



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents, Students and Friends

Happy Easter everyone, I trust that you have had an enjoyable long Easter weekend.

Throughout Easter, our Christian Ministry Staff share the good news about Jesus and the message of the cross to our students. In the lead up to Easter, two chapel services were conducted with an emphasis on the Easter story. As a result of these two services, we had over 100 students respond to the message either through a re-dedication of their faith, seeking more information or becoming new believers. We thank God for this positive response and ask that you pray for these students and the Christian Ministry Staff as they help disciple them over the coming months.

As well as celebrating Easter at this time of year, the Methodist Schools were also engaged in raising money for charity through the Methodist Walk. This year, the Methodist Walk was being carried out individually rather than as a combined school event. We were fortunate enough to have Minister of Education Mr Lawrence Wong kick off the event a few weeks ago. He challenged each school community to do their part in raising funds through walking.

To play my part in this year's Methodist Walk I challenged myself to walk an entire lap of Singapore (170km) over the March break, splitting the walk into five stages of around 34km each. It's great to be able to see the variety of places that Singapore has to offer and experience the landscapes and communities change as you walk. The school challenged each of our students to walk 5km as part of their contribution to the Methodist Walk 2021. If they haven't done it already, it might be good to complete it now given the amount of chocolate that may have been consumed over the Easter period!



As we remember what Jesus did for us on the cross this Easter, let us also remember our response to His sacrifice. Our faith should make a difference in our lives and in turn a difference to the lives of those around us. I pray that as we head into the rest of the year that we would remember God's loving sacrifice of His son for us, as we seek to develop a faith that has an impact on the world.

Gavin Kinch
Principal

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For comments and feedback, please email
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STAFF NEWS

Farewell Chantal!

The school is very sad to say goodbye to Ms Chantal Roux who has been the school's guidance counsellor for over five years. During this time, Chantal has worked with many students and families through a range of different situations. Over the past few weeks, the students have certainly made it known to Chantal how much they have appreciated her insights and support in their lives. It has also been amazing to see the number of alumni coming back to see Chantal after her departure was announced. The depth of feeling about the difference she has made in so many people's lives is a testament to her skill and passion as a counsellor.

The SLT and staff of ACS (International) have greatly appreciated her work and the support that she has given us throughout her time at ACS (International). Chantal will certainly be missed by all in the school, and we wish God's richest blessings on her as she moves back to her home in South Africa and follows God's plan for her there.



Welcome Charlina!

The school welcomes Ms Charlina Gozali, School Counsellor, who will join us in mid April, to the school community. We wish her a pleasant and fruitful stay with ACS (International).

Hi! My name is Charlina and I'm the new counsellor at ACS (International). I recently graduated with my PhD in education from Claremont Graduate University in California, USA. My passion, which influences my research interests, is in understanding and creating optimal environments for leadership and talent development. Prior to graduate school, I was a school counsellor at ACS Jakarta. I grew up in Indonesia and Singapore, lived for almost 15 years in California, and moved back to Singapore in 2018. I have two young children, Brooklyn and Jaxon, who keep me fit and occupied most of the days. When I'm not running around with my children, I love reading, making crafts, and watching Modern Family on Netflix. I look forward to joining the school community and getting to know you all.



Photo courtesy of Ms Charlina Gozali

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY NEWS

Christian Fellowship CCA

The Christian Fellowship CCA held a special end-of-term meeting on 12 March with a birthday celebration for the January to March birthday folks and a guest speaker, Dr Darren Chua.



Here's what two students said about the meeting:

Dr Darren Chua, a former ACS boy, had his whole life ahead of him as a neurosurgeon. Just days before starting his housemanship, he suffered a stroke, losing half of his vision and control of the right side of his body. The stroke destroyed many of his hopes and dreams in his life. Life took a toll on him but where is he now?

He is still partially blind, walking unaided but carefully since his right side had never regained full strength back. His accomplishments so far have put the stroke out of the picture: Started an enrichment centre for young students and potential neurosurgeons, founded Mindset Transformation Clinic, bringing home a gold medal in the ASEAN Para Games for Table Tennis. He discovered that, when he partnered with God, the sky's the limit. If there were a song to describe his journey in life, it would be "I'm Still Standing" by Elton John.

Nahiyah Arif Khan, 4 GHK



Dr Chua speaking at CF

What I have learned from Dr Chua's life-story is: God has a special purpose for you, and that purpose is just as special as the way He created you.

This is the first time, in a long time, that the Christian Fellowship CCA has come together to celebrate the birthdays of some of the CFers and staff. The celebration gave us the opportunity to show our love and care to our fellow CFers and make them feel more welcome and feel relaxed after a long week of school. CF is like a family, where every CFer can have Fun, Friends, and Fellowship.

Joschka Kalisch, 5 LSG

Religious Emphasis Week

The school held the Religious Emphasis Week programme over two chapel services on 12 March and 26 March. CREA, a ministry of CRU Singapore, put together a two-part video concert entitled Moment of Truth, where the lead singer, Pen Pen, shared about her personal story of feeling abandoned and lonely. As she struggled with the meaning of her existence, she came to her moment of truth when she recognised that God has always been by her side. In her personal relationship with God, she found purpose, belonging, identity, and love. She quoted John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

We thank God for His grace that 33 students responded that they believe in Jesus Christ, 51 responded that they wanted to find out more about Christianity, and 81 Christians re-dedicated themselves to God.



NOTICES

Term 1 Commendation Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Principal's List for Achievement and Effort, Distinction for Achievement and Effort, Commendation for Effort and Achievement, and Commendation for Effort:

Principal's List for Effort and Achievement			
NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	ADVIKA KARTHIK IYER	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	ACHAREKAR OM NITIN	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	NATSUKO KAWASUMI	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	JIANG CHUNYU	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	MOON DAYOUN	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	LEE MAY ANN RACHEL	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	KAN NUOYA	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	TEJASWINI JAYAKUMAR	2	GOH HOOD KENG
9	AAHANA ROY	2	GOH HOOD KENG
10	LUKE LAI WEN LE	3	GOH HOOD KENG
11	SANJITA PARASHAR	3	GOH HOOD KENG
12	VARALEE CHAIPHANICHAPUN	4	GOH HOOD KENG
13	CHONG HANNAH	4	GOH HOOD KENG
14	ROHAN NAIR	3	LEE SENG GEE
15	ZHUANG YACHEN	4	LEE SENG GEE
16	LEE ADEL	3	OLDHAM
17	MUHTASIN FIYAZ RAYAN	4	OLDHAM
18	SON YOONA	6	OLDHAM
19	ROHAN ARORA	6	OLDHAM
20	YANO AKIHIRO	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
21	LEE XUE EN AERIEL	2	SHAW VEE MENG
22	KIM SUNBIN	3	SHAW VEE MENG
23	ZHOU SHAUN RUN SHENG	3	SHAW VEE MENG
24	AHN CHEE YOON	4	SHAW VEE MENG
25	PRISHA CHALAK	4	SHAW VEE MENG
26	RHENA GAN PEI YING	4	SHAW VEE MENG
27	WU YANYU	6	SHAW VEE MENG
28	JUNG DAHYE	FOUNDATION IB	TAN CHIN TUAN
29	MICHAEL CHEUNG	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
30	NIRA PITIWAT	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
31	RIHO TAKAKI	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
32	KO BOMIN	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
33	MELODY LEE YUN SHYAN	2	THOBURN
34	ETHELYN HUANG MEICI	4	THOBURN
35	CONRAD TREY INDRADJAJA	4	THOBURN
36	VERA YONG YING XUAN	4	THOBURN
37	CHENG XIRUI	6	THOBURN
38	HAN HYUNSUKE	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
39	LOH KIN-SHIN DECLAN	3	TAN KAH KEE
40	CHAU NGUYEN KHANH GIAO	6	TAN KAH KEE

Distinction for Effort and Achievement			
NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	GURMISHA CHOPRA	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	SHREYA BISWAS	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	ARYAV BHESANIA	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	NICOLE LIEN	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	VICTOR SEAT YONG SIM	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	KIM MINWOO	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	LUCA MARCO SHAN ZHI BUCHANAN	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	CHIARA SOPHIA SHAN HUI BUCHANAN	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	TEO YU NING AGLAIA	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	JO WOONHYEONG	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	NATASHA WONG SU ANN	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	NATALIE CHEW JIAXIAN	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
13	LEE JAEHOON	1	GOH HOOD KENG
14	TOMOMASA MASUDA	1B	GOH HOOD KENG
15	KELLY NG	2	GOH HOOD KENG
16	AARNA SANJAY SINGH	3	GOH HOOD KENG
17	ASHA BODESTYNE JING ZI SIOW	3	GOH HOOD KENG
18	YURI MASUDA	3	GOH HOOD KENG
19	SAW YONE SHOU	4	GOH HOOD KENG
20	LAO HANFEI	4	GOH HOOD KENG
21	JEONG HOCHUL	4	GOH HOOD KENG
22	SERAPHINA DJAJA	FOUNDATION IB	GOH HOOD KENG
23	FAHIM MOHAMMED	6	GOH HOOD KENG
24	CHEUNG KA YI	1	LEE SENG GEE
25	NISHYA SUBASH PRABU	1	LEE SENG GEE
26	ONG ZI YI	2	LEE SENG GEE
27	CHO YEEUN	3	LEE SENG GEE
28	NAPAT SAKDIBHORNSSUP	3	LEE SENG GEE
29	SUPITCHAR SRITRAKARNONT	4	LEE SENG GEE
30	WANG YANZHE	6	LEE SENG GEE
31	CHUANG TUAN LIN SIENA	1	OLDHAM
32	NATASHA TAN RAE	2	OLDHAM
33	LEE SEUNGWON	PRE IGCSE	OLDHAM
34	BHARDWAJ ADITI	3	OLDHAM
35	CARTER LUKE XAVIER	4	OLDHAM
36	MARISA RENJIA LEE	4	OLDHAM
37	AJAY KARTHIKEYAN	4	OLDHAM
38	HON PEI YU RAYNA	FOUNDATION IB	OLDHAM
39	LUCAS ZACHARY LEONG JOE-YII	6	OLDHAM
40	HAN SEOHEE	3	SHAW VEE MENG
41	NANDITHA VITHANALA	4	SHAW VEE MENG
42	LAI HONG CHANG JAYDEN	4	SHAW VEE MENG
43	SOONG JAE SHIEN	4	SHAW VEE MENG
44	AHN SO UN	PRE IB	SHAW VEE MENG
45	MANYA NAHATA	6	SHAW VEE MENG
46	NG KAI KIN	6	SHAW VEE MENG
47	ASHLEY MYA GOZALI	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
48	PARK SANGHYUN	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
49	SHRAVYA KISHOR KACHA	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
50	HO MYRA MEIYAN	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
51	FAYE MARIE CHEN SETIAWAN	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
52	ROH SEUNG HWAN	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
53	GWEON SUJIN	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
54	NADINE HELENA TAN	2	THOBURN
55	HE YIFAN	3	THOBURN
56	AIRI NARITA	4	THOBURN
57	ELIANA KWOK	6	THOBURN
58	JESSLYNE YAU	6	THOBURN
59	LAM NGOC MAI	3	TAN KAH KEE
60	LIM WENG XIANG AIDAN CHESTER HERNANDEZ	3	TAN KAH KEE
61	ELOISE LAETTITA LAKSMONO	3	TAN KAH KEE
62	CHOONG HUI YU SHANNEN	3	TAN KAH KEE
63	ABHAY MALIK	4	TAN KAH KEE
64	KRISHNA GEHLOT	4	TAN KAH KEE
65	CHANTEL THORA CHESNEY	6	TAN KAH KEE
66	SAMUEL AGRA SIANIPAR	6	TAN KAH KEE
67	NIVEDITA VENKATARAGHAVAN	6	TAN KAH KEE

Commendation for Effort and Achievement

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	LIN ZITING	1B	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	NICOLE NG SI YU	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	BRANDON FREDERICK SHEN	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	WU YUFEI	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	CAO FANGRU	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	ARIEL WONG SU ANN	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	SHI YUTING	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	ABIRAMI D/O MURTI	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	LI YIZHEN	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	TEO JIE SHI ALARICE	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	DIYA BISWAS	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	RONAK SANAN	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
13	VO THI TRA MY	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
15	DHAR YUTIKA	2	GOH HOOD KENG
16	ZEE YUET YI AUDREY	2	GOH HOOD KENG
17	ANKIT KARAN VENKATESWARAN	2	GOH HOOD KENG
18	HOU RUNQIAN	PRE IGCSE	GOH HOOD KENG
19	HARUNA IMAYOSHI	PRE IGCSE	GOH HOOD KENG
20	TANG YUXUN	PRE IGCSE	GOH HOOD KENG
21	AIKA SAITO	3	GOH HOOD KENG
22	ERNEST LOH WEI QIAN	3	GOH HOOD KENG
23	RIKU YAMAUCHI	3	GOH HOOD KENG
24	CHEN SIYU	4	GOH HOOD KENG
25	JEONG HYUKCHUL	4	GOH HOOD KENG
26	CHIA FUI RUPERT	6	GOH HOOD KENG
27	ANISHA MAHIBALAN	2	LEE SENG GEE
28	GOVIND ANURUPA AJEET WAGLE	2	LEE SENG GEE
29	KAYLEE VICTORIA NG	2	LEE SENG GEE
30	CHUN SIJUN	3	LEE SENG GEE
31	JOHAN IMRAN MATTINSON	3	LEE SENG GEE
32	MAX LEE JIEFENG	3	LEE SENG GEE
33	NGUYEN AN MINH	4	LEE SENG GEE
34	NG HEI LAM	4	LEE SENG GEE
35	YANG NAYOUNG	6	LEE SENG GEE
36	JUSTIN CHENG MING HEARN	6	LEE SENG GEE
37	WANG RENHE	6	LEE SENG GEE
38	CHAN WEN XIN ALYCIA	1	OLDHAM
39	DEVANG RANJITH MENON	1	OLDHAM
40	LEE YESEO	2	OLDHAM

41	SARA ATTAL	2	OLDHAM
42	KIM MINJAE	3	OLDHAM
43	WONG WEI ZHI	3	OLDHAM
44	CHIN WEI SHENG JASON	3	OLDHAM
45	AURELIA CLARIBEL LIM	3	OLDHAM
46	JIANG JINYI	6	OLDHAM
47	GOH JUN-EN SAMUEL	6	OLDHAM
48	RISHI KAMARAJ	1	SHAW VEE MENG
49	SARAH TAN EE-JAE	2	SHAW VEE MENG
50	WAN HOI YAN	2	SHAW VEE MENG
51	LEE RUI EN AERYN	3	SHAW VEE MENG
52	KIM NAKYUNG	3	SHAW VEE MENG
53	DARNESH RAMU	3	SHAW VEE MENG
54	LARISSA CHAN MEI HUEN	4	SHAW VEE MENG
55	JIN KAWASO	6	SHAW VEE MENG
56	JEONG HYEONJI	6	SHAW VEE MENG
57	LIU ZHEN RUI	6	SHAW VEE MENG
58	LEE KEONDONG	6	SHAW VEE MENG
59	JOANN MARIA JACOB	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
60	JULIA MIYO COFFEY	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
61	KIM AMIN	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
62	KEIJI YAMAMOTO	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
63	MASUVATHI RAMESH CHANDER SAMSTHEETHA	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
64	TAN JIA XUAN KYLDA	1	THOBURN
65	RACHEL CHOO YING HSUAN	2	THOBURN
66	THADDEUS LUKE SHEN	2	THOBURN
67	YUN SEOJIN	2	THOBURN
68	TAN LI EN LORRAINE	3	THOBURN
69	HANNAH LIM YI WEN	3	THOBURN
70	KIM JIYEON	PRE IB	THOBURN
71	ISABELLA TAN	6	THOBURN
72	MAO AKIHARA	2	TAN KAH KEE
73	DAIKI KASHIWAGI	3	TAN KAH KEE
74	ZHANG HANYI	3	TAN KAH KEE
75	BHAGWANI SANDHYA	4	TAN KAH KEE
76	WAN ZHUJUN	6	TAN KAH KEE

Commendation for Effort

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	LIM YI XING	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	SONG YUHAN	1B	LEE SENG GEE
3	TRAN MINH TRI	1B	OLDHAM
4	TSUI SHUN FEI	2	OLDHAM
5	LI XINRUI	2	SHAW VEE MENG
6	MAREK HASHIMOTO	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
7	CHAN CLARENCE	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
8	ATHENA PEH	2	TAN KAH KEE

Information for Parents on Firefly

The Term 1 grades have been published via the Student and Parent Portals. Parents and students may access the report at <https://acs.fireflycloud.asia/information-for-parents-public> with no login required. 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.

Access term Report via
<https://acsinternational.parents.isams.cloud>

The screenshot shows the ACS International Parent Portal interface. At the top left is the school crest with the motto 'THE BEST IS YET TO BE' and 'ACS (International)'. The main navigation bar includes: Home, Communication, School Life, School Profile, Academic Information, International Students Information, My Account, and Log Out. A dropdown menu is open under 'School Profile', listing: School Timetable, Attendance, Discipline Record, Reward & Conduct Record, Activities Record, Internal Exams, School Assessment and Reports, and School Website. The page content is divided into several sections: 'School News & Events', 'Newsletters', 'Today's Daily Bulletin' (with a sub-section for 'Math Competitions 2019 - Examinations'), 'School News', 'Surveys', 'Quick Links', 'School Calendar' (showing '20 March 2019'), and 'My Children...'. A 'Welcome' message and a user ID '118 189.113.82' are visible at the top right.

The mobile app interface is shown in three panels. The first panel, 'My App Dashboard', has a top navigation bar with 'Dashboard', 'My Children', 'Comms', 'Information', and 'Settings'. Below this is a date indicator 'Wednesday 20th March 2019' and a 'Todays Bulletin' section with 6 items, including 'Archery CCA', 'Math Competitions 2019', and 'Sale of Graphing Calculators'. The second panel shows a list of 'Administrative Options' (School Record, Key School Contacts) and 'Academic Options' (Teaching Groups & Sets, School Timetable, Internal Examinations). A blue arrow points from the 'Internal Examinations' option to the third panel. The third panel, 'Assessments & Reports', shows filters for 'All', 'Assessments', and 'Reports'. Under 'Academic Year: 2019', there is a list item '2019 Term 1 TERM 1 ASSESSMENT' with a blue arrow pointing to it. A text box on the right says 'Scroll down Academic Options for Assessment and Report' with a blue arrow pointing downwards.

Parking/Waiting Along Jalan Hitam Manis Outside (ACS International)

ACS (International) have received feedback in recent months about motorists parking along Jalan Hitam Manis and driving at fast speed along Jalan Puteh Jerneh. Such parking of vehicles in the vicinity of the school zone increases the risks for students using the roads. It also causes inconveniences to other road users as well as being illegal.

For the safety of all, we seek the co-operation of all parents driving to school to exercise care and consideration by adhering to the following:

- Refrain from parking/waiting illegally along Jalan Hitam Manis. It is an offence to park/wait on either side of a road demarcated by a continuous white line or double yellow lines;
- Plan your pick-up time with your child to reduce the queuing/waiting time along the road;
- Avoid arriving earlier than the scheduled school's dismissal time;
- Do not park in front of the access of any residential unit; and
- Be considerate and allow cars from side roads access into the car queue waiting to exit to Holland Village.

Parents are encouraged to make use of the back gate (Gate C) via Holland Close as a much less congested alternative to drop off their children (see below map for details).



Term 2: Extended Period 5 for Years 5 and 6

From Term 2, Year 5 and Year 6 lessons finish at 3:10pm in order to further stagger students leaving the school campus at the end of the day. Students who have a Period 6 lesson are to inform their Period 5 teacher so that they will be released at 3:00pm to go for their next lesson.

Friday Timetable

To make up for lost time on a few Fridays in April and May, Monday, 10 May, will follow Friday timetable.

PEAKS Briefings

Year 2: Tuesday, 13 April, 8:00am–8:35am, Oldham Chapel

Students are to bring their Social & Emotional Learning and ACS (International) Core Values profile and will be shown how to read it.

Year 3: Thursday, 15 April, 3:15pm–4:00pm, Oldham Chapel

Students are to bring their Society and Me profile and will be shown how to read it.

ACS Echo

The February–March 2021 issue of ACS Echo magazine has arrived. Parents and students who would like a copy may pick up one copy from the Reception in the General Office.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Words Go Round

Celebrated author and climate activist, Mr Neil Humphreys visited Year 1 Bridging English class on 2 March to share tips with students on how to write funnier and more interesting narrative stories. The students were studying short stories as part of the *Cultural Identity* unit. Mr Humphreys helped them develop the character and plot in their stories and also shared how dialogue can really help make the story come alive.

Student reflections

Mr Humphreys is really funny. He made writing a story sound easy and interesting. He gave me a lot of ideas that I will use in my story.

Ernie Tran, 1 Oldham

Mr Humphreys has a sense of humour that made me laugh a lot. He showed us how to write a good story and how to make the plot more creative.

Helen Song, 1 LSG



Photos and image courtesy of Mr Neil Humphreys

Projects at Green Roof

At the end of Term 1, Green Roof was proud to see two projects developed and wrapped up with great satisfaction. One was a curriculum project where students learned gardening and Mandarin at the same time. As students learned all about growing vegetables and got their hands dirty, they observed and recorded the growth of the vegetables with new discovery each day.

“So agriculture is reliant on the weather!” and “The farmer has to work very hard so we better not waste food” are examples of such observations. The students recorded their findings in a [padlet](#). (The names have been changed to protect the privacy of the students.)

Student reflections

From the first week of February, we started the Gardening project of our Chinese class. The aim of this project was to learn the names of vegetables and the processes of how they were grown in Mandarin Chinese. We also had a cooking class during the last lesson of the project.

We were divided into four groups and I was in the Group 3. We went to the rooftop garden and planted the seedlings of pak boh chai and lettuce. I remembered that there were a lot of things that had to be done carefully. After a few weeks, we had to water the plants during every lesson, unlike the earlier weeks. Each time we went to the rooftop garden, all the plants grew surprisingly fast. By the time we harvested them, they became so large that was beyond my expectation. During the last lesson of this project, we made sandwiches and noodles with the vegetables we harvested. For noodles, we used noodles, seasonings and bak boh chai. With the lettuce, we made sandwiches with tomatoes, bread, cheese and ham. Both were very tasty.

When I first heard of this project, I felt very excited as I had not done gardening for so long after primary school. Overall, the vegetables grew healthily and everything was successful. I think this fun experience was one of the most memorable projects in this school.

Yuri Masuda 3-GHK

During this term in Chinese class, we grew vegetables at the rooftop garden and learned Chinese vocabulary related to growing vegetables. In the classroom, we first learned the basic knowledge like how much sunlight and water, and what kind of fertiliser and soil are needed for growing different vegetables. After that, the teacher showed us the seeds that she bought, and taught us how to transfer the seedlings into the soil. The vegetables needed a lot of watering every week. After about 4 to 5 weeks, the vegetables we grew were very large, the leaves were green and tender. Some of the vegetables next to my group were not well watered, hence they withered and died. Seeing how fragile the vegetables were and dying easily, it led me to really appreciate the efforts and labour the farmers put in. It was amazing for me to see the plants grow so fast, but it also reminded me that the happenings in life and in the world we live in pass by quickly, regardless whether you are able to keep up. This experience of growing vegetables has inspired me to spend more time on the important things, otherwise life would lose its meaning.

At the end of the project, we harvested the vegetables, washed them and then use them for making sandwiches and noodles soup.

This term's Chinese class is very interesting, so I hope I can continue to learn Chinese this way.

Shaun Zhou Run Sheng, 3 SVM

Also Year 6 students initiated a CAS project. They grew chye sim, brinjal and chilli for a charity project. Upon harvest, they packed the vegetables and partnered Reach Out to go door to door to give out the vegetables to the residents living in one-room rental flats in one of the blocks near school. The experience was a real eye-opener as the students saw how a packet of vegetables could bring joy to many residents and a friendly smile is always welcome. It's a blessing to bless.

The Green Roof is made possible by the generous support from the alumni, National Parks Board and Parent School Partners. In March, we received good news from National Parks Board that we will receive a reimbursement of \$24,419.07 for initiating the rooftop garden.



Smiles, Laughter and Games at the 2021 Thoburn House Camp

We shine bright like a Thoburn together at the 2021 Thoburn House Camp that was held on Saturday, 27 February.

The event was a short but memorable affair, lasting from 9am–11am. The participants consisted of the junior division students, while senior division students organised the event, with the Year 5s taking an especially active role in leadership as the creators, organisers and group leaders for the games, a notable achievement considering the complexities to planning brought about by the COVID-19 situation.



Indeed, the event's success could be seen from the smiles and laughter on the students' faces as the House Camp commenced, starting with a quick warm-up challenge – the groups had to spell out THOBURN with their bodies – after which the games started. The aim of any House Camp would be to bring students who know nothing about each other together and help them cultivate a sense of belonging and community within the House, and this process could be seen beautifully occurring as the groups worked together to play the six games prepared by the Year 5 students.

The games also allowed for everyone's unique abilities to shine; some games such as Capture the Ball, Kenshi, and Running Tic Tac Toe catered to those who were sporty, while games like Charades, Stack the Tower, and Obstacle Course played on the strengths of those who were more strategic. These games allowed the students to not only develop their creativity, sportsmanship and collaborative skills, but they also made friends and had fun doing so. The excitement of the games was undoubtedly additionally heightened by the prizes awaiting the game winners as well as students who were friendly, team spirited or showed exceptional leadership.



When all was said and done and the students went home from the House Camp with goodie bags filled with snacks, the 2021 Thoburn House Camp was undoubtedly an experience to reminisce fondly. We were able to create inter-year bonds and the new, younger students could learn more about the dragon of the House they belonged to. The Thoburn spirit lives on not in words nor books, but in the character we have; this year's House Camp definitely showed that we shine bright like a Thoburn.

*Isabella Tan, 6 Thoburn
House Captain*

CK Sharks at Willing Hearts

During the March holiday, 22 students and 6 teachers from CKS gathered at Willing Hearts, at 5am!!! Willing Hearts is a secular, non-affiliated charity. It is wholly run by volunteers, apart from a handful of staff. It operates a soup kitchen that prepares, cooks and distributes about 9,500 daily meals to over 40 locations island wide, 365 days a year. Beneficiaries include the elderly, the disabled, low income families, children from single parent families or otherwise poverty stricken families, and migrant workers, in Singapore.

We split into groups and carried out different tasks: moving heavy boxes in and out of the kitchen, cooking vegetables, and packing the meal boxes. Whenever we were done with one task, we looked for any other areas to help and endeavoured for three and a half hours. Although we were all fatigued and worn out at the end, it was a worthwhile and fulfilling experience. We had a great morning and learnt a lot.

We are thankful for the help and participation provided by the students and teachers. We have a couple of Willing Hearts sessions coming up in April.

Moon Eunyeong, 5 CKS



Arts Lab Events

For **Arts Lab #2** event on 12 March, the Year 5 and 6 Visual Arts students talked about the ideas, inspirations, context and media techniques behind their current works. Through feedback from the other Group 6 Arts students studying Theatre, the Visual Arts students obtained interesting interpretations and responses from these viewers which would help them plan for their curatorial rationale when it is time for their Exhibition.

The Music Department presented **Arts Lab #3** – a short mini casual concert and music sound bites session on 26 March at the lovely and conducive cosy performance space – our school's Sitorus Library – to promote an appreciation for the Arts (music) and music as a companion to learning.

Violet Ong (3 LSG) performed Darius Brubeck's jazzy piano piece on the digital piano, Elisa Wong (3 Oldham) performed the famous Japanese composer Joe Hisaishi's Castle In The Sky: The Girl Who Fell From The Sky theme song on the violin while Kaela Ng (3 GHK) performed Somewhere Over The Rainbow and What A Wonderful World medley version by Hawaiian Israel Kamakawiwo'ole on the ukulele.

They also presented relevant information about their performance pieces, shared an appreciation for music instruments such as the ukulele family, how it differs from the guitar and the lute, the differences between a violin and a viola, differences between an acoustic piano and a digital piano. Additionally, the students presented their knowledge of music and the instrument with interesting music demonstrations to show the versatility of the Yamaha Digital piano with zest.



Kaela performing a medley on the ukulele



Violet explaining the differences between a digital and an acoustic piano



Visual Arts students sharing about their art processes



Elisa performing her violin piece

Year 3 Design Sketching Workshop

Between 5 February and 12 March, Year 3 IGCSE Art students attended a five-week Design Sketching workshop taught by National University of Singapore (NUS) part-time lecturer, Mr Vincent Leow. The course covered drawing skills such as One-Line drawing, Straight-Line drawing, Perspective drawing, Foreshortening, Rorschach Sketch Test and Architecture Handwriting.

Although the course is part of the programme that is designed for NUS Year 1 undergraduates of the Industrial Design Faculty, our students impressed with encouraging outcomes.

Student comments

I learned about the creative process of a designer and that it is smarter to have multiple different, undeveloped ideas than one prominent and developed idea. I also learned how to label and explain the uses of products that we design and how to draw different arrows for different purposes. The most enjoyable activity for me was the continuous line drawing and the pencil sharpener drawing activities in the first lesson. I liked that we could look around at other people's works and get a sense of inspiration and wonder from them.

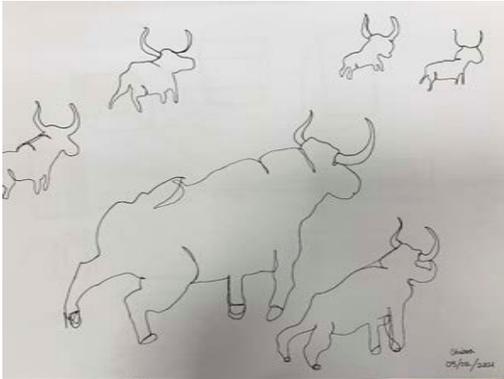
Aditi Bhardwaj, 3 Oldham

Learning how to draw properly in one-point and in two-point perspectives were very useful because it helped me get a better understanding on proportion and perspective and how to create depth in my drawings.

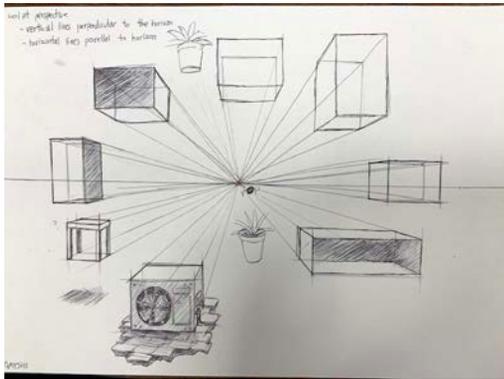
Chiara Buchanan, 3 CKS

I felt that the course was a good way for us to get an insight about design sketching and product sketching.

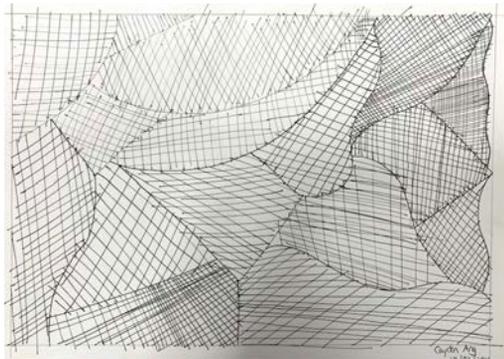
Cayden Ang, 3 GHK



One-line drawing by Chiara



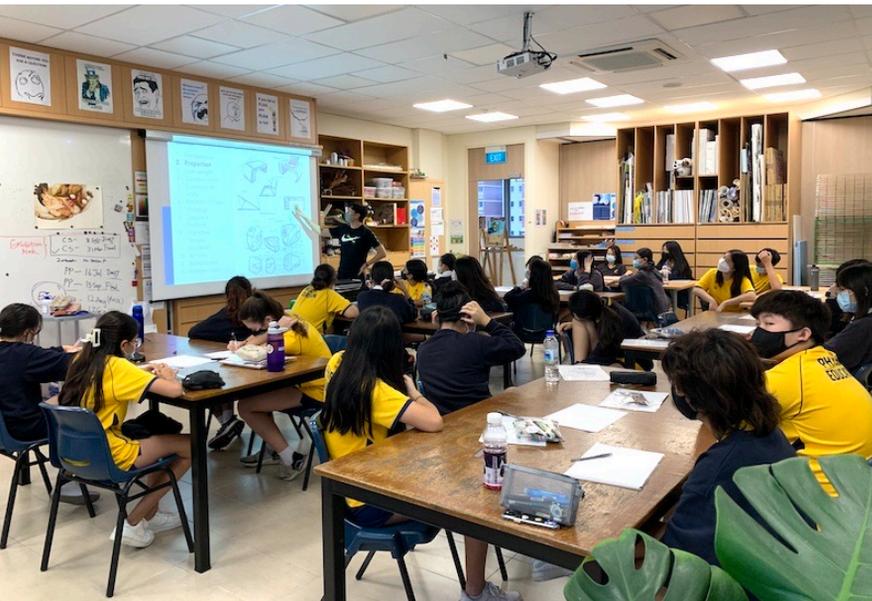
One-point perspective by Amy



Straight-line exercise by Cayden

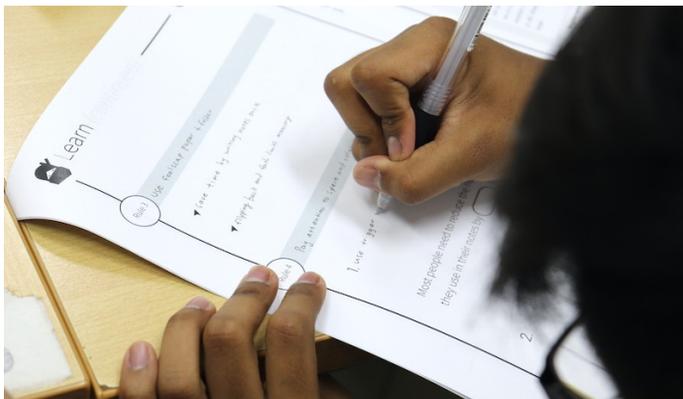


Rorschach Sketch test by Monica



Year 4 Academic Enrichment Programme

On 4 and 5 March, Year 4 students went through two days of enrichment programme. The first day focused on preparing students for the IGCSE. They were introduced to a variety of time management and study skills. These were done through workshops conducted by a group of trainers from Elevate. The second day introduced students to contrasting thinking and problem-solving processes. The students alternated between computation thinking which is done through coding and design thinking with groups working on various tasks and scenarios.



SPORTS NEWS

Rhythmic Gymnastics National Championships 2021

During the March holidays, Asumi Yamano (5 TKK) represented the school in the Rhythmic Gymnastics National Championships 2021, an annual event hosted by Singapore Gymnastics. Asumi was entered in the Level 7 (16+ years) category and placed first in the Ribbon event. She achieved personal best scores in the Ball and Club events, helping her to third place in the All Around event (Hoop, Ball, Club and Ribbon). A fantastic achievement for Asumi especially considering the limited training she has had over the past year. Congratulations Asumi!

Click the links below to watch Asumi in action!

[Screen Recording 2021-03-20 at 10.22.26 AM.MOV](#)

[AsumiRibbon.MOV](#)



STUDENT SUCCESS

Asian Scientist Magazine Youth Art Competition

Hannah Chong (4 GHK) participated in the Asian Scientist Magazine Youth Art Competition as part of Art Club CCA's activities and won a merit prize out of 1,029 entries received by the organisers. The Competition, entitled ***Celebrating Our Healthcare Heroes***, aimed to use art as a platform for the public to show their immense gratitude and appreciation to Singapore's frontliners.

Hannah explained her artwork: "I explored my experience of the pandemic through the depiction of a girl gasping for air after removing her mask, emphasising the claustrophobic nature of our current situation. Traces of light symbolise the future, where we can escape the virus."

Besides receiving a \$50 prize money and a certificate, Hannah's work was also exhibited at the "Heroes of Our Time" Commemorative Art Exhibition at the ION Art Gallery which was opened to public viewing from 13 to 17 March.



The London Young Musicians International Music Competition

The pursuit for excellence is a wonderful habit of the mind. The path to success requires the partnership of self-discipline and tenacity (perseverance), which can be lonely at times, and is often not an easy path to tread on. We are very proud of our two young students and musicians, violinist Marisa Renjia Lee (4 Oldham) and cellist Lenard Oh Tze Jue (6 SVM) for being the inspiring and impactful duo in both music and in academic excellence.

Both students are committed musicians who enjoy and display great musicianship and teamwork. Recently, they competed and won The London Young Musicians (LYM) International Music Competition with a gold prize in outstanding teamwork under the Chamber Music category (Violin & Cello duo). Marisa also won a silver prize in Characteristic Performance.

Videos of their performances could be viewed at this link: <https://www.londonyoungmusician.com/s4-cha-con-ori>



HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Job Shadowing Programme

The March holidays, 15 to 19 March, was another busy period for the HE department as 13 Year 5 and 6 students were attached virtually to different fields ranging from Healthcare, Business, Sales and Marketing, Legal and Human Resource Management.

Our students had the opportunity to learn about their chosen career by following the work schedule set by professionals from their respective field on a daily basis. They were able to understand the thought processes behind decisions that had to be made in a fast-paced environment. The students enjoyed their attachment very much and benefited greatly from this experience.



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Student reflections

This job shadowing experience has taught me a lot of things and helped me gain new insights. The team was very friendly and made sure that we were adapting well to their environment. I highly recommend this programme for those who would like to venture into their chosen field.

Jaz Pang Minjia, 5 Thoburn

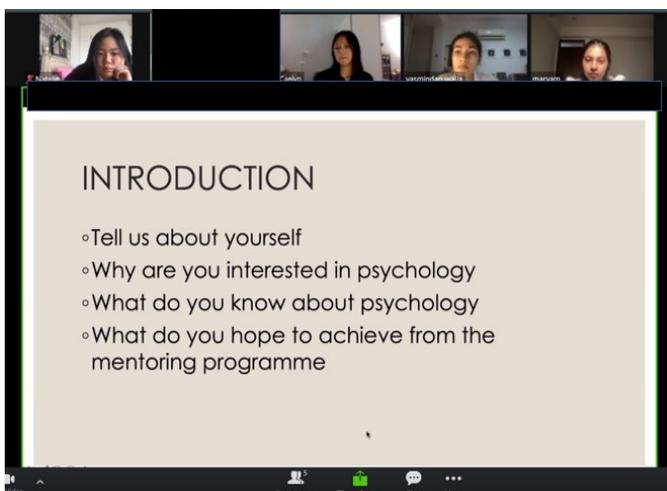
A good experience in the Marketing field for the modern era. A very fun and beneficial experience for other students to try out. I enjoyed the Job Shadowing programme and would definitely take part in more.

Zara Nomi Hartanto, 6 GHK

The Mentoring Programme

The Mentoring Programme is another avenue for our students to interact with their mentor who is an expert in their chosen field. Through this process, our students learnt more about the different aspects of a particular profession, received guidance on tertiary education and career choices. This enabled students to understand what to expect in the profession and gain clarity in their plans.

In the first quarter of 2021, 36 of our students had the privilege of working with mentors from various industries such as Aerospace, Dentistry, Financial Services, Gaming, Legal, Medical, Psychology, and Technology. Our students gained many insights, and their experiences were extremely positive. They were grateful to their mentors for this opportunity to participate in the programme.



Student reflection

I enjoyed learning about the different areas and topics within the psychology field. My mentor was very helpful and warm, and she offered any insight and advice she could. She customised the programme to allow us to better understand the career field and the specific interests we had within the industry. This programme has helped me be clearer on what I want to do in the future.

Natalie Chew Jiaxian, 6 CKS

Upcoming Virtual Mentoring Programme

(April to June 2021)

Good news! More places available in our Mentoring Programme for Years 5 and 6 students in the following fields:

Available Opportunities
Advertising
Arts
Business/Finance
Engineering/Science
Entrepreneurship
Law
Medicine
Operations
Physiotherapy
Technology

Students who are interested to participate should download the application form from iSAMS portal and email the completed form to Ms Yap @ linlin.yap@acsinternational.edu.sg by **6 April**.

PSP NEWS

Virtual Parenting Workshop

In her inimitably warm and approachable style, Ms Chantal Roux, the school’s guidance counsellor, gave helpful tips to parents and guardians on how to help their children thrive in a time of fear and uncertainty. This was the first Parenting Workshop of the year hosted by the PSP, which had to be conducted via Zoom due to safe distancing measures. The workshop was very well attended as the virtual format allowed even more parents to participate from afar.

Ms Chantal enlightened parents and guardians on the unprecedented challenges faced by the youth during the COVID-19 pandemic, over and above the usual issues that teens have to deal with growing up.

In spite of the new challenges faced by families during the pandemic, it was comforting to know that Parenting in 2021 involves age-old advice of connecting with our children by ensuring that families eat dinner together without any distractions of technology, finding the right moments to talk to our children such as bedtime tuck-ins and conversations during regular nature walks together or during fun activities when families can interact together like family game nights.

Ms Chantal also suggested that parents continue to read to their teens as they could share uplifting stories that boost morale in uncertain times. She closed her workshop by reading aloud from one of her favourite Dr Seuss’ books (and indeed one of this writer’s family favourites), “Oh The Places You’ll Go”, a seemingly simple tale about having the confidence to go out into the world to face its ups and downs bravely and to seek out and enjoy life’s great adventures. It’s so simple but so uplifting and so true!

We will all miss Ms Chantal dearly when she leaves our school to return to her home country of South Africa. Thank you for all your years of encouragement and support to the students and parents of our school!



UPCOMING EVENTS

April	Event
13	• Year 2 PEAKS Student Briefing 08:00–08:35
14	• School Assembly (Year 1 in Oldham Chapel) 08:00–08:35
15	• Year 3 PEAKS Student Briefing 15:15–16:00
16	• Chapel (Year 5 in Oldham Chapel) 08:00–08:35
21	• Student Leaders' Investiture 08:00–09:00
23	• Chapel (Year 1 in Oldham Chapel) 08:00–08:35
28	• School Assembly (Year 3 in Oldham Chapel) 08:00–08:35
30	• Chapel (Year 2 in Oldham Chapel) 08:00–08:35
May	Event
6	• Parents Prayer Group 08:00–09:00
7	• Chapel (Year 4 in Oldham Chapel) 08:00–08:35

Higher Education Fair 2021

★ Exclusively for Y6 students only! ★

Monday, 5 April

Firm up your education plans and get some insider tips on university application process by listening to the Admissions Experts on the following Institutions/Organisations:

Date	Institution/Organisation	Time	Venue
5 April	➤ Singapore Management University(SMU)	3:30 pm-4:00 pm	Oldham Chapel
	➤ Yale-NUS	4:00 pm-4:30 pm	
	➤ Study in the US	4:30 pm-5:00 pm	

2021 University and Careers Events



The University of Melbourne
"Getting a career head start at The University of Melbourne"
Tuesday, 06 April 2021
12:10pm–12:40pm
ACS (International), Oldham Chapel



Source of picture: <https://students.unimelb.edu.au/careers>

AEO Tour
"Student Virtual Fair – 50-60 universities and colleges from all over the USA"
Thursday, 08 April 2021



Spring 2021 Virtual Events



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SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS IN NYC
"Virtual Presentation on studying Art and Design in the USA"
Friday, 09 April 2021
3:15pm
ACS (International), LB504





Source of picture: <https://sva.edu/>

Yale-NUS
"Virtual Visit Day (Campus Culture & Student Organisations)"
Friday, 09 April 2021
4:00pm–5:00pm





Source of picture: <https://admissions.yale-nus.edu.sg/visit-us/>

Career Talk (Technology)
"Career Talk on Technology Industry by Mr. Chia Shih Koon"
Wednesday, 14 April 2021
12:00noon–12:45pm
ACS (International), Oldham Chapel





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Jacobs University, Germany
"interactive 20 mins lecture on the process of decision making in Business and Engineering"
Monday, 12 April 2021





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UK Universities Fest
"Series of online sessions by 9 UK universities"
Monday, 26 April 2021
3:00pm
Thursday, 29 April 2021
9:00pm





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SUSS
Analytics and Visualisation Challenge 2021
Analyse. Youths. Pandemic

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Singapore University of Social Sciences
"Analyse. Youths. Pandemic. 2021"
10 September 2021
1:30pm–6:00 pm



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ACS (International) Admissions Seminars for 2022

Pre PSLE Seminars

9 July, 2pm

6 August, 2pm

17 September, 2pm

1 October, 2pm

RSVP admissions@acsinternational.edu.sg

Post PSLE Seminars

24 November, 2pm & 4pm

25 November, 9am & 2pm

26 November, 9am & 2pm

27 November, 9am

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Seminars will be held on Campus with School Tour
Attendance is limited and by reservations only

Venue: Oldham Chapel, ACS (International)
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