

ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends

Leaving ACS (International)

As many of you know, I am leaving ACS (International) at the end of this year. After 7½ years of fulfilling, memorable and very enjoyable service here, and with very mixed emotions, I am returning to NZ to be closer to ageing parents, and to take up a role with the NZ Ministry of Education as a national manager leading the roll out of changes to the NZ secondary qualifications framework to schools across the country.

Over the past two weeks, I have enjoyed a number of farewells from the students, the staff, the Board and the PSP. I was also the recipient of many personal messages with people contacting me to say thank you and goodbye. The generosity of everyone in every respect has been quite overwhelming. An emotional time! I feel thoroughly affirmed and farewelled!

I am going to miss ACS terribly – especially the wonderful extended family of students, alumni, staff, our regional officers, Board, guardians and parents both in Singapore and around the region that together make up ACS (International). I'm going to miss our unique brand of international education in a Singaporean context; I'm going to miss the student activities in class, on the sports field, on stage, and completing acts of service. I might also miss making a fool of myself in front of the school – such as dancing and singing in public, appearing on videos, and having my car annually decorated! I will miss all things ACS – our traditions, our Christian faith, our pride, our successes, our place in the wider community, and of course, singing the ACS anthem loudly and proudly!

I'm very proud of all the improvements that we together have achieved – ranging from improved facilities to improved academic results, to increased opportunities in added subjects and CCAs, to an improved reputation in the community as seen by our ever expanding roll numbers.

I look forward to maintaining contact with the school family in the years to come. I know that the school is in good hands. The school will be well led by Mr Gavin Kinch who is taking over as Principal, and he will be supported by so many outstanding educators and students.

As we finish the year, we can all heave a sigh of relief after the many stresses and strains brought on by the pandemic, and we look forward with hope to 2021. Christmas is coming! Christmas is a time of hope – a time of festivities, and celebrated by many to remember the birth of Jesus Christ who was, and is, God's gift to us. When we give gifts at Christmas, the reason behind the giving is in remembrance of God's gift – Jesus Christ, the "reason for the season".

I wish you all God's blessing for 2021, and a special Christmas. Not everyone can be with family due to travel restrictions, but may you each have some rest and revitalisation over the Christmas break, a chance to share gifts, and time to connect with friends and family either physically or virtually.

Best wishes always.

Rob Burrough
Principal

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Message from Chairman, BOM

Our Principal, Mr Rob Burrough, is leaving the school after completing 7½ years of faithful service. His contract ends on 31 December 2020. He has served the school with great distinction and will be returning to New Zealand for family reasons. We wish him every success in his future endeavours.

The incoming Principal, effective from 1 January 2021, will be Mr Gavin Kinch, currently a Vice Principal with the school. We congratulate him on his appointment and wish him every success.

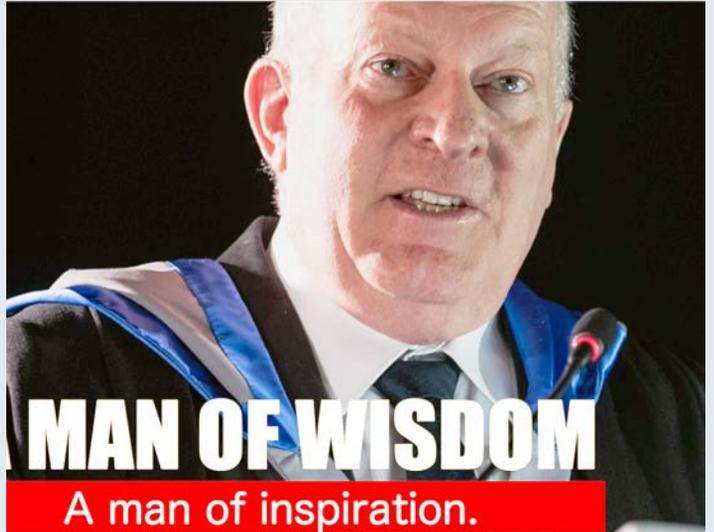
*Tan Wah Thong
Chairman, Board of Management*



Farewell Mr Burrough

On Sunday 15 November, Mr Burrough announced his resignation from ACS (International) after 7½ years of outstanding and faithful service. After his announcement, Mr Burrough was overwhelmed with emails, messages and visits from staff, student, parents, alumni and ACS partners who all wanted to express their thanks and gratitude to him for all that he has done for the school and for touching their lives.

The photos below capture a small fraction of the farewells that took place. The whole school community wishes Mr Burrough well as he takes up a senior role rolling out the new national curriculum to schools in New Zealand. We will miss you, Mr Burrough! The Best Is Yet To Be!
(Note: A few photos were taken prior to the COVID-19 outbreak.)









STAFF NEWS

Farewell

At the end of this academic year, we bid farewell to some long serving staff. It is always hard to say farewell to colleagues who have contributed so much to the school over a number of years.

This year, we farewell two Chemistry teachers who started with the school back in 2005 and who are now retiring – Mdm Phua Mui Kiam and Mdm Josephine Teo. Theirs is a story of longevity, faithfulness, long service, and great commitment and dedication.

We are also sad to farewell:

- Mr Michael Hollis and Mrs Kathleen Hollis (both from English Faculty) who are returning home to family in the United Kingdom;
- Ms Gloria Guerrero (Biology Department) who is following her husband back to Spain;
- Mr Frank Yip (Mathematics Faculty) who is exploring options in the United Kingdom with his Hong Kong-UK Overseas passport; and
- Mrs Agnes John, our Christian Ministry Staff member, often seen in Chapel, who is retiring.

It is a shame that we cannot physically honour them in a final assembly but we thank each one of these staff members for their strong contribution to ACS (International) and its students, and we wish them well for the future.

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





PRIZE WINNERS

The following students were awarded prizes at Speech Day and/or Graduation:



Subject Prizes

Year 1

English Language and Literature Second Language (Higher) Second Language Foreign Language Integrated Humanities Science Art Drama Mathematics Music Physical Education (Boy) Physical Education (Girl) Most Progress Award in 1-Bridging Best Overall Academic Performance Award in 1-Bridging Most Progress Award Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Fu Si Jie Wan Hoi Yan Ong Zi Yi Aahana Roy Shreya Biswas Wan Hoi Yan Shreya Biswas Yutika Dhar Cheng Shizhao Anisha Mahibalan Angus Yuan Innes Rebecca Toh Jia Ying Hwang Jiyou Lee Yeseo Roy Kwan Kay Tjin Shreya Biswas
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Year 2

English Language and Literature Mathematics History Religious Studies Second Language (Higher) Second Language Foreign Language Art Geography Science Drama Music Physical Education (Boy) Physical Education (Girl) Most Progress Award in Pre-IGCSE Best Overall Academic Performance Award in Pre-IGCSE Most Progress Award Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Daiki Kashiwagi Kim Minwoo Ernest Loh Wei Qian Asha Bodestyne Siow Jing Zi He Yifan Joliane Woo Tronskar Ariel Wong Su Ann Zhang Xiaoyu Om Nitin Acharekar Luke Lai Wen Le Abirami D/O Murti Kim Sunbin Kieran Matthew O'Rourke Choong Hui Yu Shannen Zhang Hanyi Park Sanghyun Riku Yamauchi Karthikeya Vetsa
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Subject Prizes

Year 3

First language English Literature (English) English as a Second Language Mother Tongue (Higher) Second Language Foreign Language Business Studies Economics Global Perspectives Music History Biology Chemistry Physics Additional Mathematics Mathematics Geography Art IGCSE Drama IGCSE Physical Education Physical Education (Boy) Physical Education (Girl) Most Progress Award Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Luke Xavier Carter Natasha Wong Su Ann Jeong Hyukchul Gao Zihan Rikomei Suzuki Ahn Chee Yoon Natasha Wong Su Ann Ethelyn Huang Meici Xachary Ng Jan Wei Marissa Lee Renjia Michael Cheung Ethelyn Huang Meici Rachel May Ann Lee Ethelyn Huang Meici Ethelyn Huang Meici Ethelyn Huang Meici Rachel May Ann Lee Myra Ho Meiyan Hailey Ng Hoi Lam Rowan Cumming Rikomei Suzuki Varalee Chaiphanchapun Tabitha Kay Shen Ethelyn Huang Meici
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Subject Prizes

Year 4

First language English English Literature English as a Second Language Mathematics Mother Tongue (Higher) Second Language Foreign Language Business Studies Economics Geography History Chemistry Biology Physics Additional Mathematics Global Perspective Art Music IGCSE Drama IGCSE Physical Education Physical Education (Boy) Physical Education (Girl) Most Progress Award in Pre-IB Best Overall Academic Performance Award in Pre-IB Most Progress Award in FIB Best Overall Academic Performance Award in FIB Most Progress Award Best Overall Academic Performance Award ACS (International) Internal IB Scholarship 2020 ACS (International) Internal IB Scholarship 2020	Pongyada Sootthipong Pongyada Sootthipong Annabella Tiffany Princessa Kim Yerin Shu Xinyi Jenell Tan Mu En Pongyada Sootthipong Shreya Supriyakumar Sakhalakar Pongyada Sootthipong Zhou Run Kang Patrick Yuki Kashiwagi Zhou Run Kang Patrick Kim Yerin Kim Yerin Kim Yerin Fan Shiya Kim Yerin Kim Yerin Global Perspective Ada Lee Zhou Run Kang Patrick Natanya Abigail Mandagi Zheng Jiayi Sun Lehan Aiko Yokota Yang Jiaqi Kim Hyojin Jessie Yee Wan Chan Yee Lok Bill Jonathan Pongyada Sootthipong Kim Yerin Zheng Jiayi Emmanuel Quintis Carter Zhou Run Kang Patrick Tan Cae Lyn
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Subject Prizes

Year 5

Theory of Knowledge (Chinese) Theory of Knowledge (English) Language and Literature (English) Language and Literature (Chinese) Literature (other languages) English B HL Language B HL Language B SL Language Ab Initio Economics Business Management Geography History Visual Arts Sports, Exercise and Health Science Psychology HL Mathematics HL Mathematics SL Chemistry Biology Physics Theatre Most Progress Award Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Wang Yanze Chantel Thora Chesney Chantel Thora Chesney Wang Yanze Son Yoona Son Yoona Charity Lien Tian-Yi Kayley Tan Rou Jun Roh Seung Hwan Luis Filipe Canavarro Ramos Eshita Suvarna Yasumi Sakaide Foo Siang Ern Jaden Tara Naomi Teo Li Lin Rohan Buxani Anna Kong Chia Fui Rupert Cheng Xirui Chia Fui Rupert Cheng Xirui Roh Seung Hwan Nadya Zahra Amir Timothy Goh Cheng Xirui
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Subject Prizes

Year 5

Luke Xavier Carter Natasha Wong Su Ann Jeong Hyukchul Gao Zihan Rikomei Suzuki Ahn Chee Yoon Natasha Wong Su Ann Ethelyn Huang Meici Xachary Ng Jan Wei Marissa Lee Renjia Michael Cheung Ethelyn Huang Meici Rachel May Ann Lee Ethelyn Huang Meici Ethelyn Huang Meici Ethelyn Huang Meici Rachel May Ann Lee Myra Ho Meiyan Hailey Ng Hoi Lam Rowan Cumming Rikomei Suzuki Varalee Chaiphanchapun Tabitha Kay Shen Ethelyn Huang Meici	Luke Xavier Carter Natasha Wong Su Ann Jeong Hyukchul Gao Zihan Rikomei Suzuki Ahn Chee Yoon Natasha Wong Su Ann Ethelyn Huang Meici Xachary Ng Jan Wei Marissa Lee Renjia Michael Cheung Ethelyn Huang Meici Rachel May Ann Lee Ethelyn Huang Meici Ethelyn Huang Meici Ethelyn Huang Meici Rachel May Ann Lee Myra Ho Meiyan Hailey Ng Hoi Lam Rowan Cumming Rikomei Suzuki Varalee Chaiphanchapun Tabitha Kay Shen Ethelyn Huang Meici
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COLOURS AWARDS

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Shermaine Saw Hui Qi 40LD Natanya Abigail Mandagi 4TCT Wang Yujia 4TCT Dhanyasha Girish Jethani 4TCT Larissa Chan Mei Huen 3SVM Darnesh Ramu 2SVM	Damien Pierre Tay 4TKK Zheng Jiayi 4THO Kao Zhi Ying Celine 4SVM Tan Cae Lyn 4SVM Kim Sunbin 2SVM	Fan Shiya 4THO Yuiko Yokota 4OLD Kamaraj Mohit 2SVM Kim Minju 2LSG



ACADEMIC PRIZES

Theory of Knowledge (English)	Min Sora	SVM
Theory of Knowledge (Chinese)	Ren Yiting	TKK
Language and Literature (English)	Choi Madeline Yu-Jin	TCT
Language and Literature (Chinese)	Ren Yiting	TKK
Literature (Other Languages)	Kim Jung Eun	GHK
Language B	Crystal Lau Qian Hui	CKS
English B	Yuka Nakamura	OLD
Languages Ab Initio SL (Malay)	Nicole Chung Mae Sze	TCT
Economics	John Mao Zhi Xiang	TCT
Business Management	Arnab Parag Salkade	TKK
Geography	Min Sora	SVM
History	Choi Madeline Yu-Jin	TCT
Biology	Hannah Kek Yihui	CKS
Chemistry	Chen Yili	SVM
Physics	Chen Yili	SVM
Sports, Exercise and Health Science	Loh Kin-Rui Tarquin	TKK
Psychology	Trisha Basu	THO
Mathematics HL	Ren Yiting	TKK
Mathematics SL	Hannah Kek Yihui	CKS
Music	Zheng Hanyu	TCT
Visual Arts	Kwan Wing Yan Phoebe	TCT
Theatre	Dahnaya Kamal Sandhu	TCT
Most Progress Award	Vansh Romesh Goel	CKS
Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Yuka Nakamura	OLD

LEADERSHIP COLOURS AWARDS

GOLD		
Loke E-Shyen Tessa	Megan Man	Alyna Lim Su-Li
Tan Jia Ying Nicolle	Benjamin Ong Keng Hwee	Sureshkumar Shreaya
Kriebisch Emily Elizabeth	Zheng Hanyu	Neo Su Hui Ruth
Vansh Romesh Goel	Park Hyunjin	Crystal Lau Qian Hui
Hannah Kek Yihui	Aarthi Narainy Ravichandran	Jacob Roy
Choo Wei Yee Michelle	Ui Ogino	Chang Tun-Min
Kulkarni Nandini Sachin	Andrew Gunawan	Tian Jiahao
Jaelle Khoo Jia Yi	Esther Chua Ning	David Ngien Kai Ern
Teo Yi Ting Victoria	He Yajing	Nguyen Hien Minh Trang
Indah Wahyu Hapsari Tjahjowidodo	Cai Linshan	Saniya Rohit Jamwal
Judith Ann Ho Han Lin	Rachel Tan Zhi Yi	Wang Xixian
Lim Jia Ying	Shaal Ang Molla	Justin Setiawan
Manishaa Kaur D/O Sukdave Singh	Tan Shu Ai	Lu Yi
Sakthi Bharathi Baskaran	Rhea Chalak	Ashwin Yogi Laal
Sanjeevani Sriram	Cheng Jin Mark	John Mao Zhi Xiang
Shu Luoandi	Dahnaya Kamal Sandhu	Reuben Emmanuel Wong Xiang Feng
Mehar Taneja	Fera Parkash	Iliyan Allana
Renee Ng Lei Ni	Lee Kai Shun	Joy Ho
Choi Madeline Yu-Jin	Chan Joshua	Mira Jayaprakash
Riya Sanjeev Kumar	Lye Li Hui Genevieve	Ren Yiting
Tan Weng I	Ho Tze Xun Charmaine	Sneha Bhaskar Guntury
Tan Yen Pin Sheryl	Loh Kin-Rui Tarquin	Treshia Siotama Tan
Nicole Chung Mae Sze	Tan Hng Hon	Koh Shan Chun
Ayushi Lahiry	Rachel Sim Yu Xuan	
Elizabeth Skylar Loo Sze-E	Yang Jiwon	
Xiong Jianan	Hu Zhao-An	

CCA AWARDS

	Performing Arts Individual Distinction Award Xiong Jianan THO		Performing Arts Individual Distinction Award Yeo Elijah Xuan-Ye OLD
	Performing Arts Individual Merit Award Ui Ogino CKS		Performing Arts Individual Merit Award Zheng Hanyu TCT
	Performing Arts Individual Merit Award Koh Shan Chun OLD		Best Individual Interest Group CCA Award Vansh Romesh Goel CKS
	Best Individual Sporting Achievement Award Lye Li Hui Genevieve THO		Best Sportsman (Senior Division) Loh Kin-Rui Tarquin TKK
	Best Sportswoman (Senior Division) Kriebisch Emily Elizabeth CKS		





NOTICES

2020 House Standings

Despite the COVID-19 situation affecting mass student participation that resulted in cancelling a few of the usual fares, the school carried out “modified” Inter-House competitions, with the safe management measures in place, in the sports (Football, Netball, Frisbee and Volleyball), aesthetics (Short Story, Photography, Music, Short Film, Debate and Quiz) and academic categories.

Congratulations to the top three Houses of each category on their successes and thanks to all the students who participated in all the competitions held and the teachers who supported their students/Houses.

Sports Cup

- 1st place – TCT
- 2nd place – TKK
- 3rd place – CKS

Aesthetics Cup

- 1st place – CKS
- 2nd place – LSG
- 3rd place – Oldham

Academic Cup

- 1st place – SVM
- 2nd place – Thoburn
- 3rd place – CKS

House Cup

- 1st place – CKS
- 2nd place – SVM
- 3rd place – Oldham

CKS
GHK
LSG
Oldham
SVM
TCT
TKK
Thoburn

Progression 2021

Letters regarding Progression or Non-Progression 2021 have been sent directly to parents over the past two weeks. If parents do not receive a letter from the school, they may assume that their son/daughter is progressing to the next year level in 2021.

Pupil Portal and Parent Portal

The Pupil Portal and Parent Portal are now closed to facilitate changes in classes and the setting up of the timetable for 2021. The portals will be open again on Sunday, 3 January 2021, when the timetable and subject sets are ready.

Office Holiday Hours

During the holiday period, the General Office operates the following business hours:

Date(s)	Business Hours
2020	
23 November to 23 December	9:00am to 4:00pm
24 and 25 December	Closed
28 to 30 December	7:30am to 5:30pm
31 December	7:30am to 1:00pm
2021	
1 January	Closed

From Monday, 4 January 2021, normal office hours of 7:30am to 5:30pm resume.

Books and Uniform Matters

Students are to take note of the information as follows:

Booklist

The 2021 booklist for each year group is available on the website. ([Life At ACS/Forms & Important Information/](#))

Books (Popular Bookstore)

Date	14–30 December, 4–6 January 2021
Venue	School Bookshop
Business Hours	Mondays to Fridays 9am–4pm
Note	Closed on 24 and 31 December, Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays

Uniform (Bibi&Baba Pte Ltd)

Date	4, 6, and 15 January 2021
Venue	Outside School Bookshop [TBC]
Business Hours	10am–4pm
Note	The shop at Far East Shopping Centre will be closed from 12 to 14 February 2021 for Lunar New Year break. Business resumes on 15 February.

Formal Wear

The attire has to be worn on Founder’s Day, Monday, 1 March 2021. The last day to place your order is 15 January 2021. For more details, contact with Sandy/Pauline at 6271 9248.

Online Orders

School uniforms can be purchased online, with free delivery and self pickup available.

Check out: <https://www.schooluniforms.sg/acs-international>



2021 Calendar and Term Dates

The school and public holidays calendar for 2021 is appended for your reference.

2021	M	T	W	Th	F		M	T	W	Th	F		M	T	W	Th	F		M	T	W	Th	F						
Jan					1		4	5	6	7	8		11	12	13	14	15		18	19	20	21	22		25	26	27	28	29
Feb	1	2	3	4	5		8	9	10	11	12		15	16	17	18	19		22	23	24	25	26						
Mar	1	2	3	4	5		8	9	10	11	12		15	16	17	18	19		22	23	24	25	26		29	30	31		
Apr				1	2		5	6	7	8	9		12	13	14	15	16		19	20	21	22	23		26	27	28	29	30
May	3	4	5	6	7		10	11	12	13	14		17	18	19	20	21		24	25	26	27	28		31				
June		1	2	3	4		7	8	9	10	11		14	15	16	17	18		21	22	23	24	25		28	29	30		
July				1	2		5	6	7	8	9		12	13	14	15	16		19	20	21	22	23		26	27	28	29	30
Aug	2	3	4	5	6		9	10	11	12	13		16	17	18	19	20		23	24	25	26	27		30	31			
Sept			1	2	3		6	7	8	9	10		13	14	15	16	17		20	21	22	23	24		27	28	29	30	
Oct					1		4	5	6	7	8		11	12	13	14	15		18	19	20	21	22		25	26	27	28	29
Nov	1	2	3	4	5		8	9	10	11	12		15	16	17	18	19		22	23	24	25	26		29	30			
Dec			1	2	3		6	7	8	9	10		13	14	15	16	17		20	21	22	23	24		27	28	29	30	31

School holidays

Public holidays

Teacher Only Days & New Student Orientation

Thursday 7 January: 9am all students except Year 5 non-DSA

Final School Day for Yrs 1 - 5 & Speech Day Prize Giving

Year 6 Graduation TBC

Teacher Only Days

Singapore Public Holidays 2021

New Year's Day	Friday	1 January
Chinese New Year	Friday	12 February
	Saturday	13 February
Good Friday	Friday	2 April
Labour Day	Saturday	1 May
Hari Raya Puasa	Thursday	13 May
Vesak Day	Wednesday	26 May
Hari Raya Haji	Tuesday	20 July
National Day	Monday	9 August
Deepavali	Thursday	4 November
Christmas Day	Saturday	25 December

CCAs 2021

CCAs at ACS (International) will resume in January 2021. In what form these CCAs will resume is yet to be confirmed and will very much be dependent on the advisories from the MOE and the relevant Phase 2 or 3 regulations that are in place at the time.

The school will release a 2021 CCA schedule in the new year, but this will very much be subject to change if the regulations are modified. We appeal to your patience and understanding in this regard.

The school will continue to use "SchoolsBuddy" to organise, manage and review the CCA activities of the students. Students can download the SchoolsBuddy app now on their mobile device to receive all of the up-to-date information about their CCA(s) on the move. Download the app for iOS devices [here](#) and Android devices [here](#) or alternatively sign in on any web browser [here](#).

For those who have logged in previously, please retain your SchoolsBuddy account. For those who may have lost their login credentials, we can reset the password upon request.

For students and parents who are new to the school, we will send an activation email after your enrolment but before the **2021 CCA Fair on Tuesday, 12 January 2021, at 3:15pm**. Students should be ready to attend the CCA Fair to ask questions and find out about the various CCAs that the school has to offer before making new sign-up selections via SchoolsBuddy. Students can make their selections based on the order of preferences across a broad range of CCAs from Sports to Interest Groups to the Arts.

Each student is required to attend at least one CCA over the course of the school year, with many of our students attending more than one. Please keep your eyes peeled for future correspondence on SchoolsBuddy with regards to this.

For specific enquiries, please feel free to contact:

Sports CCAs: Mr Mike Patterson michael.patterson@acsinternational.edu.sg

Interest Groups CCAs: Dr Kris Achter kris.achter@acsinternational.edu.sg

The Arts CCAs: Mdm Chang Hung Tho hungtho.chang@acsinternational.edu.sg



Year 6 IB Results Release: An Update

The results of the November IB Diploma examinations will now be released online to students at 2:00pm, Sunday, 3 January 2021. Year 5 anticipated results will also be released online at the same time. (This is a change to the timeline previously advised by the IBO and printed in the October newsletter.)

A hardcopy of the student's result slip will be released in the Library on Monday, 4 January 2021, at 3:30pm. The school will share the cohort's statistics and top performers; plus be available for counselling/queries, etc. Thereafter, students may wish to collect it from the General Office from 9:00am to 5:00pm on weekdays.

Start of 2021 Arrangements

Year 5 IBDP

The start date for our own Year 5 students who qualified for entry via DSA (based on their Year 4 preliminary examination results at the end of Term 3 in 2020) and 2020 Pre IB and Foundation IB students who qualified, will be Thursday, 7 January 2021. New students from the 'O' Level track and our own students who did not qualify for entry via DSA will start as soon as they have been approved for entry. These students will be given some catch-up time. The advantage of this earlier start is that students will have extra lessons to help mitigate the very large IBDP workload.

First Weeks

Monday, 4 January

All Day	• Staff Training
11:00am	• New Students Welcome by the Principal followed by lunch with new students and parents
1:00pm	• IPC briefing for new international students
1:00pm–5:00pm	• Student subject consultations and changes with Divisional Coordinators; purchase uniform from Bibi & Baba and textbooks from Popular Bookshop (both onsite)
3:30pm	• IBDP results released at the Library

Tuesday, 5 January

All Day	• Staff Training & Preparation
All Day	• New Students Orientation I (excluding Year 5) starts at 9:00am. BBQ & Bonfire at 6:00pm

Wednesday, 6 January

All Day	• Staff Training & Preparation
9:00am–11:00am	• Divisional Coordinators available for subject options/timetable changes

Thursday, 7 January

9:00am	• Whole School Assembly (subject to prevailing COVID-19 safe management measures)
9:45am–10:20am	• Year 5 Tutor Group meetings to go over expectations, timetables, iSAMS personal details followed by IBDP Introduction (10:30am–12noon)
9:45am–11:00am	• Tutor Group meetings (all except Year 5) to go over expectations, timetables, iSAMS personal details. Year groups released at 11:00am unless required for subject options/timetable changes with Divisional Coordinators

Friday, 8 January

8:00am	• Chapel (Year 6 to gather in Oldham Chapel, the rest of school to watch from Tutor Rooms)
8:45am	• Period 1 begins, followed by regular timetable

Monday, 11 January

8:00am	• House Meetings
8:45am	• Period 1 begins, followed by regular timetable



2021 Suite of Information

A suite of information for 2021 can be found at <https://acs.fireflycloud.asia/information-for-parents-public> with no login required by parents or students. Other information such as the IGCSE and IBDP programmes, assessment criteria, parent portal (iSAMS) and schools buddy portal can be accessed from the same link.

Lunar New Year 2021

To reduce disruption to curriculum time during the Lunar New Year period, the events/activities on the following dates are organised:

Tuesday, 9 February

- Lunar New Year Assembly • Staff Lunch

Wednesday, 10 February to Tuesday, 16 February

- Lunar New Year break – SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday, 17 February

- Normal classes resume

Year Groups to Take PEAKS Assessment in 2021

During Term 1 of 2021, all Year 1, 1B and newly admitted Year 5 students are required to take the PEAKS assessment. All Year 4 students (including Foundation IB students) will do the assessment in Term 2. Year 1 and 1B students will be guided to do theirs during school hours, while Years 4 and 5 students outside of curriculum time. The assessment fee is \$481.50 (inclusive of GST). Details in January 2021 issue.

Transcripts and Testimonials

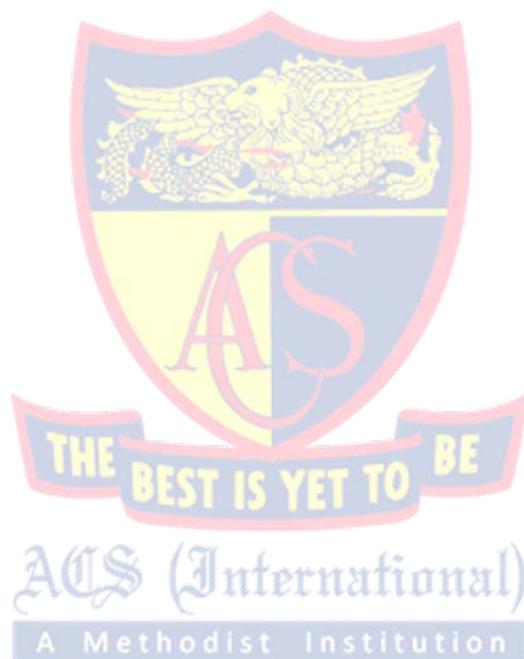
Due to the school holidays, the issuing of transcripts and testimonials has now closed for the year.

Writing to the School

Parents/Guardians who write in to the school via email or with a hardcopy letter for school absence, approval for leave, etc. should include the official name, year and House of their child/ward (e.g. Alan Tan Hong Tong, 2 SVM), to facilitate prompt attention.

Blazer Donations

Leaving students are requested to donate their old school blazers to the school for “recycling”. They can deposit their blazer at the Reception, General Office, for the school to dryclean and on-sell.





STUDENT SUCCESS

Year 5 Student's Artwork Label Selected

Manya Nahata's (5 SVM) artwork label has been selected out of hundreds of entries submitted nation-wide for the National Gallery's 5th Anniversary celebrations. Her piece was the only one from our school to be picked by the Gallery. The curators were very impressed by her writing in response to a challenging piece of abstract artwork.

Manya's artwork label is now on display for public viewing at the National Gallery, and can be found at the South East Asia Gallery 9 (Fernando Zobel's Saeta 44).



For the Gallery's 5th Anniversary, we invited people of all ages and walks of life to share their diverse perspectives on our artworks.

Engulfed within the hustle and bustle of life, we never stop for a moment to appreciate the creation of Earth. Within *Saeta 44*'s chaos, there is order. Within failure, there is success. Within our irrational minds, there is lucidity. Within this spontaneity of white and yellow paint splayed across the canvas, there is precision. Life is full of bliss and anguish but behind this contrast shines the beauty of the juxtaposition of life. Live on, the artist seems to say, and find your moments within your own journey for the true meaning of life lies behind the sheer splendor of chaos.

Manya Nahata, 17 years old, is a student at Anglo Chinese School (International). An adventurous soul, she left behind her family and friends in India and learnt how to adapt, evolve and thrive in this new welcoming environment.



Fernando Zóbel
(b. 1924, Spain; d. 1984, Italy)
Saeta 44

1957
Oil on canvas

Collection of National Gallery Singapore
2017-00953

This acquisition was made possible through the generous support of Lam Soon Cannery Pte. Ltd.

Lines of white and yellow paint splay out in numerous directions here, giving the impression of rapid movement. Fernando Zóbel initially struggled to create such thin, controlled lines with oil paint. He arrived at the solution of using a surgical syringe with the needle removed after seeing a cook write "Happy Birthday" on a cake with icing. While this work may appear spontaneous, Zóbel often made several preparatory studies for his paintings.

This work is part of Zóbel's renowned *Saeta* series, inspired by the forms of scaffolding. Zóbel often encountered these structures while working on construction sites as a part of his family property business in Manila, Philippines.



Year 5 Student as Editor-in-Chief of THIMUN Singapore 2020

Yoona Son (5 Oldham) has been selected as the Editor-in-Chief of THIMUN Singapore press team. This year, the conference was held online from 16 to 20 November, with Yoona along with her team of reporters and artwork and layout person in charge of managing MUNITY Online 2020. THIMUN is one of the largest Model United Nations conferences.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

End-of-Year Activity Days

The end of an academic year is a time for fun, collaboration, competition and extended learning through activities that offer students a change from their normal routine! This year, students in Years 1 to 3, Pre IB and Foundation IB took part in End-of-Year Activity Days on Wednesday and Thursday, 11 and 12 November, with the theme UN Sustainable Development or Global Goals.

Through a variety of challenges across different faculties, students were given the opportunity to learn about the Global Goals and how they can contribute to the achievement of these goals by 2030, whilst at the same time using the skills of each faculty area.

Challenges ranged from the creative – creating glass bottle designs and displays from recycled materials, reflecting the need to protect life underwater and on land in Art; to the physical – designing and taking part in an inclusive game, to help with the understanding of equal opportunities and the need for good health and well-being in PE; to those showing ingenuity – designing and building machines capable of converting energy, promoting the use of renewable energy in Science.

No matter what the nature of the activity is, students engaged with the global goals and problems faced by people around the world. In Languages, Year 1 students were involved in an interactive multilingual treasure hunt, which involved clues and completing mini challenges, putting themselves in the shoes of refugees in a new country and the language challenges faced. In Mathematics, Humanities and English students created advertisements and posters raising awareness about issues such as global hunger and gender equality. To catch a glimpse of the activities that the students participated in, click [here](#) to view a video.

Competition was fierce across all year groups and activities, but when all points were added up, the House tutor groups that emerged victorious were 1 CKS, 2 CKS/2 Oldham and 3/4 SVM.

Well done and congratulations to all students who took part. We hope that each student can go forward and aim to be a goalkeeper, even by small actions in their daily lives.

Miss Laura Blunt





Barrett Music Competition 2020

Music is a subject that grows and works with time and technology. We see how people begin to make more music with the use of both real instruments and digital tools and work on the virtual platforms during this pandemic period, allowing people to still enjoy music in this new normal.

Similarly, music-making experiences are just as organic. For the Barrett Music Competition this year, we moved onto a new virtual platform and have musicians record their performances virtually so that we can all still enjoy the beauty of music with safe-distancing measures set in place!

Musically, our spirits are not hampered by the coronavirus pandemic, for music-making can still be as interesting and as vibrant as before! So yes, the Barrett Music Competition 2020 had "virtualised"! All music contestants and the bubbly emcee Renee Joy Tan (3 CKS) were video-recorded to carry out the virtual music competition.

The Barrett Music Competition is the highest music award given to individuals who has deep passion in music and expression. To encourage participation, for 2020, we have had five new categories:

- Piano
- Vocal
- Mixed Instruments
- Percussion
- Music Ensemble

The audience were given the privilege to vote for the Barrett Music Competition Champion online. 416 votes were cast and a Grand Champion was born!

Here's our list of winners:

Grand Champion: Ethelyn Huang, 3 Thoburn

PIANO

- 1st : Ethelyn Huang, 3 Thoburn
 2nd : Sawa Keishiro, 4 CKS
 3rd : Luca Marco Buchanan, 2 CKS

VOCAL

- 1st : Hailey Ng Hei Lam, 3 LSG
 2nd : Lim Jia Ying, 6 LSG
 3rd : Cai Jia Zhen, 2 SVM

MIXED INSTRUMENTS

- 1st: Marisa Renjia Lee, 3 Oldham
 2nd: Ui Ogino, 6 CKS
 3rd: Kim Minju, 2 LSG

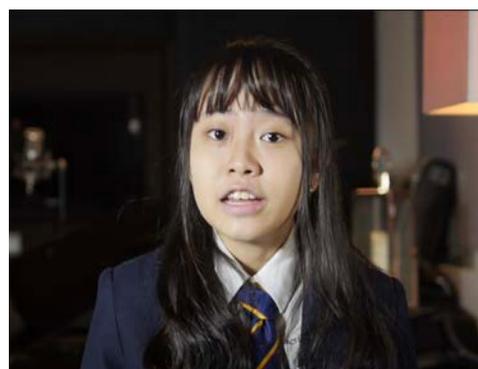
PERCUSSION

- 1st : Timothy Goh, 5 CKS

MUSIC ENSEMBLE

- 1st : Fahim Mohammed (5 GHK) and Larissa Chan (3 SVM)
 2nd : Summer Yew (3 GHK) and Marisa Renjia Lee (3 Oldham)
 3rd : Larissa Chan (3 SVM), Ethelyn Huang (3 Thoburn), Samantha Lim (4 GHK) & Lauren Chye (3 Thoburn)

We congratulate all our winners of the 2020 Barrett Music Competition.





Graduation and Speech Day

Each year, Year 6 Graduation and Years 1 to 5 Speech Day represent the culmination of the school year and enable some of the many student successes to be acknowledged. As well as presenting prizes, the ceremonies feature student performances and student speeches, alongside speeches by the Principal and the Guest of Honour.

This year, owing to COVID-19 safe distancing restrictions, Year 6 Graduation was attended by the graduands, the Guest of Honour Rev. Bernard Chao, SLT, HsMs and HoFs, while Speech Day saw the attendance of prize winners and school leaders. Parents, family and friends were cordially invited to witness both ceremonies through livestream via Zoom or the ACS (International) Facebook page. For more photos on Graduation and Speech Day, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/ACSInternationalSingapore/>









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