



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Students and Friends

The school academic year has now finished and we have enjoyed two fitting finales – Speech Day and Graduation. These ceremonies have enabled us to acknowledge some of the many student successes this year. A full list of the prize winners is found elsewhere in this final newsletter of 2016. Our congratulations to all prize winners and our thanks to the two Guests of Honour, Mr Goh Yew Lin, a successful businessman, benefactor and ACS Old Boy, and Prof Pericles Lewis, President of Yale-NUS, for their time and insights at Speech Day and Graduation respectively. Thanks also to the parents, guardians and other family members who attended in support of these ceremonies and to those who organised and performed at the ceremonies.

President Lewis took time to compare and promote the holistic education offered at ACS (International) with a similar philosophy practised at Yale-NUS. He challenged everyone gathered at Graduation to have a growth mind-set rather than a fixed mind-set. Academic research shows that people with growth mind-sets are able to increase their innate ability and performance with belief and hard work. Parents, teachers and students all have a key role to play in promoting growth mind-sets.

Mr Goh Yew Lin at Speech Day shared that he has been able to indulge and be successful in his dual passions of finance and music. Not only is he a successful businessman with Directorships on Temasek, the Singapore Exchange and NUS, but he is also Chairman of the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, Trailblazer Foundation and a keen pianist. He exhorted students to explore widely and probe deeply (in a similar way to enjoying the width of a buffet meal and the special delights of an a la carte dinner); to be passionate 150% in all that you do; to live your own life not someone else's; and to be optimistic and confident in today's uncertain world. Mr Goh's affirmation of being an ACS Old Boy and the benefits of an ACS education was also a strong note in his speech.

We are now looking ahead to the coming festive season where we can hopefully celebrate and relax with friends and family. At Christmas we gather together, share food and give presents. In particular, we remember the birth of Jesus Christ – the gift of God to each and every one of us. In Him there is life both now and in the after-life. Jesus is 'the reason for the season'.

Finally, our sincere thanks to all school community members – students, parents, staff, Board, PSP, the school Chaplaincy team, Holland Village Methodist Church, external providers, guardians, regional officers and other school supporters – for contributing to a very successful year. The hard work has been worth it! We wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing holiday with friends and family, and we look forward to another great year in 2017.

Best wishes

Rob Burrough



ACS (International)

December 2016

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*"When they saw the star,
they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy"*
Matthew 2:10



STAFF NEWS

At the end of the year we farewell the following staff: Mrs Christina Derrick - ESOL – end of contract to pursue a career as a vet nurse; Mr Alvin Bok –end of contract; Mrs Eunice Lee Science – end of contract to pursue a Masters in Science; Mr Julian Azfar - end of contract to pursue his PhD; Mr Tony Ryan – end of contract to return to New Zealand; Ms Doreen Mak – History - end of contract to return to the UK; Mdm Jennifer Wang - end of contract to move to SOTA; Mrs Eniko Kiss – HoF English - to move to China with her husband who has a work transfer; and Mrs Susan George – Special Needs Coordinator – who leaves to return to India to look after her aging mother after 10 years at ACS (International).

We thank each one of these staff members for their strong contribution to ACS (International) and our students, and we wish them well for the future

New staff appointments will be announced in the first newsletter of the New Year.

Congratulations to Mr Richard MacLean, Vice Principal Pastoral, who has been appointed as Head of School to Hillview International School, Malawi. Although we are very sad to lose his services, the appointment is strong affirmation of his skills and experiences and we wish him well. Mr MacLean takes up his post in March and we will be recruiting a new Vice Principal early in the New Year.

PSP 100th Meeting

The PSP held a small lunch on 15 November to celebrate their 100th exco meeting since the school began.

We are very grateful to them for the constant support and presence of the PSP throughout the years, and look forward to many more years of cooperating with them.



NOTICES

New Staffing / Communication / Structural Arrangements 2017

From the start of the new year the following will operate:

The Vice Principal roles are restructured with each of the 3 VPs in charge of both academic and holistic care of a 'Division'

- Mrs Tan Siew Hoon: VP Senior Division (Years 5 & 6)
- Mr Gavin Kinch: VP Middle Division (Years 3 & 4)
- Mr Richard MacLean: VP Junior Division (Years 1 & 2)

The VPs will be supported by three Division Coordinators (DCs)

- Mrs Alka Hingle (Senior Division)
- Mdm Pamela Ng (Middle Division)
- Mrs Lim Lay Pian (Junior Division)

House Masters will have oversight of both academic and holistic care of students in their House (the Curriculum Coordinator roles have been changed to Division Coordinator positions)

Form Tutors will have oversight of both academic and holistic care of students in their tutor group. Their role will be enhanced to include active mentoring and support.

All communication about students should be addressed to the Tutor in the first instance. The only exception is when parents wish to communicate directly with their child's subject teacher.

Term Dates 2017

You may refer to the following link for a copy of the confirmed calendar:

<http://www.acsinternational.com.sg/acs-calendars/term-dates/>.





First Week Arrangements 2017

Monday 2 January		• Public Holiday
Tuesday 3 January	9.00 – 4.00pm	1. Staff Conference 2. New Students – informal Admin Day – complete registration if needed, pay fees, buy uniform and books
Wednesday 4 January	8.30am	• New Student Registration
	9.00am	• New Student Whole Day Orientation begins with Welcome by Principal
	9.00am – 12pm	• Faculty Meetings
	1.30 – 3.30pm	• New Staff Induction
	1.30 – 4.00pm	• Current students with subject changes may see DCs / VPs
Thursday 5 January	8.30am	• New Student Orientation continues
	9.00 – 11.00am	• House Meetings
	1.00 – 2.30pm	• Firefly Training (New Staff and Current Staff who need a refresher course)
	1.30 – 4.00pm	• Current students with subject changes may see DCs / VPs
	6.00pm	• New Students and Parents Bonfire
Friday 6 January	9.00am	1. All Students in Years 1 – 4 + Year 6 report in uniform for Division Assemblies run by VPs with subsequent meetings with tutors (to collect timetables and Shape of the Week, and sign off on personal details. Those with TT / subject issues to see DCs / HoFs / IBC / VPs then go back to Tutors for sign off). Tutors to confirm that all students know where to go for Monday's timetable - Year 1 Tutors especially... Students free to leave once sign off gained. 2. Division Assemblies: Senior (Student Centre); Middle (Sports Hall); Junior (Chapel).
Monday 9 January	8.00am (P1 at 8.45am)	• Tutor Group Registration • Full School Assembly in Sports Hall followed by normal timetable

Progression 2017

Letters regarding Non-Progression to the next year level in 2017 will be sent directly to parents by the end of November. If parents do not receive a letter from the school they may assume that their son / daughter is progressing in 2017 to the next year level.

Book Lists 2017

Booklists for all students have been published on the school website <http://www.acsinternational.com.sg/booklist-2016/>.

Sale of Books and Uniforms at Popular Bookstore at ACS (International)

Open on:

Mondays to Fridays: 9.00am - 4.00pm

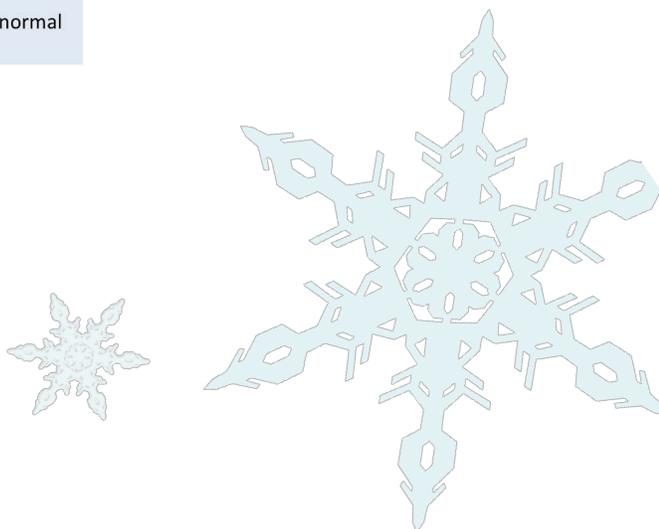
- 19/12/16 to 23/12/16
- 28/12/16 to 30/12/16

Closed on:

Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays

As well as: 24/12/16 & 31/12/16

Payment Mode: Cash, Nets & Credit Cards





Shape of the Week Timetable 2017

Following staff and senior student consultation we have decided to change the Shape of the Week Timetable in 2017. Rationale for doing so includes the following: to provide formal 'Support' time for students (to aid improvement in academic achievement); to create some 'white space' for adhoc meetings; to provide an opportunity for every student and teacher to have time to eat lunch; and to allow set up time for Chapel, school, house and division assemblies.

Main features of the new Timetable

- Tutor time at the start of every day
- Extended Tutor Time every week for all students during which time Tutors will hold one-on-one mentoring conferences with students
- House, Assembly and Chapel at the start of the day after Tutor Time
- 'White space' for adhoc meetings on Tuesday from 8.00 – 8 35am (Students not required for 8.00am rehearsals, practices, meetings etc may study in Library, congregate at Canteen or arrive later at school, and report to Tutor Time at 8.35am.)
- Whole school assemblies to pair with Division Assemblies (ie no school assembly on weeks when Division assemblies occur)
- House assemblies to pair with IB Core time and other Tutor related times
- Split lunch times every day with half the school either in Period 3 or having lunch
- 50 minutes for lunch for students
- Earlier lesson finish at 3.00pm each day
- Compulsory Support time for 30 minutes after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Consistent timing of periods all week

2017 Timetable

Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meeting Time	8.00 – 8.40	Tutor	Staff Collaboration/ Student Activities	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor
		House / IB Core	Tutor (8.35)	Assembly Division		Chapel
1	8.45 – 9.45					
2	9.55 – 10.55					
3a	11.00 – 12.45	Junior School Lunch (10.55 - 11.45) / Senior School Period 3 (11.00 - 12.00)				
3b		Senior School Lunch (12.00 – 12.50) / Junior School Period 3 (11.45 - 12.45)				
4	12.50 – 1.50					
5	2.00 – 3.00					
	3.05 – 3.35	Staff Briefing	Student Consultation / Support			
CCA1	3.40 – 4.40	Staff Collaboration				
CCA2	4.40 – 6.00					





STUDENT SUCCESSES

Speech Day Winners

Name of Award	Name of Student or Group
Group Achievement Award in Performing Arts	Performance
Group Achievement Award in Performing Arts	String orchestra
Group Merit Award in Performing Arts	Music
Individual Achievement Award in Performing Arts	Ruth Matthews
Individual Merit Award in Performing Arts	Xu Tian Zhe
Individual Merit Award in Performing Arts	Lim Wei Jun
Individual Achievement Award in Performing Arts	Gao Xuxin
Group Achievement Award in Interest Groups	Debate and Public Speaking
Group Merit Award in Interest Groups	Interact Club
Individual Achievement Award in Interest Groups	Dhruv Uppal
Individual Merit Award in Interest Groups	Tanya Sanjay
Team Achievement Award in Sports	14U Girls Badminton Team
Team Merit Award in Sports	19U Netball
Team Merit Award in Sports	19U Football
Individual Achievement Award in Sports	Lien Tian-Yi Charity
Individual Merit Award in Sports	Camille Damas

Subject Prize in	Name of student (Full name)
Most Progress Award in Year 1-Bridging	Lai Shanxuan
Best Overall Academic Performance Award in Year 1-Bridging	Cheng Xirui
Most Progress Award Year 1	Adam Teo Keng Hong
Best Overall Academic Performance Award Year 1	Caitlin Susanna Van Selm
Most Progress Award in Pre-IGCSE	Li Junyi
Best Overall Academic Performance Award in Pre-IGCSE	Xu Ling
Most Progress Award Year 2	Aarthy Narainy Ravichandran
Best Overall Academic Performance Award Year 2	Chen Yili
Most Progress Award year 3	Sean Chua
Best Overall Academic Performance Award Year 3	Tan Liyi
Most Progress Award Year 4	Tan Mou Hui Morris
Best Overall Academic Performance Award Year 4	He Zhuoxi
Most Progress Award Year 5	Mathew Tan Ju Wei
Best Overall Academic Performance Award Year 5	Zhu Mengqi



Year 6 Graduation

ACADEMIC PRIZES 2016

Theory of Knowledge (English)	Stephanie Wong Wyn Ci	THO
Theory of Knowledge (Chinese)	Xie Yi Rou	CKS
Language and Literature (English)	Cheryl Enmaniol	SVM
Language and Literature (Chinese)	Song Zhaomou	OLD
Literature (Other Languages)	Hwang Soonha	TCT
Language B	Saputra Valencia	SVM
English B	Song Zhaomou	OLD
Japanese Ab Initio SL	Peng Bohan	TCT
Economics	Tricia Tok Qian Hui	GHK
Business and Management	Xie Yi Rou	CKS
Geography	Kyohei Hayano	TCT
History	Tan Shang-Lynn	OLD
Biology	Natasha Koo Jia Min	SVM
Chemistry	Ivan Phanada	LSG
Physics	Ivan Phanada	LSG
Sports, Exercise and Health Science	Hwang Soonha	TCT
Psychology	Kan Wei Mun	SVM
Mathematics HL	Song Zhaomou	OLD
Mathematics SL	Kyohei Hayano	TCT
Music	Gao Xuxin	OLD
Visual Arts	Gao Xinyue	TKK
Theatre	Yap Jun Qi	TKK
Most Progress Award	Jared Charles Jun-Yu Yeong	SVM
Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Ivan Phanada	LSG

A selection of Graduation 2016 photos will be published on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ACSInternationalSingapore/>.

These photos were taken by professional photographer Mr Daniel Lie of Image Builders - image.builders@yahoo.com.

Please contact the photographer if you wish to order photos.
HP: (+65) 98198898



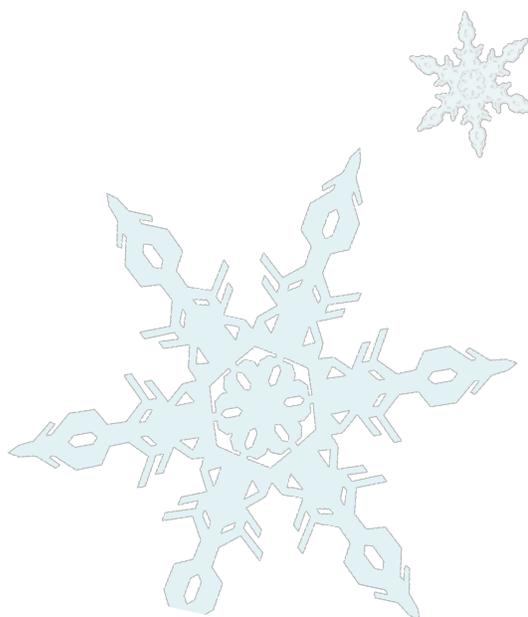


Colours Award Winners

GOLD	1	Christopher Choo Tian Aun	CKS
GOLD	2	Chrystal Choo Yi Qian	CKS
GOLD	3	Felia Alvina Sutisna Su	GHK
GOLD	4	Tricia Tok Qian Hui	GHK
GOLD	5	Ivan Phanada	LSG
GOLD	6	Ong Zhi Yang	LSG
GOLD	7	Alma Maysa Putri	OLD
GOLD	8	Alicia Chong Li-Yan	SVM
GOLD	9	Andre Jek Ling An	SVM
GOLD	10	Kan Wei Mun	SVM
GOLD	11	Hwang Soonha	TCT
GOLD	12	Kyohei Hayano	TCT
GOLD	13	Nicole Anna-Marie Lueder	TCT
GOLD	14	Ryan Lim Hong Yue	TCT
GOLD	15	Arnell Nur Karina	THO
GOLD	16	Henry Chan Heng Chea	THO
GOLD	17	Yap Jun Qi	THO
GOLD	18	Terril Tan Ying Shen	TKK

SILVER	1	Charles Fuad	CKS
SILVER	2	Remus Joel Wong Xiang Sheng	CKS
SILVER	3	Ian Tan De En	CKS
SILVER	4	Nerissa Goh Jia Ying	CKS
SILVER	5	Chu Hung-Yu	SVM
SILVER	6	Kim Do Hyung	GHK
SILVER	7	Marcus Tan Tien Tze	SVM
SILVER	8	Nur Raisah Binte Ismail	GHK
SILVER	9	Yu Siming	GHK
SILVER	10	Bryant Chong Jin An	LSG
SILVER	11	Sangnapa Sriweerawanidchakun	LSG
SILVER	12	Gao Xuxin	OLD
SILVER	13	Nikkei Martono	OLD
SILVER	14	Rabeyah Nasir	OLD
SILVER	15	Aishah Angell	OLD
SILVER	16	Ammon Ng Tzu Herng	SVM
SILVER	17	Natasha Koo Jia Min	SVM
SILVER	18	Aloysius Low Hoi Yeen	TCT
SILVER	19	Kwun Da Hye	TCT
SILVER	20	Lim Xiu Jie	TCT
SILVER	21	Xie Haihan	TCT
SILVER	22	Jackie The	TCT
SILVER	23	Nicolas Ng Jia Rong	THO
SILVER	24	Kriti Ahuja	TKK
SILVER	25	Phang Yu Liang	TKK
SILVER	26	Sharon Fang Xuerong	TKK
SILVER	27	Kaitlyn Koh Jin Ee	SVM
SILVER	28	Nicole Ho Tze Yin	THO
SILVER	29	Thaddeus Phang	THO
SILVER	30	Kathleen Teo Kai Hui	TKK
SILVER	31	Fransisca Indrawanputri	TKK

Bronze	1	Joshua Teo Wei Meng	CKS
Bronze	2	Ng Ze Weng	CKS
Bronze	3	William Choong Zhen Wei	CKS
Bronze	4	Xie Yi Rou	CKS
Bronze	5	Jeremy Matthew Yu Houren	GHK
Bronze	6	Darren Lim Shi-Cong	LSG
Bronze	7	Julian Michael Poh	LSG
Bronze	8	Ritu Warathe	LSG
Bronze	9	Sarah Anne Yip Wai Mun	LSG
Bronze	10	Aston Tan Wei Loong	OLD
Bronze	11	Dana Sivarajan	OLD
Bronze	12	Sangini Tushar Doshi	OLD
Bronze	13	Su Shu	OLD
Bronze	14	Janessa Sim Xuan Xuan	TCT
Bronze	15	Zhang Yiyang	TCT
Bronze	16	Brandon Indradjaja	THO
Bronze	17	Sandhya Selvakumar	THO
Bronze	18	Dominic Daniel Kwan	TKK
Bronze	19	Tang Zhenyu	TKK
Bronze	20	Mellany Tan Jia Enn	CKS
Bronze	21	Liu Xiaohan	GHK
Bronze	22	Thanaporn Prayoonrat	GHK
Bronze	23	Jiang Zixin	OLD
Bronze	24	Steve Manzo Hansel	TCT
Bronze	25	Armaan Nirav Haji	TKK
Bronze	26	Jewelle Chua Hui Shen	TKK
Bronze	27	Si Mahaoqi	TKK





Singapore Kindness Movement at ACS (International)

On 11 April 2016 a group of Year 3 students implemented the Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM) in our school for the first time ever. As SKM members, we planned several activities to be carried out in the school which encouraged the act of kindness by passing it on. For example, we learned balloon sculpting for one of our activities. We gave the balloons out to schoolmates as they arrived at school and asked them to pass the balloons on to someone else and spread happiness.

Another way we emphasised the message of “kindness through passing it on” was by giving out stickers that had been painstakingly cut out by some Year 5s and Year 6s (thanks guys). Each sticker was specially made, and had a positive and uplifting message like “thank you for everything you’ve done for me” or “wishing you a great day ahead” on it.

The purpose of this activity was to ignite the spark of kindness within a student by encouraging them to think of how they could use kind words to encourage their schoolmates.

There was a particular event that stood out the most - “Pass the parcel on”. The project involved us giving students hand wrapped parcels with a label on it. This label had certain criteria written on them, and students were only allowed to give the parcels to their friends and schoolmates who fit the criteria or description. This helped our fellow students to get to know a little bit more about each other. In fact, we even won an award for this! “Pass the Parcel on” won “Most interesting initiatives and challenges” at the recent SKM award ceremony.



Chereese Tan (3 LSG)





IGCSE and IB Drama

As a part of their IGCSE and IB coursework, Year 3 and Year 5 students have to produce a performance. Year 3 students presented their interpretations of 3 separate plays. The Year 5 students were required to base their pieces on a chosen stimulus or concept. Parents, teachers, and friends were all invited to view the fruits of their labour at the school's Black Box Theatre on 3 November.

The Year 3 students performed excerpts from *The Inspector Calls* (by J.B. Priestly), *Top Girls* (by Caryl Churchill), and *The Pohutukawa Tree* (by Bruce Mason). The Year 5 students then presented their very own performances that they had developed from scratch. Each performance lasted about 10 – 15 minutes. All the students delivered very high energy, emotional performances – it was clear that they had put much thought and effort into their work. There were certainly some tears in the audience by the end of some of the pieces.



Finally, when all the pieces had been delivered, the Year 5 actors came together to receive feedback from the audience. It was certainly a relief for them to hear that their work had not been lost on the audience, and that many of the themes that they tried to incorporate shone through. The students' work is an enduring testimony of the power of Drama and Theatre, and they have every right to be proud of it!

It was a great opportunity to see how our students have matured outside of their academic work – many thanks to parents, friends, and staff who attended, and kudos to the Drama students and their teachers, Ms Rachel McCallum, and Ms Sia Ee Mien.





National Young Leaders Day 2016

The Halogen Foundation invited student leaders of ACS (International) to their event, National Youth Leaders Day 2016. It was attended by House prefects from LSG, and featured a line-up of inspiring speakers. They were: Rohaisah Hamid, an inspiring art teacher who believes in empowering and counselling young delinquents, Josephus Tan, a champion *pro bono* lawyer who believes in fighting for the disadvantaged, Oon Shu An, an actress who wants young people to know their aim in life as soon as practically possible, and Vincent Yong, an entrepreneur who wants young people to believe in the path which they have chosen and do their best in those paths.



It was certainly a memorable event similar to a TEDxYOUTH talk – the speakers shared about their life journeys, and the trials they went through before they saw their successes. We learnt that success is not about being rich, respected or having a high stature in society. Rather, success is achieved when we have found our self-worth or satisfaction in the lives we live. The theme of the day was “Celebrating Breakthroughs”, implying that we cannot be victorious without triumphing over failure, that we must not be afraid to fail, because through failure, we learn and we grow to become a better version of ourselves.

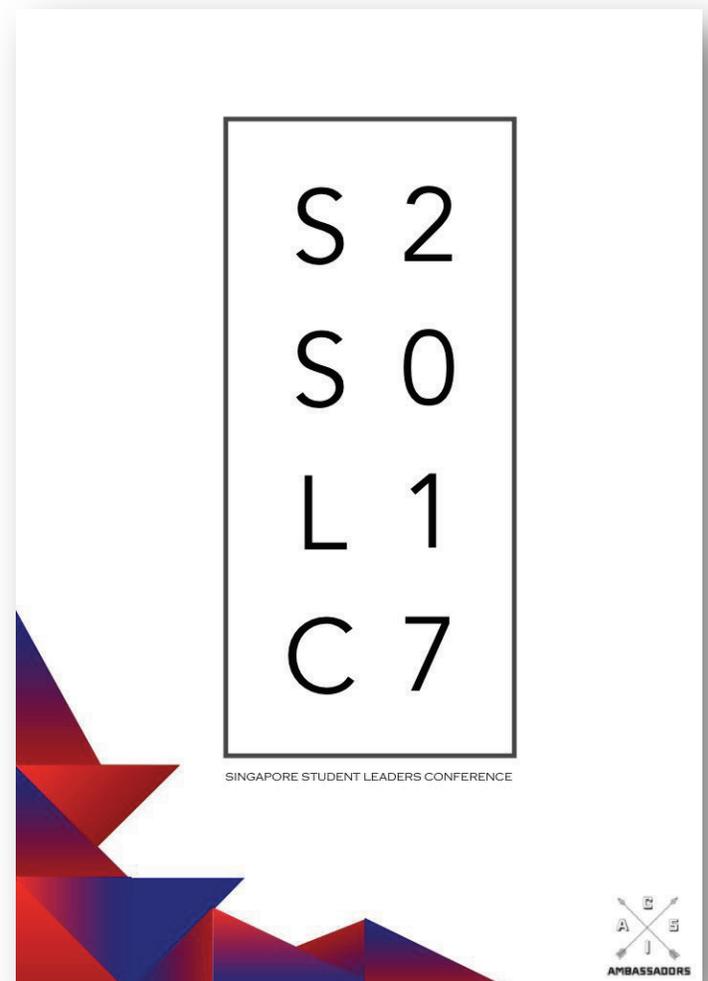
We learnt much from the speakers and we concluded that in order to have breakthroughs in our lives, we need to hear ourselves and decide for ourselves and go for it with the right attitude or mindset – a growth mindset. Attitude does affect our performance and in order for success in the areas which we have decided, we must persevere. When the going gets tough, we should seek strength in God for wisdom and tenacity. We left feeling inspired and motivated, and a lot more confident in ourselves and our peers, particularly on how to handle various life situations on a small or a big scale. It was also a great opportunity to meet and socialise with students from other schools.

The Halogen Foundation is a non-profit organization that is committed to youth leadership, and developing entrepreneurship.

*Extracted from student reflections
by 5LSG Stefan Njoo and 5LSG Vijay Venkatesh*

Student Ambassadors Singapore Student Leaders Conference

The Ambassadors will be organizing the first Singapore Student Leaders Conference (SSLC) on 18 February 2017. SSLC is a forum held for student leaders in Singapore to discuss global and national issues related to improving the welfare of the student population in Singapore. It will involve all Singaporean and International Tertiary Education Institutions, and aims to be a platform for student leaders to congregate, share their experiences, discuss their opinions and suggest some solutions to problems on a national scale. Not only will student leaders be contributing by discussing ideas, but they will also be expected to produce a formal proposal. The objective is to have a real impact on solving problems, with practical solutions that can be executed in individual schools by their student leaders. More information will be published soon, registration opens on 3 January 2017.



Year 1, 2, and 3 End of Year Camps

In the first week of November, Years 1 to 3 had finished their exams. So they packed their bags and were whisked away to rough it out at Sembawang, Sentosa, Bali, and Bintan for their End of Year camps. For some, this was their first time going to Camp Challenge – a great opportunity to try something new. The Year 1s and 2s got to enjoy a wide variety of outdoor activities including navigating a high elements course, kayaking, and dragon boating.



Though the weather was unfavourable at times, it did little to dampen their spirits. The Year 3s in Bali got to participate in colourful cultural

activities, whilst those in Bintan got to enjoy similar outdoor adventures as their juniors.



Despite being far away from the comforts of home, the campers could all agree that they had had a thoroughly delightful time. Although team work initially proved to be a challenge, everyone pulled together at the end under the guidance of their camp instructors. By the end of the camps, our students certainly felt that they had gotten to know their classmates better, and developed deeper friendships and understanding with each other.



The teachers-in-charge and the student Camp Leaders worked tirelessly together to make sure that the camps were a resounding success. Many thanks to Mdm Chin Siew Lin, Ms Michelle Liew, Mr Damien Chiang, and Mr Praeman for their participation and work. Going away to camp is certainly a great way for our students to relax and unwind with friends at the end of the academic year!

- Clarisse Lim (1 SVM)
- Riya Sanjeev (2 TCT)
- Joie Chin (2 SVM)
- Charmaine Ho (2 THO)





Year 1 Visit to Musical Box Museum

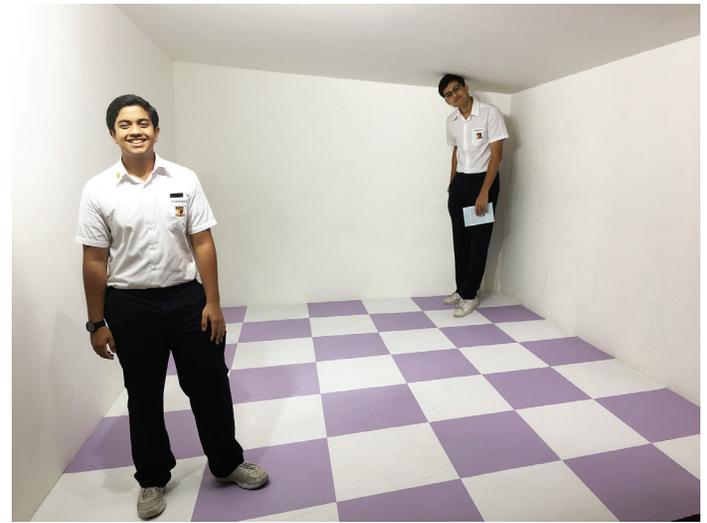
The French and Spanish Year 1 students visited the Musical Box Museum earlier this month. It was a great opportunity for them to discover an important symbol of European culture dating back to the 19th century and early 20th century.

In Singapore's first musical box museum, they learnt about the historical background of the rise and fall of music boxes, and saw how it had made its way to Singapore in the 19th century to the public. They had a chance to see a beautiful selection of instruments and masterpieces of precision mechanics, all in superb condition, which were presented as live entertainment by informative guides.

After the visit, all students enjoyed a well-deserved end-of-year lunch in a French bakery.

Back in school, they made a video of the trip in the target language.

All of them had a lot of fun!



Year 5 Escher's World of Wonder at Marina Bay Sands Arts & Sciences Museum

Our Year 5 French B students visited the Journey to Infinity: Escher's World of Wonder exhibition at Marina Bay Sands Arts and Sciences Museum. This fantastic exhibition showcased the works of M. C. Escher, one of the world's most famous graphic artists who connected the arts and sciences in his unique and mesmerizing art work. Featuring over 150 original works, the exhibition is a retrospective of his enigmatic sketches and paradoxical designs.

After the visit, students enjoyed a well-deserved end-of-year lunch in a French restaurant.

Once back at school, our students made a presentation in the target language.

A fascinating journey!





Year 2 Math Trip to the Science Centre

On 15 November, a Year 2 class participated in a half-day trip to the Science Centre in Jurong East. We took this opportunity to enjoy a day out after the stressful End of Year Examinations and to learn more about different thinking skills in the areas of: geography, mathematics, science and inquiry based learning. We were accompanied by our Mathematics teacher, Mr. Damien Chiang, who arranged for us to take part in a 1.5-hour class based on puzzles and rules which helped us to think outside of the box.

At the Science Centre, an instructor introduced the short programme. We were given multiple puzzles and thinking games and we had to solve them as a team. However, there were many rules and difficult obstacles that challenged us. Specifically, we were given puzzles that challenged our collaborative skills, knowledge on Mathematics and also our listening skills as we had to listen to new ideas introduced by different team mates.



After the initial mind-opening session, we were allowed to roam the fun-filled Science Centre on our own, or in small groups. There were about 12 stations in total which required us to test our geography skills (Volcanoes, Typhoons, Genetically Modified Food activities), our biology skills (human body, cells, close-up butterfly activities), our physics skills (examining how magnets and forces affect different materials) and lastly our creative side. The Science Centre not only tested our academic side but also our creative side. We needed creative ways to solve puzzles, creativity to help us be more open-minded with our classmates and for the activities and definitely, to enjoy the opportunity we had to visit the Centre.

As a whole, it was a very enriching experience and personally, I learnt as much as I had in the classroom. The most important thing I learnt today was that I could learn from my mistakes and improve from then on. Even though I failed to succeed the first time in an activity or a puzzle, I kept on trying and in the end, I succeeded. The outing to the Science Centre was indeed a great learning experience for all of us.

Written by Madeline Choi from 2TCT & 2MaV

Chinese Class visit to Lingzi Media

After the End of Year examinations, the Year 2 Chinese B and Express Chinese classes and the Year 3 Mandarin Chinese classes participated in a learning trip to visit the warehouse of Chinese Bookstore & Publisher Lingzi Media. At the two-storey warehouse, students were introduced to a great variety of books, including those by local and foreign writers, fiction and non-fiction, comics and assessment books, most of which are suitable for the young. At the end of the visit, our students each bought a book to read over the holidays. This was an activity that aimed to cultivate the habit of buying and reading books, as reading is an essential aspect of language learning. "Away from textbooks, read for knowledge and leisure, and language skills will naturally grow" was the message for the day.

By Mdm Koh Leng Leng





Football CCA

It has been an exciting Term 4 for the Football CCA. We fielded two teams in the ACSIS U16 Div 3 and U19 Div 2 leagues. Most of the players in the U16 team were Y1 & Y2 boys, playing against boys up to 2 years older than them. Despite this handicap, the U16 team managed to win all but one match and finish the season as Div 3 Champions.

The U19 boys were competing in Div 2 after missing out on last year's tournament due to the haze situation. This has always been a tough league with the likes of UWC East, UWC Dover, SJI International and Tanglin Trust involved. Our boys achieved the best finish of any ACS (International) football team by ending up Runners-Up. Along the way they beat SJI International 5-1, the Singapore American School 7-1 and Tanglin Trust 6-3.

Well done to the football boys. We will be aiming to do better in 2017 as The Best Is Yet To Be.

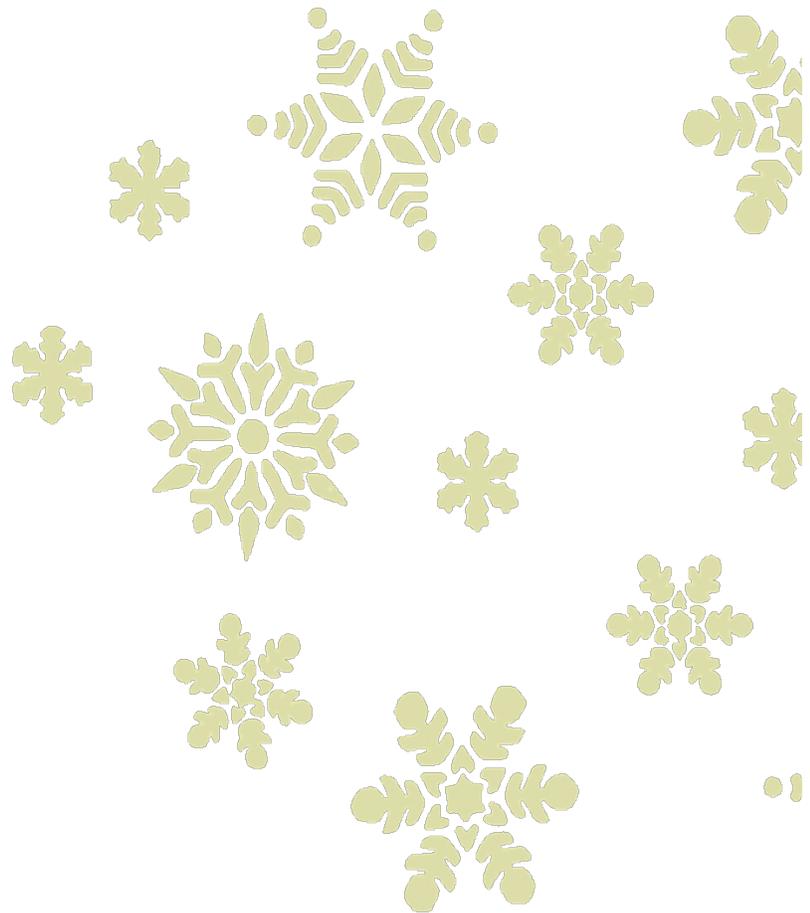


AC SIS Medals

The following Athletic Conference of Singapore International Schools (ACSIS) medals were presented at assembly:

- 19U Football Div 2 Silver Medal
- 16U Football Div 3 Gold Medal
- 14U Touch Div 2 Bronze Medal
- 14U Girls Badminton Div 2 Gold Medal
- 14U Boys Badminton Div 2 Silver Medal

We are very proud of our athletes who have trained hard to earn these sporting achievements, and thanks go to the coaches and teachers who have worked with and supported them.



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