



## ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents, Students and Friends

The final assembly of each term is our academic presentation assembly where we present certificates to those gaining Principal's Awards and Distinction certificates. It is pleasing to see students striving to gain these awards with numbers increasing each term. Our congratulations to the individual recipients who are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Last week in Chapel I spoke about the Parable of the Talents – where one servant was given five talents, another two and another one talent. There are many lessons to be taken from this biblical parable, including the message that we are not all given neither same nor equal gifts. We each have different giftings and we should not compare our giftings with those of others. We are each accountable for the gifts we are given, and we are each required to work hard in using those gifts. The Master used the same words to praise the servant who was given two talents and who doubled them, as he did with the one who doubled his five talents ('Well done good and faithful servant'). Using equal praise to both the good servants implies the individuals are of equal worth even if the gifts are not equal. Not everyone can make the Principal's List – we each have different giftings – but we are each valued equally.

Other points made about the Parable of the Talents included the message that our talents are 'gifts' given to us. They are not earned but freely given to us, yet we are accountable for using our gifts and we are required to make good use of our talents. ('To whom much is given, much is demanded.' Luke 12:48). Additionally, a person with 'level five' talent in one area might have two, one or even zero talent in other areas – we are all unique. Whatever gifts we have, each gift is valuable. Even one talent is very valuable. In biblical times one talent equaled 6,000 denarii, and one denarius was a day's wage. To someone on \$50,000 per year, one talent in today's money is worth over \$1,000,000!

We wish all of those students and teachers travelling on school service and UK university trips over the holidays a safe, rewarding and enjoyable time; and indeed these best wishes go to everyone who is travelling over the June holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone in early July, and we look forward to Year 4 and 6 students using their talents to best effect in preparing for the Prelim Examinations which start on Day 1 of Term 3!

**Rob Burrough**



ACS (International)

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**DID YOU  
KNOW ?**

Brazil is named after a tree

## STAFF NEWS

This week we say farewell to Mr Nehemiah Olwande who leaves us after 8 ½ years at the school. Mr Olwande has been a very popular and effective teacher of English, plus has helped look after MUN, supervised a number of service trips and been a past editor of our school Yearbook. We thank Mr Olwande for his service to the school and wish him and his family well in their shift to Beijing, China.

Congratulations to Ms Linda Low in the Biology Department who was married last weekend.

## NOTICES

### Preliminary Examinations

The Preliminary examinations for Years 4 and 6 take place from 4 – 15 July. Please refer to the schedule which has been sent to all parents and guardians by email.

The timetables are also available on the school website under: News – Examination Schedule 2016.

### Teacher Only Days 4 & 5 July

Only Year 4 and 6 students are required at school on Monday and Tuesday 4 and 5 July. All staff are involved in professional development training over those two days so classes for Term 3 start on Thursday 7 July. A reminder that Wednesday 6 July is a public holiday for Hari Raya Puasa.



## Staff First Aid Course

The First Aid course which was held over three Saturdays on 30 April, 7 and 14 May was a very meaningful and enriching one. The thirteen of us had a really enjoyable time with our instructor, Mr Mahendran. He made First Aid come to life for us through his recount of many exciting, albeit sometimes painful and heartbreaking rescues. His love for saving lives inspired many of us to take this course seriously and of course, to pass the frightful tests on the last day of the course. We truly understood how our students felt about tests having had to sit for it. Fortunately, we had an understanding instructor who provided tips for the test as we were sitting for it.



We were exposed to realistic scenarios in schools involving students and teachers alike. Very often we had to partner each other and conduct First Aid on each another. We had of course, very willing casualties who had the privilege of having fellow teachers come to their rescue. We were taught CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and how to use the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine. We were also trained on how to provide First Aid to conscious and unconscious casualties, to those casualties who were hyperventilating, had burns and had difficulty breathing.



We have felt that this course helped to strengthen the bond between us. As a school, it is indeed each and everyone's responsibility to look out for one another and for both students and staff to come together in aid of

someone should an emergency arise.

*Ms Michelle Liew*



## STUDENT SUCCESSES

## Principal's List for Effort and Achievement

S/No	Name	Year	Academic House
1	Tang, Shiyu (Jenny)	4	Cheong Koon Seng
2	Tjahjowidodo, Daning Dyah Savitri (Daning)	1	Goh Hood Keng
3	Widjaja, Jeslyn	1	Goh Hood Keng
4	Ho, Li Yi Jamie (Jamie)	3	Goh Hood Keng
5	Zhu, Mengqi (Alice)	5	Goh Hood Keng
6	Irvan, Irvan	6	Goh Hood Keng
7	Li, Changrui (Leo)	6	Goh Hood Keng
8	Cheng, Justin Ming Hearn (Justin)	1	Lee Seng Gee
9	Hsu, Wei-Yun (Vicky)	1	Lee Seng Gee
10	Lien, Tian-Yi Charity (Charity)	1	Lee Seng Gee
11	Njoo, Stefan Qi An (Stefan)	5	Lee Seng Gee
12	Phanada, Ivan	6	Lee Seng Gee
13	Yu, Zily	6	Lee Seng Gee
14	Lee, Hyojun	3	Oldham
15	Yang, Tzu Hsien (Antony)	5	Oldham
16	Zhang, Haoxuan	5	Oldham
17	Martono, Nikkei	6	Oldham
18	Song, Zhaomou (Matt)	6	Oldham
19	Ng, Yeun Ning	1	Shaw Vee Meng
20	Chen, Yili	2	Shaw Vee Meng
21	Ng, Noah Yi En (Noah)	2	Shaw Vee Meng
22	Nguyen, Van Quynh (Amy)	3	Shaw Vee Meng
23	Park, Ju-Hyun (Julie)	3	Shaw Vee Meng
24	Tan, Ruliyi	2	Tan Chin Tuan
25	Tan, Liyi	3	Tan Chin Tuan
26	He, Zhuoxi (Hesper)	4	Tan Chin Tuan
27	Kwak, Yu Jin	4	Tan Chin Tuan
28	Leong, Evangeline Li En (Evangeline)	5	Tan Chin Tuan
29	Jiang, Zijing	6	Tan Chin Tuan
30	Kwun, Da Hye (Heather)	6	Tan Chin Tuan
31	Van Selm, Caitlin Susanna (Caitlin)	1	Tan Kah Kee
32	Indrawanputri, Fransisca	3	Tan Kah Kee
33	Van Selm, Jasper Melchior (Jasper)	3	Tan Kah Kee
34	Teo, Kai Hui (Kathleen)	4	Tan Kah Kee
35	Jonathan, Christian Steven	5	Tan Kah Kee
36	Aliandy, Sandra	6	Tan Kah Kee
37	Lahiry, Ayushi	2	Thoburn
38	Oh, Jae Bom	2	Thoburn
39	Chan, Zi Keane	4	Thoburn
40	Indradjaja, Russell Scott (Russell)	4	Thoburn
41	Wu, Jiaqi	4	Thoburn
42	Wang, Huey Wei Timothy Obi (Timothy)	5	Thoburn

## Distinction for Effort and Achievement

S/No	Name	Year	Academic House
1	Kerdkaewfah, Prapatson (Mimie)	1	Cheong Koon Seng
2	Singh, Gurnihal	1	Cheong Koon Seng
3	Aurelia, Clarissa	1	Cheong Koon Seng
4	He, Yajing	2	Cheong Koon Seng
5	Tan, Jia Ying Nicolle (Nicolle)	2	Cheong Koon Seng
6	Ji, Shiyu	2	Cheong Koon Seng
7	Jin, Linger (Skye)	3	Cheong Koon Seng
8	Koh, Hannah Kai-Xin (Hannah)	3	Cheong Koon Seng
9	Lie Santoso, Claudia Novita Putri (Claudia)	4	Cheong Koon Seng
10	Liu, Tianwei (Kano)	4	Cheong Koon Seng
11	Buxani, Rohan Kishore (Rohan)	1	Goh Hood Keng
12	Chia, Fui Rupert (Rupert)	1	Goh Hood Keng
13	Hearn, Ashleigh Catherine Long Yee	1	Goh Hood Keng
14	Ng, Tawan Wei Ming (Wei Ming)	1	Goh Hood Keng
15	Li, Andi	2	Goh Hood Keng
16	Tjahjowidodo, Indah Wahyu Hapsari (Indah)	2	Goh Hood Keng
17	Zhang, Xinlei	2	Goh Hood Keng
18	Darmawan, Sarah	3	Goh Hood Keng
19	Que, Linxiao	3	Goh Hood Keng
20	Fung, Sophie Anne Li Wen (Sophie)	4	Goh Hood Keng
21	Wang, Yanqing (Lily)	4	Goh Hood Keng
22	Uppal, Dhruv	5	Goh Hood Keng
23	Xu, Yingzhi	5	Goh Hood Keng
24	Tok, Qian Hui Tricia (Tricia)	6	Goh Hood Keng
25	Lee, Jaeyun (Jennifer)	1	Lee Seng Gee
26	Nguyen, Le Gia Han (Han)	1	Lee Seng Gee
27	Chitranapawong, Kaan	2	Lee Seng Gee
28	Sriram, Sanjeevani	2	Lee Seng Gee
29	Kim, Min Jun	3	Lee Seng Gee
30	Wan, Qianxi (Cici)	3	Lee Seng Gee
31	Wu, Di	3	Lee Seng Gee
32	Wu, Jiarui	4	Lee Seng Gee
33	Chung, Qian Ying (Noelle)	4	Lee Seng Gee
34	Low, Wen Ting Megan (Megan)	4	Lee Seng Gee
35	Tam, Hao Yang (Cyrus)	5	Lee Seng Gee
36	Wong, Yu Wen	5	Lee Seng Gee
37	Sivarajan, Elliot Sivananthan	1	Oldham
38	Chang, Andrea Fay (Andrea)	2	Oldham
39	Shao, Luoyi (Linda)	2	Oldham
40	Wang, Ruiming	2	Oldham
41	Hoe, Tze En Nirel (Nirel)	4	Oldham
42	Jiang, Zixin (Iris)	4	Oldham
43	Wu, Yihui (Grace)	4	Oldham
44	Yan, Xin (Cindy)	4	Oldham
45	Yang, Tze-Te (Denny)	4	Oldham
46	Ge, Yun	4	Oldham
47	Matani, Neha Nikhil (Neha)	5	Oldham
48	Chen, Yi Xiao	6	Oldham
49	Ruan, Jinglin	6	Oldham
50	Lim, Kai Jun	1	Shaw Vee Meng
51	Oh, Lenard Tzo Jue (Lenard)	1	Shaw Vee Meng
52	Yu, Naifei (Vicky)	2	Shaw Vee Meng
53	Jia, Yangyijia (Christina)	3	Shaw Vee Meng
54	Hoontrakul, Thanakhom (Birdie)	4	Shaw Vee Meng
55	Choi, Madeline Yu-Jin	2	Tan Chin Tuan
56	Chia, Lorraine Hui Xuan (Lorraine)	3	Tan Chin Tuan
57	Joung, Jaewon (Kalista)	3	Tan Chin Tuan
58	Sudharsan, Anjana	3	Tan Chin Tuan
59	Hayano, Kyohei	6	Tan Chin Tuan
60	Kastono Ahadi, Abigail	1	Tan Kah Kee
61	Ravichandran, Aarth Narainy (Aarth)	2	Tan Kah Kee
62	Ren, Yiting (Emily)	2	Tan Kah Kee
63	Vo, Hoang Long	2	Tan Kah Kee
64	Chesney, Cheyenne Helen (Cheyenne)	3	Tan Kah Kee
65	Lyu, Yun (Sunny)	3	Tan Kah Kee
66	Ahuja, Karan	4	Tan Kah Kee
67	Chen, Jiashu	4	Tan Kah Kee
68	Lee, Elizabeth Kan Hui Ching (Elizabeth)	4	Tan Kah Kee
69	Tan, Jek Min Christabelle (Christabelle)	5	Tan Kah Kee
70	Yang, Xiyan	5	Tan Kah Kee
71	Bte Mohd Sadique, Nasha Amiesha Marican (Nasha)	1	Thoburn
72	Ng, Ming Teik Shaun (Shaun)	1	Thoburn
73	Xiong, Jianan (Jessica)	2	Thoburn
74	Fu, Liwen	2	Thoburn
75	Xu, Ling	2	Thoburn
76	Chen, Xinmiao (Shirley)	3	Thoburn
77	Singh, Sunny	3	Thoburn
78	Lau, Tiffany Yin Ting (Tiffany)	4	Thoburn
79	Ma Tang, Hieu Binh (Cassandra)	4	Thoburn
80	Sarup, Ilaria	4	Thoburn
81	Hu, Yuwei (Kelly)	4	Thoburn
82	Wu, Fang Tuo (Shelly)	5	Thoburn
83	Jiang, Yutong	6	Thoburn



**Criteria for Report Awards**

	<b>TESTS &amp; COURSEWORK</b>				<b>SUBJECT ATTAINMENT</b>				<b>ATTITUDE TO LEARNING</b>				<b>COMPLETION OF WORK</b>			
	<b>TC76</b>	<b>TC7</b>	<b>TC13</b>	<b>TCX</b>	<b>SA76</b>	<b>SA7</b>	<b>SA13</b>	<b>SAX</b>	<b>AtL76</b>	<b>AtL7</b>	<b>AtL13</b>	<b>AtLX</b>	<b>CoW76</b>	<b>CoW7</b>	<b>CoW13</b>	<b>CoWX</b>
<b>PL</b>	$\geq 7$	$\geq 3$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$\geq 7$	$\geq 3$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$\geq 7$	$\geq 3$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$\geq 7$	$\geq 3$	$= 0$	$= 0$
<b>D</b>	$\geq 5$	$\geq 2$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$\geq 5$	$\geq 2$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$\geq 6$	$\geq 2$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$\geq 6$	$\geq 2$	$= 0$	$= 0$
<b>C</b>	$\geq 3$	$\geq 1$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$\geq 3$	$\geq 1$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$\geq 5$	$\geq 1$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$\geq 5$	$\geq 1$	$= 0$	$= 0$
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**Principal's List**

Tests and Coursework: Minimum 7 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 3 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

Subject Attainment: Minimum 7 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 3 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

Attitude to Learning: Minimum 7 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 3 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

Completion of Work: Minimum 7 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 3 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

The students must meet the criteria in all four categories for the Principal's List.

**Distinction**

Tests and Coursework: Minimum 5 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 2 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

Subject Attainment: Minimum 5 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 2 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

Attitude to Learning: Minimum 6 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 2 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

Completion of Work: Minimum 6 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 2 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

The students must meet the criteria in all four categories for Distinction.

**Commendation for Effort and Achievement**

Tests and Coursework: Minimum 3 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 1 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

Subject Attainment: Minimum 3 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 1 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

Attitude to Learning: Minimum 5 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 1 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

Completion of Work: Minimum 5 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 1 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

The students must meet the criteria in all four categories for Commendation for Effort and Achievement

**Commendation for Effort**

Tests and Coursework: N/A

Subject Attainment: N/A

Attitude to Learning: Minimum 6 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 2 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

Completion of Work: Minimum 6 x grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 2 must be grade 7. There can be NO grades of 3 or below.

The students must meet the criteria in all four categories for Commendation for Effort.



## ABCDEFGH

On 13 May 2016, the ambassadors organized the ABCDEFGH (*Anything But Casual Dress day Eradicating Famine and Global Hunger*) to raise fund for helping children in Tien Lu, Vietnam to get rid of Hunger. This is part of our charity project this year, working with World Vision Organization.



Starting this project as an Ambassador Nominee at first, I witnessed how we turned nothing into a successful event. Through two months of preparation, we've learnt tons of skills from each other and our mentors-the 5th board. Gradually, we developed ourselves as Ambassadors and eventually became the organizers of this event.



On the day students were encouraged to dress up with anything creative-it could be playing anime characters, acting as cartoon characters, wearing cultural costumes, or even their dream jobs! It was fascinating to see that all sorts of characters appeared in the school and even attending class with me! I believe that everyone had fun dressing themselves up and meeting their friends with all kinds of creative costumes, too! During lunchtime, we had a photo-taking session with everyone who dressed up, and I've encountered so many amazing ideas as creative costumes!

At the end we successfully raised funds for the malnourished children in Tien Lu, and at the same time made a fun twist to school life! Thanks to everyone who supported us and please continue to support further Ambassador projects on fighting hunger. ACS International Beats Hunger together.

Alice Zhu Mengqi (5-GHK)  
Secretary of Ambassadors 2016-2017

## When Holland Village Cold Storage Became Our Classroom

On 12 May, students from Year 3 Mandarin Chinese classes visited Cold Storage to learn more about junk food. They spent an intensive 40-minute in the store, completing a survey that asked questions like how many different types of fruit flavours can you find in yoghurts, and what is the cheapest chocolate you can find in the store. "It is so exciting to see the real food", "More outings please", and "Yes, we dare to speak to strangers in Chinese now - for the next field trip". It is definitely worth the 10-minute walk under the hot sun.



## Ambassadors' Nominee Training Workshop 2016

"I stepped out my own comfort zone and tried my best to be confident in front of the others while presenting myself without fears."

– Chen Yu Xuan (5-TKK)

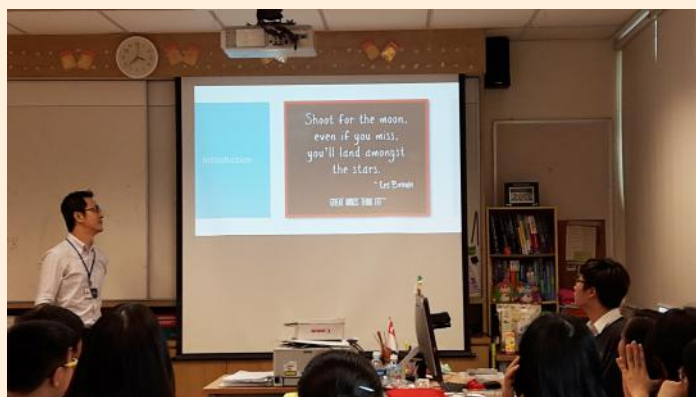
"It gave me the sense and understanding that to communicate and conduct yourself with precision and effectiveness, attention must be paid to the very most trivial details."

– Tyler Atipas (5-OLD)

"I thought the most important piece of advice given was: an impactful message is short and to the point."

– Dhruv Uppal (5-GHK)

Just before we went away for the Easter weekend, the Ambassadors conducted a training workshop for the Ambassador Nominees. It aimed to boost confidence in public speaking and improve proactiveness in one-to-one communication and interactions. The event was graced by Ms Wong Lee Jeng, former MediaCorp host, and Mr Eugene Seah, a dynamic trainer with 15 years of experience in marketing, communication and management. It was a fun yet fruitful afternoon for all involved.



It was great to see many of the nominees stepping out of their comfort zone to participate in the workshop. For many of them, this was their first time speaking to a large audience. By looking at real life examples of great communicators and learning the '3V' framework, the Ambassadors reflected on how they usually get their ideas and messages across.

They learnt how to incorporate Visual, Vocal and Verbal aspects to their speech so as to improve the way they communicated. It was very heartening to watch many of the nominees attempt to convince the audience to purchase an imaginary phone using the '3V' framework.

Besides that, roleplay activities were conducted where the nominees were placed in awkward situations relating to their duties as an Ambassador. Fortunately, under the guidance of our trainers, the Ambassadors learnt how to extricate themselves from such difficulties confidently. At the end of the afternoon, it was very touching to hear the Ambassador nominees saying that the workshop made them more comfortable in communicating with others and that they want to be more proactive to get their voices heard in the community. I am sure that this workshop has prepared the nominees to be confident and proactive Ambassadors of the school, who are comfortable interacting with others, even in awkward situations. I am excited to see the Ambassadors putting what they have learned in action in the days to come.



Ivan Phanada (6-LSG)  
Exco (Publicity)



## CAS News

### Migrant Workers Association: 6 May briefing, 15 May Migrant Workers Lunch

Despite the stress of looming deadlines for Internal Assessments and Extended Essays, some of our IB students took time out to help migrant workers in Singapore. They wanted to express their thanks to the migrant workers for their continual contribution to building Singapore. They packed appreciation packs containing soap, chocolate, MRT cards, and international phone cards as a token of thanks and affection. In this simple way, our students were able to show gratitude to those who build our city.



The students learned that many migrant workers contribute remarkable amounts of labour to the construction industry, but do so on very low wages. Thus, they felt it would be meaningful to provide additional support. At a new recreation centre for migrant workers, 30 of our IB students helped to survey the workers about their working conditions, to check whether they are being properly cared for at work. They also served lunch to the workers, and had lunch together with them. It was a great opportunity for the workers and our students to learn more about each other, and it was clear that they really enjoyed each other's company. It was a very rewarding day that made our students think about the contribution foreigners make to society here in Singapore, and raised some questions about the current level of financial reward offered by companies.



### United: A Brighter World For the Blind: Concert, 29 April, Gaming Ongoing

Not all businesses in Singapore allow guide dogs on their premises. The blind and visually impaired face many difficulties when doing everyday things such as going out to eat, or doing household chores. Upon learning this, some of our year 5 students decided to initiate an awareness and fundraising campaign.



Led by Vijay Venkatesh, a team of 29 students organized a multi-faceted project. They held a fundraiser concert on 29 April in aid of the Guide Dogs Association for the Blind, Singapore, and raised \$720 in

total. The students also gathered their gaming equipment and games, hiring them out to other students on a weekly basis. Their campaign will continue for a few more months, and we look forward to seeing the fruits of their hard work.

### The Red Cross Flag Day: 6 March 2016

Our students took part in a national initiative to raise funds for The Red Cross. They spent the afternoon learning about The Red Cross, before proceeding to various MRT stations with their tins and stickers, ready to collect money. It was an enjoyable session for all involved. For their participation, they received a letter of thanks from The Red Cross. We hope that this experience will inspire them to continue to be involved with charity work, aiding those who are in need.



### CAS Service Trips

We would like to wish the students and teachers well for their upcoming service trips over the June holidays.

### Inter-School Archery Championship 2016

The 6th National Inter-School Archery Championship 2016 was held on 21 - 23 April 2016 for students in Divisions "A", "B" and "D". The Competition was organised by the Archery Association of Singapore. A total of 203 students, boys and girls aged 13 to 19 years participated in this event. This year the competition was held at Shelton College International at Telok Blangah Rise.



The following "A" division archers from ACSI competed in the 50m Intermediate Category and achieved pleasing results, with a Team Ranking of 2nd place.

1. Matthew Oh Kok Yew 2nd
2. Szeto Ngo Yeung Andrey 5th
3. Nandiraju Rishi Bharadwaj 15th



The following "B" division archers from ACSI competed in the 30m Standard Category, also with encouraging rankings.

1. Joseph Lim Oon Yong 3rd
2. Chia Foong Timothy 20th
3. Akkshaj Sanjay Singh 33rd



Joseph Lim originally tied for 4th position with a fellow archer from Dunman Secondary School. However, a one-arrow shoot-off on the following day saw Joseph shoot a close 9 against his opponent's 8 points, thus placing him in a satisfying 3rd.

The "C" Division archers achieved a Team Ranking of 4th place. Overall, our archers have done us proud with their hard work, and we look forward to achieving ever better results in the future.

### Interact Club CCA: Student Service Visit with Blossom World

In association with Blossom World the students of Interact Club CCA were trained by Blossom World who held a workshop at school. A group of 16 students then visited needy people who live in a care-home in Singapore on 1st April. The students arrived at the intellectually disabled home and introduced themselves to the residents who were delighted to see them. They then proceeded to play bingo with the clients who enjoyed this immensely. Prior to leaving the home the students worked in small teams with the residents and constructed animals and hats made from newspaper. Students then sang some Chinese songs and got the residents up on their feet for some dancing and a sing song. Students (and staff!) definitely stepped out of their comfort zones and displayed empathy towards the residents. Much fun was had by all involved.



## Sporting Achievements

### Athletic Conference of Singapore International Schools (ACSIS) Season 3

Congratulations to our school teams who have performed well this term in the sports arena:

U19 Girls Badminton Captain: Kathy Nguyen STHO	1st place gold medal (Div 2, ACSIS League)
U19 Girls Netball	1st place (Div 3) 2nd place (Div 2)
U19 Girls Tennis	3rd place (ACSIS League)
U19 Ultimate Frisbee Captain: Sebastian Phang 6TKK	3rd place bronze medal
Basketball	Semifinalists (Div 4), as of date of publication Next game against Canadian International School (Lakeside)

Cyrus Tam Hao Yang, 5LSG, participated in the Eagles Badminton Competition which was held at the Singapore American School (SAS) on 2 April. He played 7 games in total, and won the competition.

Also on 2 April, the U19 Girls Touch Rugby team competed in the Junior College League. They played their hardest against teams of much older students, and through hard work and commitment, the girls really came together as a team. Unfortunately, our school tied with several teams and lost by a few points. Our girls will surely return with the gold medals next year!

The U20 and U16 Touch Rugby teams played against SAS on 30 April for the Touch Association of Singapore League. Our U16 team played a full day tournament for the first time, and did exceptionally well through their hard work as a team. Due to an unexpected thunderstorm, the U20 quarter finals were cancelled. Both the teams were unable to make it to the top of the League, but it was a great experience for them, and they will return to fight for the title next year.

## National Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Singapore Schools Sports Council (SSSC) to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Schools Games 2016 that will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from 21 to 29 July 2016:

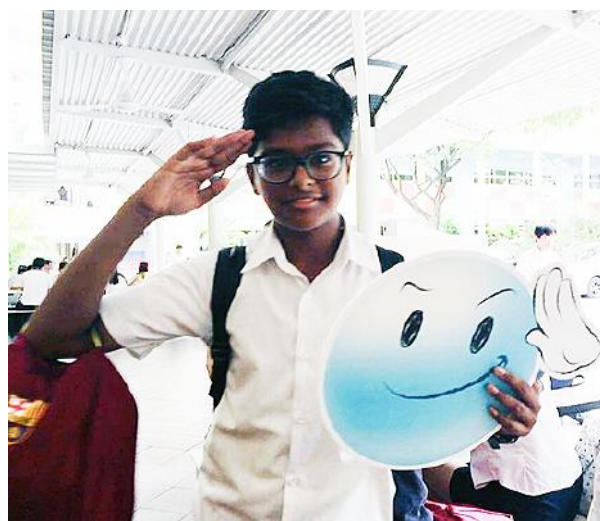
Ryan Wong Wey Ren, 5OLD as part of the Singapore Schools Golf team.

Charity Lien Tien-Yi 1LSG as part of the Singapore Schools Swimming team.

We wish them all the best.

## Singapore Kindness Movement – Better Internet

The Singapore Kindness Movement was an organisation that was formed in 1997 to cultivate kindness and graciousness in Singapore's society. This year, our students participated in the Selfie Challenge launched by the Media Literacy Council as part of the Singapore Kindness Movement 2016. They posed with special emojis representing the different ways of promoting a better Internet environment: Respect, Empathy, Integrity, and Responsibility. This event encouraged our students to think about how they could imitate these emojis in reality, that they might be more gracious online.



### Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad 2016

Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad (SASMO) caters to the top 40% of the student population and it aims to arouse students' interest in mathematical problem solving, and to develop mathematical intuition, reasoning, logical, creative and critical thinking.

SASMO is devoted and dedicated to bringing a love for Mathematics to the students in Secondary schools. The top 40% of the participants will receive an Award Certificate and a medal (Gold for top 8%, Silver for next 12% and Bronze for next 20%).

On 6 April 2016, 21 students (Years 1 to 4) from ACS (International) took part in SASMO 2016. The list of medal winners for ACS (International) is given below.

Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad (SASMO) 2016 Results							
ACS (INTERNATIONAL) SINGAPORE							
GLOBAL RANKING	COUNTRY RANKING	NAME	DIVISION	CLASS	INDEX NUMBER	TOTAL SCORE	AWARD
19	8	ZHANG RUIYANG	SECONDARY 3	3THO	22068017	63	GOLD AWARD
245	86	WANG RUI MING	SECONDARY 2	2OLD	22068011	39	SILVER AWARD
177	71	TOMMY HUI-CHI HSU	SECONDARY 3	3LSG	22068019	40	SILVER AWARD
208	91	PARK JU-HYUN (JULIE)	SECONDARY 3	3SVM	22068021	37	SILVER AWARD
344	76	JUSTIN CHENG MING HEARN	SECONDARY 1	1LSG	22068005	37	BRONZE AWARD
430	126	VO HOANG LONG	SECONDARY 2	2TKK	22068014	36	BRONZE AWARD
519	179	OH JAE BOM	SECONDARY 2	2THO	22068013	32	BRONZE AWARD
519	179	JESSICA (XIONG JIANAN)	SECONDARY 2	2THO	22068012	32	BRONZE AWARD
545	197	THOMAS NGUYEN	SECONDARY 2	2TKK	22068015	31	BRONZE AWARD
568	211	SOO HWAN OH	SECONDARY 2	2CKS	22068010	30	BRONZE AWARD

### PSP Bonding Session at Palate Sensations

35 parents gathered for a culinary experience on 12 May 2016 at Palate Sensations to bond with fellow ACS parents & cook up a storm!



We learnt 3 dishes in a couple of hours! A morning well-spent! Couscous salad with a twist, Prawn & Chicken Tandoori baked the traditional way with mango chutney & the sinful Tiramisu. It is mouth-watering just to describe & imagine the yummy spread that we cooked that day.

The class was exciting, fun & hands-on. Palate Sensations had a very vibrant vibe & colourful, clean look. The lady Chef was clear in her instructions & funny! It was great to interact with our fellow ACS parents. We were divided into 7 groups & each group had 5 parents with 1 instructor. The ingredients were all placed in different bowls & we all did our bit: be it to cut veggies, blend the ingredients, mix them manually with our muscle power, marinate the meats or layer the glasses for the decadent Tiramisu.



The weather was lovely & a cool breeze made our dining experience pleasant. We all sat just outside the cooking school & indulged in the spread that we had cooked so enthusiastically! It was delicious & finger-licking good! The quantities were just right & in fact some parents boxed the salad to share with their kids. We hope more parents come forward for our Parent bonding activity in future...Guaranteed fun!

Visit the address: <https://www.facebook.com/ACS-International-PSP-457464777685030/>, to view photos from this event.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ACS (International) Presents

# Barrett Music Competition 2016

The competition focuses on Western art music and is open to ALL students. Registration closes on 8th July.

Participants will compete at the Preliminary and Final rounds in the following instrumental and voice solo categories below.

- A) Piano
- B) Strings
- C) Winds & Vocal

Finals are on 29th July, 5pm at Oldham Chapel

For further enquiries, please contact [barrettmusic.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:barrettmusic.enquiries@gmail.com) or visit MS 2-3.

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ROBERT PIANO ACS (International) PSP

This competition is open to **ALL ACS (International) students**.

Participants shall prepare a solo programme covering works from at least **two** of the following stylistic periods – Baroque, Classical, Romantic, 20th Century to present.

The Preliminary round will take place in **Music Studio 2-3** from **13 – 19 July 2016**.

Participants shall provide their own piano accompaniment for string solo; wind solo; vocal solo at the Preliminary Selection and Finals.

**The maximum performance durations in the preliminary round are as follows:**

Group A:	Piano – 8 mins
Group B:	Instrumental String Solo – 8 mins
Group C:	Instrumental Wind Solo & Vocal Solo – 5 mins

The finalists of each category will receive cash prizes, trophies and certificates.

The closing date for registration is **8 July 2016, Friday** at 1 pm. Please submit completed form to the General Office.

## Choice to Run (23 July, 4-7pm)

Choice to Run is a charity event organized by the Ambassadors to raise fund for the children who are suffering from poverty and hunger in Tien Lu, Vietnam.

Participants who signed up for the event, will get their friends and family to sponsor each lap they run, with all proceeds going to World Vision (Tien Lu project). All event t-shirts and dinner kindly sponsored by the PSP.

This is the last event under the Ambassador's Hunger Awareness Campaign and any donations or support will be greatly appreciated.

For more information, please contact Ms Koh Leng Leng ([lengleng.koh@acsinternational.com.sg](mailto:lengleng.koh@acsinternational.com.sg)) and Ms Akane Yoshida ([Akane.yoshida@acsinternational.com.sg](mailto:Akane.yoshida@acsinternational.com.sg)).

ACS (International) Beats Hunger Together.





## University Application Information Session 16 July (8.15 am – 2.00 pm)

The Careers and Higher Education Department is holding its annual university application information session Saturday, 16 July.

This session has proved immensely popular over the years and your child / ward will find it very useful to help with the application process. The session is a compulsory session for all our Year 6 students who should prioritise this important information session as part of their university planning process. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to email the Higher Education Counsellor, Ms. Rita Kaur at [rita.kaur@acsinternational.com.sg](mailto:rita.kaur@acsinternational.com.sg).

JULY	EVENT
4 - 15	• Yr 4+6 Prelim examinations
6	• Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday
7	• School resumes for Years 1, 2, 3, 5 • Chisholm School Band Visiting Performance
14	• International Schools Athletics Championships • Group 4 Science Project for Year 5
15	• International Schools Athletics Championships
16	• University Application Information Session
19	• GCE O-Level Listening Comprehension
23	• Choice to Run (Ambassadors Charity)
24	• HVMC Carnival Day
25	• Yamate Gakuin School visit begins
28	• Inter-House Touch / Basketball
29	• Barrett Music Competition
30	• Open House


## PSP Event Cyber Wellness Workshop / Coffee Morning *Save The Date!*

Parenting. It's fun and fulfilling but it can also be frustrating and fraught with challenges, especially when our children are as plugged-in as they are today. The Cyber Wellness Workshop will cover some of our digital age concerns such as online safety and privacy, excessive usage and cyber-bullying. Make a note of this date/time in your calendar:

**Date:** 21 July 2016 (Thursday)  
**Time:** 8.00am - 10.30am




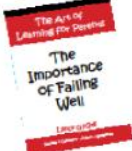
More details will follow.

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### Lance G King

- **Creator of the Art of Learning programme delivered to over 180,000 students in 20 countries**
- **Designer of the new IB ATL programme currently being implemented in over 3000 schools in 150 countries**
- **International author of learning skills texts for students parents and teachers**
- **Workshop facilitator in over 200 schools worldwide and many international conferences**

Free Seminar for Parents

The "Learning Skills" Approach to Academic and Personal Success

ACS International School  
Tuesday 5th July 2016  
4.30pm – 6.00pm

Go to [www.taolearn.com](http://www.taolearn.com) – for more references, course details, blogs for parents, resources for students, teachers and parents, articles, videos.

Check out Lance's Keynote address "The Teaching Revolution" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9GSMIGni04>





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International**  
A Methodist Institution

ACS (International) Singapore is a distinctive international secondary school open to all nationalities (including Singaporeans), offering an all-round English-based education for students aged 12 - 18 years leading to the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP).

***This school of choice provides:***

- Above average examination results; very strong value added achievement; and an all-round holistic education
- 50:50 mix of local and international teachers who uphold the dual Methodist and ACS Heritage
- Small class sizes with overall student : teacher ratio of 8.7 : 1
- 40 different CCAs – 16 Sporting; 12 Visual and Performing Arts; 12 Special Interest Groups
- 25+ overseas trips per year
- Over 200 formal student leadership positions
- Scholarships for 4 Singaporeans to undertake the IB Diploma programme

***Achievements include:***

- 15 Top of the World awards in IGCSE examinations over each of the past seven years
- 98.7% pass rate in 2015 IB Diploma examination and first perfect 45 point score
- O Level High Value Added: All 7 students with raw scores of 18+ passed the 2015 IB Diploma with average of 34.5 points
- Outstanding 'value added' examinations results from PSLE to IB graduates
- Four students accepted to Oxford and Cambridge universities for 2015 / 2016
- Top university admissions in the UK, US and Singapore
- Successes at national level this past year in Archery; Touch; Cycling; Swimming; Chinese Drama; Debating; Fencing; Football; Golf; String Orchestra; Taekwondo; Volleyball; Cheerleading



**Oxford Bound**  
**Risa Tan**  
2015 IB Graduate  
with 44 points



**45 Pointer**  
**Ariane Ruppli**  
Top 2015  
IB Graduate



**SEA Games**  
**Silver Medalist**  
**Aloysius Low**  
Current IB Student

# OPEN HOUSE 2016

**Saturday 30 July**

**9.00am**

*Principal's Address*

**9.30 - 11.30am**

*School tours & presentations by staff & students*

**Oldham Chapel, ACS (International)**

61 Jalan Hitam Manis.

(Opp. Holland Village Shopping Centre)

For more information, please contact Joseph Ng or Stephanie Hanrahan  
at +65 6472 1477 or [admission@acsinternational.com.sg](mailto:admission@acsinternational.com.sg)

***What the Parents and Students Say...***

*"First and foremost, we do value the school's deep heritage and strong values. This is a school where we, as parents, could really partner with the teachers and school leadership in developing and educating our son who, in turn, values the small class sizes and the camaraderie not just among students but also with his teachers. Their holistic approach provides an encouraging learning environment and we wanted to expose our son to an international setup in preparation for the real and increasingly globalized world."*

*Winnie Cruz-Ding*

*"The school has changed our daughter. She's become more confident, self-motivated, self-disciplined, resilient, driven, articulate, analytical and absolutely loves to go to school. She is now in Year 3 doing a double science combination, taking on leadership positions and in just 3 years, has become a very different person. She's become a person that we feel is ready for the world – socially, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. Of course, enjoying being in school also means that her grades have – WITHOUT TUITION, risen to the upper percentiles of performance markers."*

*We sat down to calculate what we spent for tuition during her PSLE year and were delighted to find that the fees at ACS International worked out to be about \$500 less per month! So if asked whether an education at ACS International is worth considering? We'd say a resounding YES! It's worth every penny."*

*Keith and Nancy Tan*

*"Having witnessed the positive transformation in our younger daughter at ACS (International), we decided to also transfer our older daughter in Sec 3 from a top class in an elite and prestigious girls' school to ACS (International). The different teaching methods, the high quality of teaching, the promotion of individual character and personality, and the obvious enjoyment of school at ACS (International) made the transfer most worthwhile. Her first equal academic placing in IGCSE last year was wonderful confirmation of the move."*

*Vincent and Germaine Leong*

*"We love the smaller class sizes, the wide array of CCAs and the many approachable, friendly, passionate and dedicated teachers in the school which makes the whole experience a great one for our boys."*

*Cecilia Chau*