

ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Students and Friends

Happy Birthday, Singapore! On Tuesday 9 August Singapore celebrates 51 years of independence and nationhood growth that is the envy of many countries around the world. Birthdays are times to have a party; times to look back and remember all that has passed since the original birth-day; and give thanks. Like most births the process of birthing Singapore was not easy — conflict within the Malaysian Federation between the state government in Singapore and the Kuala Lumpur government eventually led to Singapore being expelled and having to survive on its own.

Times of adversity help forge an individual or a nation's character. The conflict with the Malaysian Federation was one time of dealing with adversity in the birthing of Singapore's character. World War II and the invasion of Singapore was another period of time that helped forge resilience, bravery and strength of character.

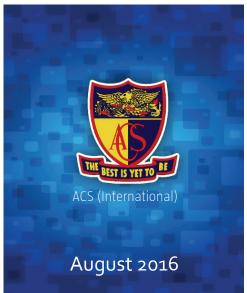
The family of our National Day Guest of Honour Brigadier General (Retired) Lim Teck Yin know all about resilience, bravery and strength of character. Mr Lim's grandfather was World War II hero Lim Bo Seng, a resistance fighter who was eventually captured, tortured and killed in Malaya in 1944. His wife only found out about his death after the war.

Brigadier General Lim Teck Yin himself also knows all about resilience, bravery and strength of character. As a soldier and as an elite athlete who won seven SEA Games gold medals and an Asian Games bronze medal, all in water polo, Mr Lim has achieved enviable success. In addition, his skills and experience led to him being appointed CEO of Sport Singapore in 2011. His testimony is that success comes through a mixture of failure, trials, perseverance, determination, as well as achieving successful milestones along the way. He also attributes his schooling at ACS as a significant factor in his all round growth and development. His story is an inspiring one.

This newsletter contains a mix of news, student successes and coming events. It also contains details of the new school tuition fees for 2017 and 2018.

Best wishes

Rob Burrough



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From the Pastor's Pen...

Remembering Ms Kathleen Manley

On 11/7/16, Ms Kathleen Manley, Vice Principal of ACS International passed away after a long battle with cancer. Raised by her grandmother at childhood, she developed grit and perseverance - traits evident in her dedication as a teacher and as VP to the school.

We will miss her dearly and our prayers are with her many friends, across continents, whom she leaves behind.

The memories of the Chaplains and Christian Ministry Staff are briefly listed below:

Ps Joel: "Kathleen pressed on, with grit in everything in life. Even though she leaves this life, her faith in God, testifies that '..the Best is yet to be.' She rests with our Father in Heaven."

Ps Noel: "Her devotion to the school and students shone through, overriding her physical limitations & inspiring me."

Ps Clarence: "She was a woman of strong will and determination who would press on with every ounce of energy she had left for the excellence of the school."

Ms Jelin Tan: "She was independent as a person yet wholly dependent on God."

STAFF NEWS

At the end of July we farewelled the following four teachers – Mrs Joanne Ford (ESOL) to the Australian International School; Miss Kim Biggs (Biology) to a promoted position as Head of Science at an international school in Japan; Mrs Victoria Sargent (English) to Nexus; and Mrs Frances Jones (Physics) to a promoted position as Assistant Principal at an international school in Dubai. We also farewelled Rev Noel Goh as one of our Chaplains from Holland Village Methodist Church who is taking early retirement. We are sorry to lose their services as each was fully involved in the life of the school but we sincerely thank them for their commitment to ACS (International) during their time with us and we wish them well in their new roles.

As replacements we welcome Ms Ceri Sinnett (ESOL) from the UK; Miss Emma Murray (English) from the UK; Mrs Garcia Analiza Policarpio (Physics) from the Philippines; Miss Amy Woolloff (Biology) from the UK and Rev Loretta Lim (Chaplain) from ACS (Independent) and Living Waters Methodist Church. We are pleased with the quality of our new colleagues and we wish them an enjoyable and rewarding time with us.

Revised School Tuition Fees 2017 - 18

As advised by separate email letter earlier this week, the Board of Management has approved a 10% increase in tuition fees for 2017 and 2018. School fees have been held without change for the past three years. However, it is necessary to now revise our fee structure in light of increased costs and new staff contracts. The Board has undertaken to keep the tuition fees unchanged for the next two years.

To give parents clarity concerning the other various course costs payable (eg external examination fees, end of year camps, PEAKS psychometric assessment etc) a detailed Fees Summary 2017 is attached to help with advanced planning.

Fees Summary 2017

The chart gives an indication of the various fees and costs payable for different year levels in 2017. All are compulsory, except where otherwise stated.

| Fee (S\$) | Year 1 / 1 Bridging | Year 2 / Pre IGCSE | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 4 FIB / Pre-IB | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Tuition | \$26,400 | \$26,400 | \$26,400 | \$26,400 | \$29,700 | \$35,200 | \$24,200 |
| Administration | \$770 | \$770 | \$770 | \$770 | \$770 | \$770 | \$770 |
| PSP | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 |
| PEAKS Psychometric Assessment | \$481.50 | | \$481.50 | | | \$481.50 | |
| IB Enrichment & Induction | | | | | | \$1,000 | |
| End of Year Camps | \$350 | \$350 | \$400 | | | | |
| External Exam | | | | \$2,000 | | | \$2,400 |
| Total | \$28,051.50 | \$27,570 | \$28,101.50 | \$29,220 | \$30,520 | \$37,501.50 | \$27,420 |
| Semester 1 (Due on 1 Dec 2016 | \$14,501.50 | \$14,020 | \$14,501.50 | \$14,020 | \$15,670 | \$23,201.50 | \$12,920 |
| Semester 2 (Due on 15 Jun 2017 | \$13,550 | \$13,550 | \$13,600 | \$15,200 | \$14,850 | \$14,300 | \$14,500 |
| Total | \$28,051.50 | \$27,570 | \$28,101.50 | \$29,220 | \$30,520 | \$37,501.50 | \$27,420 |
| Deposit | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | \$6,000 |
| International Student Pastoral Care Fee (payable by students who need student pass) | \$495 | \$495 | \$495 | \$495 | \$495 | \$495 | \$495 |
| Overseas Trip (Voluntary) | \$1,500 - \$5,500 | \$1,500 - \$5,500 | \$1,500 - \$5,500 | \$1,500 - \$5,500 | \$1,500 - \$5,500 | \$1,500 - \$5,500 | \$1,500 - \$5,500 |

 School Deposit S\$6,000. The Deposit is held as security to cover damage or loss to school property, expenses and fees not otherwise collected. The Deposit must be paid upon registration. The Deposit is a one-time only payment unless the Deposit is fully diminished by deductions during the student's time at school.

Year 5 and 6:

In Year 5 a full \$\$6,000 Deposit is required. Continuing ACS (International) students are only required to pay the difference between the remainder of their Year 1 – 4 Deposit and the \$\$6,000 Deposit required for Years 5 and 6. The Year 5 and 6 Deposit is held as security to cover damage or loss to school property, expenses, and fees not otherwise collected.

Any Deposit balance remaining is refunded automatically by cheque three months following the completion of the IB Diploma programme and after all deductions have been made.

The Deposit will not be refunded when any Year 5 or 6 student leaves before completing the entire two-year IB Diploma programme (even if sufficient notice of withdrawal has been given to the School).

- 2. **Administration Fee** \$\$770 per annum is payable with the Semester 1 tuition fee.
- 3. **IGCSE Examination Fee** Approximately \$\$2,000 depending on subjects, payable with the Semester 2 tuition fee for Year 4 students.
 - **IB Diploma Examination Fee** Approximately \$\$2,400 for registration, invigilation, and subject fees payable with the Semester 2 tuition fee for Year 6 students.
- 4. Parent Support Partners (PSP) Student Event Fund S\$50 per annum (GST exempted) payable with the Semester 1 tuition fee.
- PEAKS Psychometric Assessment Fee \$\$481.50 payable with the Semester 1 tuition fee for all Year 1/1 Bridging, 3, and 5 students. Detailed reports covering PEAKS personality, leadership, learning styles and academic positioner will be generated and printed for students.

- International Student Pastoral Care Fee S\$495 per annum, payable with the Semester 1 tuition fee for students who require a student pass. For students who join the school in Semester 2, a fee of S\$300 is payable instead.
- 7. **Overseas Trips** Voluntary trips to Asia, Western Australia, UK, USA and Africa during the school holidays range from \$\$1,500 \$\$5,500 depending on location.

| Year Level | Venue | Length | Approximate Cost |
|------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Camp Challenge (Local) | 3 days | S\$350 |
| 2 | Camp Challenge (Local) | 3 days | S\$350 |
| 3 | Local/Overseas trip | 3 to 5 days | S\$400 to \$1,400 |

Year 1 - 3 End of Year Camps These 3 to 5 day outdoor adventure trips are compulsory for all students. Year 3 students have a choice of a 3 day trip or a 5 day overseas trip. The trip costs are payable with the Semester 2 tuition fee for all Year 1, 2 and 3 students.

- 8. **IB Enrichment and Induction Fee** \$\$1,000 payable with the Semester 1 tuition fee for Year 5 students. This covers a two-year diploma programme for workshops on EE, ToK, Critical Thinking, Research, ToK and EE Handbooks and some CAS activities.
- 9. Other Costs Parents or Guardians are responsible for the payment of uniform, school bus, meals, school books and other special co-curricular activities at school.

All fees are 7% GST inclusive unless otherwise stated. The above fees are subject to change.

New Withdrawal and Refund Procedure

Refund of Tuition Fee

- 100% refund if notice is received more than 30 days before course commencement
- 50% refund if notice is received less than 31 days before course commencement
- 25% refund if notice is received 1 60 days after course commencement
- NO refund if notice is received 61 days after course commencement

Refund of Deposit

- If due notice is given full refund of Deposit; course fees are not refundable
- If no notice is given NO refund is applicable
- Notice of student withdrawals within each academic year must be given in writing to the school by:
 - **31 October**: for students leaving in December
 - **31 March**: for students in Years 1-4 leaving in Term 3; there is no refund for early withdrawal for IB students in Years 5 or 6.
- Students without notice of withdrawal will be deemed to be progressing to the next academic year, and shall pay course fees according to the terms of the Student Contract and/or official invoice. Places will be reserved only upon receipt of course fees within the stipulated deadline
- The deposit, less deductions, is refunded by cheque to the original payee three months after the student's last day at school.
- Transcripts and Testimonials are not prepared if the above requirements are not fulfilled.
- All refunds are net of any outstanding administrative costs (e.g. end of year school camps, examination fees, and any losses or breakages of school property).

Payment Procedure and Conditions

Payments are to be made only either in cash, cheque, cashier's order or inter-bank transfer. No credit card facilities are available.

All payments from overseas by cashier's order or telegraphic transfer are to be made payable to ACS (International) with applicant's name listed.

All bank charges must be borne by the applicant.

All cheque payments are to be crossed and made payable to ACS (International) with the applicant's name written at the back of the cheque.

All fees are payable one month in advance before commencement of each semester on a half yearly basis.

A student cannot commence or continue schooling whilst fees are unpaid.

Account Details for Cashier's Order of Telegraphic Transfer

NAME OF BANK DBS Bank Ltd, Singapore
ADDRESS 12 Marina Blvd Level 3 MBFC Tower 3 S'018982
BANK CODE 7171
BRANCH CODE 033
SWIFT CODE DBSSSGSG
BENEFICIARY NAME ACS (International)
ACCOUNT NO 033-900959-8

We do realise that an ACS (International) education involves a significant financial commitment but we also believe that we provide excellent value for money compared with the fees of other international schools in Singapore.



NOTICES

Open House

Thanks to everyone who attended or participated in our annual Open House on the morning of Saturday 31 July. Any families who missed the Open House are welcome to contact the Admissions Department for information and/or a school tour.

Direct School Admission

We now offer Direct School Admission to Year 1 (Secondary 1) students, offering a confirmed place on the basis of our own admissions tests, rather than waiting until PSLE results. Primary 6 pupils are able to sit our own entrance tests and successful applicants will be offered a guaranteed place in 2017 regardless of their PSLE scores — as long as their PSLE score grants them secondary school entry. Entry tests are held every Monday. Please contact Admissions for further details.

School Closed

Monday 8 August is a school holiday and Tuesday 9 August is a public holiday.

Deepavali

The Hindu Advisory Board (HAB) has confirmed that Deepavali will fall on Saturday 29 October, and that from 2016 onwards, the date for Deepavali will no longer be subject to change.

For more information, see http://www.mom.gov.sg/employment-practices/~/link.aspx?_id=8E26A53EF07E409EBF046DA564F6D9A8&_z=z.

Hari Raya Haji

This Public Holiday is on Monday 12 October. Please note that term dates for 2016 are located on the school website at http://www.acsinternational.com.sg/acs-calendars/term-dates, or on the school intranet

https://intranet.acsinternational.com.sg/api/calendar/?view=month#.

The external examination calendar for IGCSE and IB examinations may be found at https://intranet.acsinternational.com.sg/api/subwebs/?id=37.

Parent-Teacher Meetings and IG/IB Information Meetings

We wish to draw parents' attention to the following two important PTMs and associated IGCSE and IB Diploma Information meetings to be held this month. Students are requested to accompany their parents to the PTMs and the Information Meetings in order to make the meetings as useful as possible. Separate email reminders will also be sent to parents at a later date.

Year 4 / 6 Parent-Teacher Meetings and IBDP Information Briefing - 4.30 – 8.30pm, Thursday 18 August 2016

This year we are combining the Year 4 and Year 6 Parent-Teacher Meetings with the IB Diploma Information Briefing for Year 4 parents and students. This combined programme will be held on Thursday 18 August in the Sports Hall from 4.30 – 8.30pm.

To help current Year 4 parents and students prepare for the IB Diploma Programme and also help with their subject selection we are holding the annual IBDP briefing session at 4.30pm in the Chapel following which they are free to join the PTM in the Sports Hall. After an initial overview by the Principal and IB Coordinator there will be a short briefing on individual subjects by the faculty heads.

Parent-Teacher Meetings and IGCSE Information Briefing Thursday 25 August 2016

The next whole school Parent-Teacher meetings (PTM) will be held on Thursday 25 August in the Sports Hall at the following times: 8.30 am - 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm.

To help current Year 2 parents and students prepare for IGCSE and also help with their subject selection we are also holding two IGCSE briefing sessions during the day. Year 2 families can choose to attend either 8.30-9.30am or 1.00-2.00pm following which they are free to join the PTM.

Term 3 Reports Publish Dates

- Years 4 and 6 prelim grades are published on 10 August at 2.00pm.
- Other Year Groups Term 3 grades published on 24 August.



STUDENT SUCCESSES

8th ASEAN School Games – 2 Medals for Charity!

This year's 8th ASEAN School Games were held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, with 179 Singaporean athletes competing. Out of these, 2 of our students, Charity Lien (1LSG), and Ryan Wong (5OLD) competed in swimming and golf respectively.

Charity won a silver medal for the 100m Women's Breaststroke event and a bronze in the 4×100 medley relay which were two of the 3 medals brought home by Singapore for swimming. Commiserations to Ryan and the rest of the Singaporean team who were unable to best the Thai and Indonesian golfers. Regardless, we are sure that their hard work and the experience they gained will serve them well for future games.



Charity receiving her silver medal



Charity (far left) and fellow medalists with their ASG mascot souvenirs

Singapore Mathematical Olympiad

The Singapore Mathematical Olympiad (SMO) is the largest and oldest mathematics competition in Singapore. The top 35% of the participants receive an Award Certificate (Gold for top 3%, Silver for next 12% and Bronze for next 20%).

On 31 May and 1 June 2016, 18 students (years 1 to 6) from ACS (International) took part in SMO 2016. The list of winners for ACS (International) is given below.

Singapore Mathematical Olympiad (SMO) 2016 Results ACS (INTERNATIONAL) SINGAPORE

| ACS (| INTERNATIO | NAL) SINGAP | PORE |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | SMO (Junio | or) Results | |
| NAME | DIVISION | INDEX NUMBER | CERTIFICATE |
| Aarthy Narainy Ravichandran | YEAR 2 | 5413 | BRONZE |
| Jasper Van Selm | YEAR 3 | 5396 | BRONZE |
| Justin Cheng Ming Hearn | YEAR 1 | 5411 | BRONZE |
| Oh Jae Bom | YEAR 2 | 5415 | BRONZE |
| Chia Fui Rupert | YEAR 1 | 5399 | HONOURABLE MENTION |
| Soo Hwan Oh | YEAR 2 | 5398 | HONOURABLE MENTION |
| Vansh Romesh Goel | YEAR 2 | 5409 | HONOURABLE MENTION |
| | SMO (Senio | or) Results | |
| Zhang Ruiyang | YEAR 3 | 5401 | SILVER |
| Nicholas Goei | YEAR 5 | 5412 | HONOURABLE MENTION |
| Wang Haiyang | YEAR 3 | 5407 | HONOURABLE MENTION |
| | SMO (Ope | n) Results | |
| Shi Bing Qing | YEAR 6 | 5414 | HONOURABLE MENTION |
| Zhang Haoxuan | YEAR 5 | 5404 | HONOURABLE MENTION |

Barrett Music Competition 2016

The annual Barrett Music Competition was held to much acclaim on 29 July. We are very proud of our students' skill and talent in their areas; and the judges were likewise impressed.

The winners of each category are as follows:

Wind Category:

First Prize: Xiong Jia Nan (2 THO), Flute
Second Prize: Ui Ogino (Year 2 CKS), Flute
Third Prize: Remus Wong (6 CKS), Trumpet

Vocal Category:

First Prize: Ruth R. Mathews (5 TCT), Vocal Second Prize: Lim Wei Jun (3 OLD), Vocal Third Prize: Celyna Peck (5 THO), Vocal

Piano Category:

First Prize: Sarah Ng (6 SVM), Piano Second Prize: Tan Li Yi (3 TCT), Piano

Strings Category:

First Prize: Teo Kai Hui (4 TKK), Violin Second Prize: Tan Rui Yi (2 TCT), Violin

Best Overall Performance: Teo Kai Hui, (4 TKK), Violin

"I was very glad to experience the diverse musical talents at ACS (International), they all displayed a lot of potential. It is certainly not easy to juggle music and schoolwork, as I know very well from my own experience.

The proliferation of social media has reduced our attention spans, causing our tendency to celebrate sensation more than sophistication. In this context, learning music is increasingly necessary as a pursuit of refinement of the self, training us to think deeper and pay more attention to detail.



Classical music may not always evoke "wow" responses from audiences, but it is an intellectual and emotional exercise which greatly benefits the practitioner. On this note, I would like to congratulate the winner Teo Kai Hui for her meticulous rendition of two violin classics, as well as all participants who diligently practiced their craft and mustered the courage to present their music to the school."

Wang Chenwei (one of the adjudicators)





Choice to Run – For those who cannot run away from hunger

Choice to Run was an event organised by the Student Ambassadors. Volunteers received pledges of donations for each lap they ran. There were obstacle stations along the way to challenge them, and to provide a bit of fun. During the event, there were also games and musical performances, as well as food stalls that sold snacks to supporters. The Ambassador team has done a fantastic job, and have worked hard to achieve their fundraising goal. We congratulate them on a successful and fulfilling fundraising effort.



The following is a reflection on the fundraising experience:

Four months – four hours. Since the beginning of March, the 5th and 6th Ambassadors Board initiated an ambitious project to raise awareness and funds towards a world problem which shouldn't exist in the 21st century – hunger.



The Organising Committee



Since its conception, the aptly named event "Choice to Run" was a far cry from past common fundraising projects; it helped inspire participants to raise funds for the World Vision organisation in a creative and entertaining way.

It started out with a small team, but with the ever-increasing scale of the event, the run involved more than 150 volunteers and participants. Choice to Run would not have been possible without the extreme generosity and support of the Senior Leadership Team and the Parent School Partners. What made the event so different and so enjoyable was the overwhelmingly positive atmosphere that pervaded everything that we did.

The day wouldn't have been complete without the three live bands – The Afterthoughts, Team Lit and Do Hyung performing their captivating numbers.

One of the things that truly amazed me was how so many months of preparation culminated in four short hours. In some ways, I wish that the whole process could have lasted just a little bit longer.

With its closure, the event left me with bittersweet memories and taught me a great deal. Teamwork, sacrifice and humility were some of the qualities I encountered along the way, preparing for the event that took place on 23rd July. Choice to Run is now over. But for the 6th Board, this is only the first step on the path toward doing all that we can to make the world a better place. As John Bingham once said, "The reason we race isn't so much to beat each other, ... but to be with each other."

ACS (International) Beats Hunger Together.





International Youth Floral Art Competition

Congratulations to Grace Cheng (6 LSG) on being awarded the bronze medal in the Under-21 Table Arrangement category at the International Youth Floral Art Competition. This is an annual competition where students from both local and international schools compete in the art of floral arrangement. The past few competitions have been held in conjunction with the Singapore Garden Festival from 28 – 31 July, and have been great opportunities for students to stretch their creative muscles. Grace also won the bronze medal in the same category last year; a well-deserved award for her creativity.



NTU Touch Attack - Champions!

It was a good end to the month of July for our Touch Rugby girls. They beat 15 other teams in the U18 division on 31 July, emerging as champions of the tournament. We laud them for their excellent performance and teamwork.



Our school hosted our second annual group of students from Yamate Gakuin in Japan from 25 July to 5 August. Similar to our visitors from Hong Kong, the Japanese students followed our students for classes and other activities. Here are some reflections made by our student, and one of the Japanese students (quotes have been edited for clarity):

"Doing a study exchange programme was an unforgettable experience for me. We gained a lot within these 2 weeks, not only in the progress that we made in studying, but also in the building up of our friendships. Although I encountered some problems in the beginning due to the language barrier, we managed to overcome it and became close friends with one another. During these two weeks, my buddy and I have been together all the time. We went to the same classes, ate together, and wrote postcards to each other. She also helped me with my Japanese and I helped her improve her English. Through all these little things, our friendship developed. It was a very good opportunity for us to learn, to make friends, and also to experience different cultures. I really hope that we can continue to keep in touch with the students from Yamate Gakuin, and that our friendship will last forever."

Tang Shiyu (Jenny), 4 CKS

"When I was in this school, I learned a lot of things. For example, I was inspired by the lessons. I took many kinds of classes in two weeks. I was surprised at the classes' atmosphere. Most students in Japan feel nervous when conveying their opinion to their teachers. But here, if students have anything they want to say, they will ask their teacher loudly during class. As a result, all the students in class can understand more clearly. I think it is very important for learning.

I was especially amazed by my new friends. They studied so hard every day, and their writing skills were very good. They can even speak more than two languages. We are almost the same age as each other, but they look more able to cope with the world. Some of the older students in the group received equal treatment as us younger students, so nobody felt left out.

After this trip to Singapore, I realized just how important English is as a tool for communication. Simply polishing my grammar skills is not enough. I also have to improve my oral and writing skills, and should participate in class more.

Thank you for having us here. I made a lot of new friends and have memories of this visit that I will never forget. When I get back to Japan, I'll continue to study English and try to go abroad during high school. I am thankful for the chance of being one of the exchange students. I'll treasure this forever."



Erika Shinabaga Japanese exchange student from Yamate Gakuin

Hong Kong Student Exchange Programme

From 25 July to 5 August, our school hosted students from our sister school, Hong Kong Methodist College. They were part of an immersion programme, and spent their whole day at school. Our students proved to be excellent ambassadors for our school; along with our teachers, they made it a memorable experience for our visitors. They attended classes and CCAs, as well as school events such as the Inter-House games. It was the first time some of our students were exchange student buddies, but over the course of the visit, they felt that they had made good friends with their peers from Japan and Hong Kong, and learned much along the way. Here are some excerpts from student reflections – they have been edited for clarity and length.

"...they taught me a lot from personality to the way of caring of others as well. I'm really slow at getting close to new people, and I remembered that in the first day when they came to Singapore, I was really afraid to talk to them. However, as they kept talking and introducing themselves to me, I started getting closer and closer to them. I'm really grateful to them and now we are friends. Besides, by the first few days they came to Singapore, I needed to show them where to take the school bus from, etc. This is the first time I was a buddy to an exchange student. Although it's not perfect, this was a really good lesson for me to reflect upon."

Tan Weng Tong (Tiffany), 4 TCT

"During the program, I learned some new knowledge and about Singaporean culture, and also thought how amazing and how big the world was... ...I saw the students ask teachers questions when they encountered something they didn't know. I think it is a very good learning habit that I should put into practice."

Yu Hei Man Nicole

"I felt that this programme was awesome in many ways. I was glad that Batsy (her buddy) loved our school life. She kept saying, "Oh this school is so nice!" She taught me some Chinese and I taught her some Korean. She also made lots of international friends here. Sometimes she had difficulties in understanding during lessons because they were a year younger than us, I tried to encourage her and she overcame the difficulties. We learned a lot through this amazing experience."

Joung Jaewon (Kalista), 3 TCT

"I felt very honoured and happy that I could be one of the students to go to Singapore to be an exchange student as this is the first time being an exchange student in Singapore... ...I think the Ambassadors and students in ACS (International) are so passionate. They always smiled and said hi to us when they saw us! I was so surprised about it. I studied in Year 3 in ACS (International); some lessons went so fast and I couldn't understand them. Maybe it is because I am still in Secondary 2

in Hong Kong, so I couldn't catch up with them, but the teachers in the school are so nice. Not only did they ask me whether I understood, but they also patiently answered my questions! Thank you so much! I expected to make more friends in ACS and learn about the culture in a different country, as well as from the other international students studying there... ...My favorite thing in ACS (International) was the huge garden (referring to the Science Terrace) near the General Office. That place is so peaceful with lots of greenery and I could even heard birds chirping! A big thanks to all teachers, buddies, ambassadors and students. I hope that I can have a chance to be an exchange student in ACS (International) again."

Batsy Choy (Jaewon's exchange buddy)

"The whole exchange programme..... was a very fun and fulfilling 2 weeks. It was very enjoyable attending my classes with Twinky, my buddy, and although it was hard for her to participate in the class work as she hadn't studied the same things as we have, I think we can both say we learnt a lot."

Jamie Ho, 3 GHK

"ACS (International) was so different from how I had imagined it. No matter the subjects, environment or the students, students are allowed to use their cell phones in the school during the lesson and the school provides a high degree of freedom for students... ...The teachers here impart knowledge through an interactive way. They are kind to students and humorous which makes the lesson full of delight. English is the second language for people in Hong Kong, so being at ACS gave me more opportunities to speak English in class and with others. The schoolwork requires students to deliberate by themselves. I have learnt to think deeply by myself and not just listen to the teacher's words."

Yuen Hiu Ching Twinky (Jamie's exchange buddy)

"When I first joined the programme, I expected to meet more people so I could stop being the shy girl I was and widen my horizon. But what I've learnt in ACS is much more than that. At ACS, you have to put yourself out there, whether it is for academics or socializing. I had to step out of my comfort zone and give myself a chance in order to learn. It was not as simple as it seemed. I sometimes felt homesick but my buddy Mio, always reminded me that I wasn't alone and had friends around. I couldn't be more thankful... ... The freedom allowed to students, the activities, and the interactions between teachers and students were my favourite parts of ACS life... ... I especially liked the interactions between teachers and students - they are like friends - and students can easily approach them. It gave a family-like vibe to the school. I enjoyed the immersion programme so much, and will definitely recommend it to the students at the Methodist College.

Law Chi Yu Beverly (Mio's exchange buddy)



Inter-House

The Inter-House basketball and touch rugby competition was held on 28 July 2016. It was a successful event, and the students played to a very high standard with an excellent show of teamwork from all Houses.

The results for the four competitions can be found below:

| Junior Boys Basketball | Junior Girls Touch |
|--|---|
| 1st - THO | 1st - CKS |
| 2nd - SVM | 2nd - SVM |
| 3rd - LSG | 3rd - LSG |
| 4th - OLD | 4th - THO |
| 5th - TCT | 5th - TKK |
| 6th - GHK | 6th - OLD |
| 7th - TKK | 7th - TCT |
| 8th - CKS | 8th GHK |
| Senior Boys Basketball | Senior Girls Touch |
| • | Scinor Sins rough |
| 1st - GHK | 1st - THO |
| 1st - GHK 2nd - TKK | |
| | 1st - THO |
| 2nd - TKK | 1st - THO 2nd - SVM |
| 2nd - TKK 3rd - TCT | 1st - THO 2nd - SVM 3rd - TCT |
| 2nd - TKK 3rd - TCT 4th - THO | 1st - THO 2nd - SVM 3rd - TCT 4th - CKS |
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Inter-House Junior Girls Touch Rugby
- Champions CKS



Inter-House Boys Basketball



Inter-House Girls Touch Rugby - SVM in possession



Inter-House Junior Boys Basketball



UPCOMING EVENTS

| AUGUST | EVENT |
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| 16 | IGCSE Subject Options and online submissionPSP Exco Meeting |
| 17 | Year 4 & Year 6 Prelim Grades published |
| 18 | Parent-Teacher Meeting (Year 4 & Year 6) + IBDP Information Evening |
| 20 | Darren Loh Cup |
| 23 | Inter-House Drama |
| 24 | End of Term 3 Grade Reports published |
| 25 | Parent-Teacher Meetings (1, 1B, 2, PG, 3, PB, FIB & Y5) + IGCSE Information Day |
| 26 | Methodist Schools Get Together |
| 27 | ACS Inter-School Sports Tournament |
| 31 | Inter-House Tug of War |



| SEPTEMBER | EVENT |
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| 2 | Teachers' DayEnd of Term 3 |

University Visits In School (Term 3)

University College London (UCL) Thursday 11 August 11.40 am-12.30 pm Booth in the School Canteen





University of Notre Dame Monday 15 August 11.40 am-12.15 pm Booth in the School Canteen

Application to UK Medical Schools Tuesday 16 August 3.30 pm – 5.00pm Seminar Room





Jacobs University, Germany Tuesday 16 August 11.40 am-12.30 pm Booth in the School Canteen



Booth in the School Canteen





Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne Friday 19 August 11.40 am-12.30 pm Booth in the School Canteen

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