19 outbreak has become a pandemic, and one of Singapore's government's response is to close Singapore schools, and to start HBL for all students. During the HBL period, we are all able to get extra sleep since school is only one click away. We connect through Google applications (Google Meet and Google Classroom). Handing in work through Google Classroom is easy and takes less time.

I think adjusting to HBL may be difficult, especially because we are not able to interact with friends or talk to the teachers at a more personal level. On the other hand, teachers may also find it more difficult to explain materials to the students. Another problem is the online connection – students and teachers require strong wifi connection in order to study and teach. The teachers and students are still adjusting towards this new routine, thus it may take more time for all of us to work well for a while. I feel that during this period, the workload has increased, but I am already adjusting to online learning quite well.

I hope that the circuit breaker period will end soon. As much as I enjoy staying home to do my work, I also miss my friends and the activities I am able to do outside of home (like PE and eating out).

Zara Nomi Hartanto, 5 GHK





Going through almost one month of HBL, I think I'm quite used to it now. HBL has made me focus more on my own work and allow me to independently study by myself. In such perspectives, I think HBL is quite helpful unless we are not distracted by other things. The biggest change in my everyday life is that now I can have enough sleep since I can wake up at 8:30 am.

Son Yoona, 5 Oldham



With the current situation, most people are keeping within their homes. The same goes for the boarders of ACS Oldham Hall. During the HBL period, boarders attend online classes within their rooms and are free to follow their own schedule after normal school hours. While it is now definitely harder to go out, this opportunity has given boarders such as myself the chance to reflect and bond with our fellow boarders and the staff who live in Oldham Hall. Since HBL started, Oldham Hall has adapted to consider boarders' needs during HBL, for example, selling teatime snacks for boarders after school hours and helping us ensure we submit our temperature reading by doing rounds of our rooms. Boarders are now also able to converse more often with staff who are working from home, helping to decrease any mental stress experienced due to the extended circuit breaker period and safe distancing advisory. Although times may be hard, we can take this opportunity to be grateful for the home and support system we have. We can also take the time to explore how this HBL experience in a boarding hall can help each boarder develop their IGNITE values. Stay safe and healthy.

Isabella Tan, 5 Thoburn



Homestay

At the start of the HBL period, most of the students might think this was a piece of good news because they can sleep until 8 am in the morning and they can be on their phone with no one stopping them. I was one of them! However, after a week, I realised that it is actually a challenge for one's integrity and self-discipline. Without teachers chasing after us for our work and IAs, I noticed that my efficiency reduced a lot. I tried to recall what I was doing after school before HBL started and I am trying to go back to my original routines. I hope that after this HBL period, I can be better in self-control and become a more mature me!

Chen Hung-Chun, 6 TKK

Mdm Chin Siew Lin and Ms Goh Wei Li



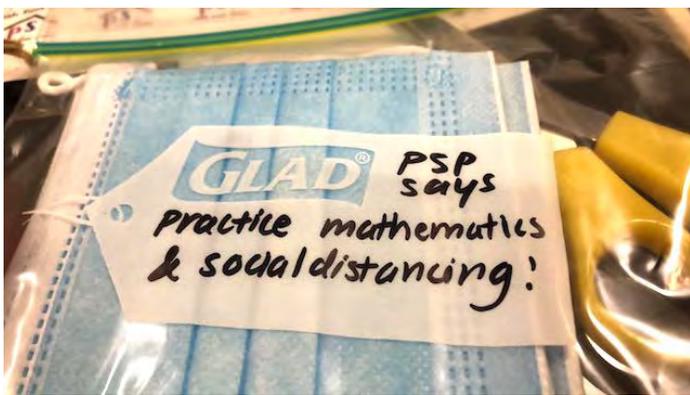
PSP NEWS

A Care Pack Gift from PSP to Boarders

It is very thoughtful for the Parents School Partners (PSP) to think of the needs of our international students as they understand that many of them have not returned to their home countries and are still in Singapore since Term 1 school break. During this circuit breaker period, PSP expressed their wish to do something for the students who do not have family support, unlike our local students who have their parents to care for them.

A lot of boarders from ACS Oldham Hall did not get their reusable mask from the government. Ms Debra very kindly liaised with her grassroots community centre Pek Kio Community Centre and they agreed to let her collect the masks for the boarders if an ACS Oldham Hall staff member could produce their Student Pass upon collection. As a result, Mr Kevin and Ms Debra managed to pick up 60 reusable marks on 20 April.

PSP also purchased bottles of hand sanitiser and surgical masks and will give each ACS Oldham Hall boarder and the 24 students at ACS (Independent) Boarding School one bottle and three pieces of surgical masks. Ms Debra and Ms Joei had taken the effort to deliver the items to both hostels on Monday, 20 April. Hopefully, this small gesture will bring some comfort to our international students during this challenging period.



Students were thankful for the provision of these necessary items as reflected in the photos shared with us! ACS (International) would like to convey our thanks to all those involved in organising this – we have a great community with strong support!

In the meantime, do stay safe and healthy!



Mdm Chin Siew Lin and Ms Goh Wei Li

ALUMNI NEWS

Lincoln Lee, (former 6 TKK and Head of Ambassadors, Class of 2015) has made it to Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia – Class of 2020 for Social Entrepreneurs. Check out this link <https://www.forbes.com/30-under-30/2020/asia/social-entrepreneurs/#2e408cfd6e1c> for more details.

In 2018, Lincoln made us proud when he and his team, Rice Inc (formerly known as SunRice), won the Hult Prize, at Hult Prize Global Finals at the United Nations headquarters. Read about it at <https://www.acsinternational.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/November-2018.pdf>

We are happy for Lincoln in his achievements over the past two years, especially so when his green energy rice-drying project is so meaningful and benefits others in the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May	Event
01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Labour Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Vesak Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Normal HBL Day



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RICE INC

Kisum Chan & Lincoln Lee
Cofounders, Rice Inc. 2018 Hult Prize Winners

Leveraging business tools to solve the region's problems

Rice Inc aims to end world hunger by sourcing quality rice from Southeast Asia and reinvesting profits to provide rice farmers with sustainable zero-waste agritech.

HULT PRIZE

United Nations
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