



## ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents, Students and Friends

It is the end of the academic year! Congratulations to all our students for making it through 2021.

While in many ways 2021 has been a challenging year, there is much to be grateful for. The school has been able to remain open for the vast majority of the year, our students were able to sit for both their internal and external examinations, we have been able to carry on with a number of our programmes and most of our international students and staff will be able to return home at the end of the year.

However, there have been some disappointments this year which we must also acknowledge. The reduction in House events, no international trips, suspension of many CCAs, lack of competitive sport and music and ongoing Safe Management Measures. We understand the necessity of these measures, but they do have an impact on school life. I would like to sincerely thank our school community for their patience and understanding throughout the year.

I would like to wish our graduates and students who are leaving ACS (International) all the very best in their future pursuits. For many of our Year 6 graduates, they are commencing university or National Service. We pray for them as they undertake these endeavours and ask that they would remember the values and ACS spirit they have learnt during their time at school. For students returning next year, we hope that they will have an enjoyable rest, will make good use of the school break and will be excited about resuming their studies in 2022.

At the end of the year, it is also important to recognise and thank all the academic and support staff who, despite the challenges, have continued to work hard with dedication and integrity. The school is very grateful to our staff for all they have achieved this year and the constant support they have shown our students. We wish all of our staff a restful break and are especially happy for the staff who are able to visit loved ones overseas that they have not seen for a long period of time.

We thank God for his protection and oversight this year, and continue to look to Him for wisdom and discernment as we serve ACS (International) in 2022.

To God Be The Glory! The Best Is Yet To Be!

**Gavin Kinch**  
Principal

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**CHRISTIAN MINISTRY NEWS**

## Student Reflection: My Role As A Worship Leader

Our CF captain and some of the CFers were hoping we could have live worship during our sessions to help lift everyone’s spirits. Since there are not many musicians in CF, I decided to step forward and volunteer to lead worship. I was extremely nervous to lead that day as I was not familiar with one of the songs and I was also recovering from sore throat. However, the teachers and CFers were extremely encouraging and gave me a lot of assurance, before and after the session.

I really enjoyed preparing two songs every week to play during CF. I love to worship God through music and bring joy to the CFers. When restrictions were heightened and we had to go on Zoom for CCAs, I asked my teachers whether I could still lead live worship from home, which they agreed and I was really happy that I could still worship God together with the CFers after a long week at school.

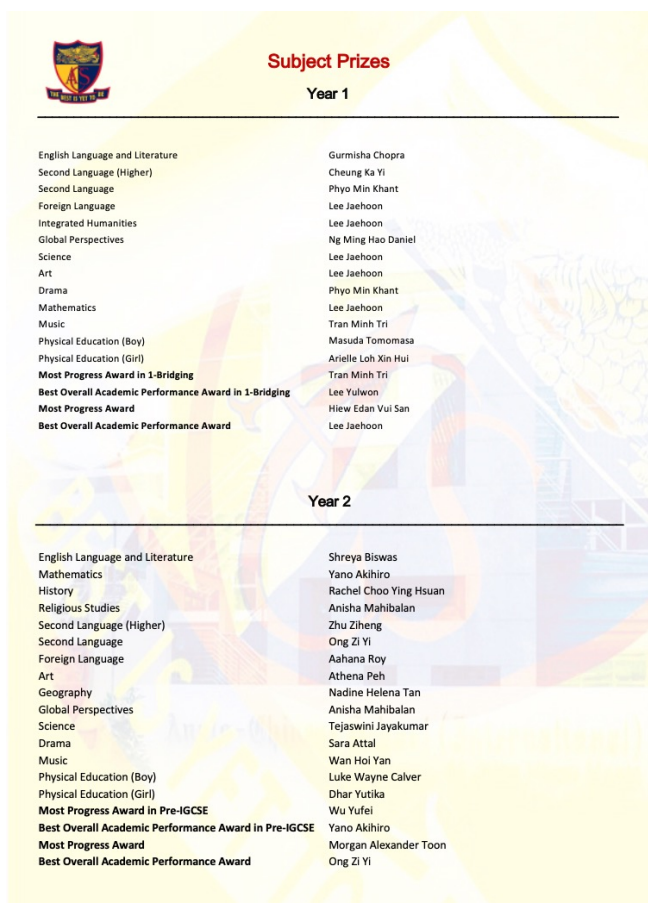
I found Chapel worship to be a different experience, but fun and fulfilling. With CF worship, I usually work alone and could practise at my own time and pace. However, I had to learn to collaborate and communicate with my fellow CFers which was a really different experience for me. With Chapel worship, we needed to coordinate many more things including video recording and editing.

I learnt so much about God through these experiences. Whenever I’m preparing for worship, I can always feel His presence and I know He helps me through it all. I ask Him to lead and guide me when I’m preparing for worship so that CFers can draw near to God. I’ve definitely also learned from my fellow CF members’ strengths. I also learned how to play more songs and increase my repertoire.

*Kaela Ng, 3 GHK*

**PRIZE WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded prizes at Speech Day and/or Graduation:



**Subject Prizes**

**Year 1**

English Language and Literature	Gurmisha Chopra
Second Language (Higher)	Cheung Ka Yi
Second Language	Phyo Min Khant
Foreign Language	Lee Jaehoon
Integrated Humanities	Lee Jaehoon
Global Perspectives	Ng Ming Hao Daniel
Science	Lee Jaehoon
Art	Lee Jaehoon
Drama	Phyo Min Khant
Mathematics	Lee Jaehoon
Music	Tran Minh Tri
Physical Education (Boy)	Masuda Tomomasa
Physical Education (Girl)	Arielle Loh Xin Hui
<b>Most Progress Award in 1-Bridging</b>	Tran Minh Tri
<b>Best Overall Academic Performance Award in 1-Bridging</b>	Lee Yulwon
<b>Most Progress Award</b>	Hiew Edan Vui San
<b>Best Overall Academic Performance Award</b>	Lee Jaehoon

**Year 2**

English Language and Literature	Shreya Biswas
Mathematics	Yano Akihiro
History	Rachel Choo Ying Hsuan
Religious Studies	Anisha Mahibalan
Second Language (Higher)	Zhu Ziheng
Second Language	Ong Zi Yi
Foreign Language	Aahana Roy
Art	Athena Peh
Geography	Nadine Helena Tan
Global Perspectives	Anisha Mahibalan
Science	Tejaswini Jayakumar
Drama	Sara Attal
Music	Wan Hoi Yan
Physical Education (Boy)	Luke Wayne Calver
Physical Education (Girl)	Dhar Yutika
<b>Most Progress Award in Pre-IGCSE</b>	Wu Yufei
<b>Best Overall Academic Performance Award in Pre-IGCSE</b>	Yano Akihiro
<b>Most Progress Award</b>	Morgan Alexander Toon
<b>Best Overall Academic Performance Award</b>	Ong Zi Yi



**Subject Prizes**

**Year 4**

First language English	Diya Biswas
English Literature	Natasha Wong Su Ann
English as a Second Language	Nguyen An Minh
Mathematics (2 joint winners)	Ethelyn Huang Meici & Moon Dayoun
Mother Tongue (Higher)	Jia Luxi
Second Language	Ethelyn Huang Meici
Foreign Language	Varalee Chaiphanchapun
Business Studies	Myra Ho Meiyuan
Economics	Ethelyn Huang Meici
Geography	Lai Hong Chang Jayden
History	Michael Cheung
Chemistry	Conrad Trey Indradjaja
Biology	Conrad Trey Indradjaja
Physics	Conrad Trey Indradjaja
Additional Mathematics	Ethelyn Huang Meici
Global Perspectives	Natasha Wong Su Ann
Art	Natasha Wong Su Ann
Music	Marisa Lee Renjia
IGCSE Drama	Rhena Gan Pei Ying
IGCSE Physical Education	Bryan Sim Yu Heng
Physical Education (Boy)	Lee Sangwun
Physical Education (Girl)	Airi Narita
<b>Most Progress Award in Pre-IB</b>	Ji Wenjie
<b>Best Overall Academic Performance Award in Pre-IB</b>	Kwak Joonseong
<b>Most Progress Award in FIB</b>	Aiden Lim Kai Jun
<b>Best Overall Academic Performance Award in FIB</b>	Coel Tan Jing Zhi
<b>Most Progress Award</b>	Shane Christopher Tan Wei Da
<b>Best Overall Academic Performance Award</b>	Ethelyn Huang Meici





### Subject Prizes

Year 3

First language English	Eloise Laetitia Laksono
Literature (English)	Napat Sakdibhornssup
English as a Second Language	Zhang Qingyan
Mother Tongue (Higher)	Cao Fangru
Second Language	Napat Sakdibhornssup
Foreign Language	Lam Ngoc Mai
Business Studies	Aeryn Lee Rui En
Economics	Hue Seoyoon
Global Perspectives	Ashley Mya Gozali
Music	Wong King Yin Elisa
History	Napat Sakdibhornssup
Biology	Loh Kin-Shin Declan
Chemistry	Adel Lee
Physics	Adel Lee
Additional Mathematics	Daiki Kashiwagi
Mathematics	Kim Minwoo
Geography	Lim Weng Xiang Aiden Chester Hernandez
Art	Shi Yuting
IGCSE Drama	Tara Keh Wen Shi
IGCSE Physical Education	Lee Rui En Aeryn
Physical Education (Boy)	Victor Seat Yong Sim
Physical Education (Girl)	Masuda Yuri
<b>Most Progress Award</b>	Vinss Kuma
<b>Best Overall Academic Performance Award</b>	Napat Sakdibhornssup



### Subject Prizes

Year 5

Theory of Knowledge (Chinese)	Yang Jiaqi
Theory of Knowledge (English)	Pongyada Soothipong
Language and Literature (English)	Pongyada Soothipong
Language and Literature (Chinese)	Wang Yuja
Literature (other languages)	Kim Hyojin
English B HL	Roy Kawaguchi
Language B HL	Ji Hyunmin
Language B SL	Tan Mu En Jenell
Language Ab Initio	Tan Cae Lyn
Economics	Liu Ming Hong
Business Management	Emmanuel Quintis Carter
Geography	Pawit Triyanantakul
History	Kao Zhi Ying Celine
Visual Arts	Lynn Khaing Aye
Sports, Exercise and Health Science	Saya Ruchiev
Psychology	Hana Kitanishi
Mathematics Analysis and Approaches HL	Kim Yerin
Mathematics Analysis and Approaches SL	Xu Xinwen
Chemistry	Zhou Run Kang Patrick
Biology	Kim Yerin
Physics	Zhou Run Kang Patrick
Theatre	Pongyada Soothipong
<b>Most Progress Award</b>	Liu Jihan
<b>Best Overall Academic Performance Award</b>	Zhou Run Kang Patrick



### COLOURS AWARDS

#### GOLD

#### SILVER

#### BRONZE

Kim Sunbin	SVM	Lin Ziting	CKS	Lucas Alexander Bock	CKS
Darnesh Ramu	SVM	Aryav Bhesania	CKS	Brandon Frederick Shen	CKS
Wong Wei Zhi Johannes	OLD	Abirami d/o Murti	CKS	Yuvaan Bakshi	CKS
Yuri Masuda	GHK	Teo Yu Ning Aglaia	CKS	Wu Yufei	CKS
Dayoun Moon	CKS	Natasha Wong	CKS	Rishaan Kishore Buxani	GHK
Teo Jie Shi Alarice	CKS	Jason George	CKS	Tejaswini Jayakumar	GHK
Saw Yone Shou @ Khin Lin Htet	GHK	Lee Jaehoon	GHK	Kelly Ng	GHK
Luke Carter	OLD	Tomomasa Masuda	GHK	Zee Yuet Yi, Audrey	GHK
Marisa Renjia Lee	OLD	Dhar Yutika	GHK	Seraphina Djaja	GHK
Soong Jae Shien	SVM	Teo Ziping Pamelyn	GHK	Anisha Mahibalan	LSG
Larissa Chan Mel Huen	SVM	Hannah Chong	GHK	Relanne Hoon Yi Lin	LSG
Michael Cheung	SVM	Manasa Lim Hlgashio	GHK	Tran Minh Tri	OLD
Chye Shu Lin Lauren	TCT	Summer Yew Min	GHK	Wu Jiahao	OLD
Ethelyn Huang Meici	THO	Lee Yulwon	LSG	Chan Wen Xin Alycia	OLD
Abhay Malik	THO	Nishya Subash Prabu	LSG	Emilia Hannah Yip Ying Xi	OLD
	TKK	Song Yuhan	LSG	Uditi Ray (Laura)	OLD
		Govind Anurupa Ajeet Wagle	LSG	Kao Zhi Rong Kenneth	SVM
		Kaylee Victoria Ng	LSG	Rishi Kamaraj	SVM
		Ng Hei Lam	LSG	Lee Xue En Aerial	SVM
		Devang Ranjith Menon	OLD	Wan Hoi Yan	SVM
		Lee Adel	OLD	Kristy Ann Lim Shue Wen	SVM
		Ajay Karthikeyan	OLD	Xachary Ng Jan Wei	SVM
		Muhtasin Fiyaz Rayan	OLD	Lau Sin Kiu Sheryl	TCT
		Tyra Lian Tai Ran	SVM	Tan Wan Shih Bethany	TCT
		Roy Kwan Kay Tjin	SVM	Ashley Mya Gozali	TCT
		Chua Rui Jie Titus	SVM	Goh Wen Xuan Evelyn	TCT
		Kamaraj Mohit	SVM	Keiji Yamamoto	TCT
		Kim Mookwan	SVM	Shaik Afreeen Abbas	TCT
		Ahn Chee Yoon Olivia	SVM	Arielle Loh Xin Hui	THO
		Lai Hong Chang Jayden	SVM	Nadine Helena Tan	THO
		Rhena Gan Pei Ying	SVM	Seojin Yun	THO
		Aryan Asri	TCT	Tessa Nicole Teo Li En	THO
		Goh Yixuan	TCT	Li Jiaqi	TKK
		Julia Miyo Coffey	TCT	Lam Ngoc Mai	TKK
		Rowan Cumming	TCT		
		Melody Lee Yun Shyan	THO		
		Zoya Khawaja	THO		
		Edelynn Ng Rui Ern	THO		
		Gurmehar Kaur Dhanoa	THO		
		Hannah Lim Yi Wen	THO		
		Tan Li En Lorraine	THO		
		Airi Narita	THO		
		Iness Kuma	THO		
		Vera Yong	THO		
		Conrad Trey Indradjaja	THO		
		Peh Athena	TKK		
		Freia Lara Bakhda	TKK		



### CCA AWARDS

Individual Achievement Award in the Arts	Chye Shu Lin Lauren
Individual Achievement Award in the Arts	Ethelyn Huang Meici
Individual Achievement Award in the Arts	Marisa Renjia Lee
Individual Merit Award in the Arts	Lee Jinsol
Individual Merit Award in the Arts	Chan Yee Lok
Individual Merit Award in the Arts	Larissa Chan Mei Huen
Group Achievement Award in Interest Groups	Interact Club
Group Merit Award in Interest Groups	Creative Directions
Individual Achievement Award in Interest Groups	Lyu Nuo
Individual Merit Award in Interest Groups	Wong Wei Zhi
Team Achievement Award in Sports	A Div Boys Tennis
Individual Achievement Award in Sports	Yap Zong-Han Darren
Individual Achievement Award in Sports	Austin Anderson Tan

### BARRETT MUSIC COMPETITION AWARD

Grand Champion	Emilia Hannah Ying Xi
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# ACADEMIC PRIZES

Theory of Knowledge (English)	Chantel Thora Chesney	TKK
Theory of Knowledge (Chinese)	Zhou Yichen	TCT
Language and Literature (English)	Chantel Thora Chesney	TKK
Language and Literature (Chinese)	Wang Yanze	LSG
Literature (Other Languages)	Son Yoona	OLD
Language B	Ng Yeun Ning	SVM
English B	Cheng Xirui	THO
Languages Ab Initio SL	Kim Seoyun	GHK
Economics	Jarell Tang Zhi Xian	TCT
Business Management	Chantel Thora Chesney	TKK
Geography	Ng Kai Kin	SVM
History	Chantel Thora Chesney	TKK
Biology	Cheng Xirui	THO
Chemistry	Chia Fui Rupert	GHK
Physics	Rohan Arora	OLD
Sports, Exercise and Health Science	Rhys Yeo Zhen Kai	GHK
Psychology	Manya Nahata	SVM
Mathematics Analysis and Approaches HL	Chia Fui Rupert	GHK
Mathematics Analysis and Approaches SL	Cheng Xirui	THO
Visual Arts	Tara Naomi Teo Li Lin	THO
Theatre	Nadya Zahra Amir	TKK
Most Progress Award	Vo Thi Tra My	CKS
Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Cheng Xirui	THO



# LEADERSHIP COLOURS AWARDS

GOLD			
Gurnihal Singh	Chantel Thora Chesney	Ng Kai Kin	
Natalie Chew Jiaxian	Cheng Yingfei	Ko Bomin	
Shirley Wang Shi Hui	Samuel Agra Sianipar	Jesslyn Goh	
Vo Thi Tra My	Wan Zhijun	Maanav Girish Jethnani	
Yasumi Sakaide		Riho Takaki	
Charlotte Rebecca Chang	SILVER		
Fahim Mohammed	Eshita Suvarna	Zhou Yichen	
Gabrielle Lynn Ong	Gai Siyan	Lee Chaehyeon	
Tawan Ng Wei Ming	Kan Nuoya	Eliana Kwok	
Swareena Jain	Lee Seungju	Gnana Varshini Maddukuri	
Anna Kong Min Yi	Mei Yazhu	Cheng Xirui	
Lucas Zachary Leong Joe-Yii	Priscilla Boo	Ayush Deb	
Son Yoona	Ronak Sanan	Chau Nguyen Khanh Giao	
Clarisse Lim Jia-Yi	Darren Ho Wei Liang	Huang Qianhui	
Cheah Eu Jin Ethan	Kim Seoyun	Nivedita Venkatraghavan	
Jin Kawaso	Seth Yew Kuan Yang	BRONZE	
Lenard Oh Tzo Jue	Stephanie Tsang Miao Zi	Chia Fui Rupert	
Lim Kai Jun	Zara Nomi Hartanto	Zhang Siting	
Manya Nahata	Chin Wern Han Brennan	Chisa Kamei	
Xavier Ng Jan Hao	Lycius Gan Zi Xin	Nguyen Le Gia Han	
Elizabeth Chia Kay Yan	Yang Nanyoung	Wang Renhe	
Erica Molenberg	Eugene Kiera Tanaputra	Zachary Tan Yong Kai	
Isabella Tan	Jiang Jimyi	Lu Ziyi	
Jesslyne Yau	Rohan Arora	Ng Yeun Ning	
Abigail Kastono Ahadi	Baik Jongha	Wu Yanyu	
Briandley Ang	Cui Nan	Tara Naomi Teo Li Lin	
	Le Quoc Thai		

# CCA AWARDS

 <b>Performing Arts Individual Distinction Award</b> Philharmonic Orchestra Lenard Oh Tzo Jue SVM	 <b>Performing Arts Individual Distinction Award</b> Philharmonic Orchestra Fahim Mohammed GHK
 <b>Performing Arts Individual Distinction Award</b> Philharmonic Orchestra Yasumi Sakaide CKS	 <b>Individual Merit Award</b> Envoy Club Son Yoona OLD
 <b>Individual Merit Award</b> Interact Club Lim Kai Jun SVM	 <b>Individual Merit Award</b> Sustainability Gabrielle Lynn Ong GHK
 <b>Best Sportsman (Senior Division)</b> SVM Jin Kawaso	 <b>Best Sportswoman (Senior Division)</b> TTK Abigail Kastono Ahadi





**NOTICES****Progression 2022**

Letters regarding Progression or Non-Progression 2022 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 2022.

**Office Holiday Hours**

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

Date(s)	Business Hours
2021	
23 November to 23 December	9:00am to 4:00pm
24 December	9:00am to 1:00pm
27 December	Closed – Public Holiday
28 to 30 December	7:30am to 5:30pm
31 December	7:30am to 1:00pm
2022	
3 January	Closed – Public Holiday
4 January onwards	7:30am to 5:30pm

**Year 6 IB Results Release**

The results of the 2021 November IB Diploma examinations will be released in the Chapel on Tuesday, 4 January 2022, 12:00pm. The school will share the cohort's statistics and top performers; plus be available for counselling/queries, etc. Online results will be available from 12:30pm to all students. If prevailing SMMs do not allow us to gather in the Chapel, all students will need to get their results online. Thereafter, students may wish to collect the hardcopy result slip from the General Office from 9:00am to 4:00pm on weekdays.

**Pupil Portal and Parent Portal**

The Pupil Portal and Parent Portal will not be available from 22 November 2021 to 3 January 2022. The 2022 Timetable will be published only via the Pupil Portal.

**2022 ICT Related Information**

ICT-related information for 2022 can be found [here](#). No login is required.

**Start of 2022 Arrangements**

Prior to Start of Term 1	
Tuesday, 4 January	2021 IBDP November results released, Oldham Chapel, 12:00pm
First Week	
Wednesday, 12 January and Thursday, 13 January	Staff Training/Meeting New Students Orientation
Friday, 14 January	House Tutor Time, Timetable confirmation (Start 9:00am, Half day for students) Year 5 IBDP Induction
Second Week	
Monday, 17 January	Normal lessons begin
Tuesday, 18 January	2021 IGCSE results released
Wednesday, 19 January	IBDP Entry Processing for non-DSA students ( <i>Entry based on 2021 IGCSE results</i> ) IBDP Induction for non-DSA students and those who are enrolled after 13 January, 2:30pm–3:30pm
Thursday, 20 January	First day of IBDP for non-DSA students
Friday, 21 January	CAS Induction for all Year 5s, 1:00pm–3:00pm
Lunar New Year 2022	
Monday, 31 January to Wednesday, 2 February	SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday, 3 February	Normal classes resume

**Year Groups to Take PEAKS Assessment in 2022**

During Term 1 of 2021, all newly admitted Year 1, 1B and Year 5 students (i.e. non-DSA students and 2021 Pre IB and Foundation IB students who qualify for 2022 IBDP), together with all Year 4 IGCSE students are required to take the PEAKS assessment. Year 1 and 1B students will be guided to do theirs during school hours, while the Year 4 and Year 5 students will need to bring their laptop to do theirs in school. 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.

## Books and Uniform Matters

Students are to take note of the information as follows:

Books (Popular Bookstore)	
Date	15–23 December 2021, 27–30 December 2021, 4–7 January 2022, 10–13 January 2022
Venue	School Bookshop
Business Hours	Mondays to Fridays 9:00am–4:00pm
Note	Closed on 24 and 31 December 2021, Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays
Mode of Payment	Cash, Nets, Credit Cards and Popular Gift Vouchers

Uniform (Bibi&Baba Pte Ltd)	
Date	12, 13 and 19 January 2022
Venue	Outside School Bookshop [TBC]
Business Hours	10:00am–4:00pm
Online Orders	Uniforms can be ordered at <a href="https://www.schooluniforms.sg/acs-international">https://www.schooluniforms.sg/acs-international</a>
Note	The shop at Far East Shopping Centre will be closed from 1 to 3 February 2022 for Lunar New Year break. Business resumes on 4 February.

Formal Wear	
The attire has to be worn on Founder's Day, Tuesday, 1 March 2022. The last day to place your order is 15 January 2022. For more details, contact Sandy/Pauline at 6271 9248.	

### ACS Echo

The October–November 2021 issue of ACS Echo magazine has arrived. Parents and students may pick up one copy from the General Office reception.

### 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 dry clean and on-sell.

## 2022 Calendar and Term Dates

The school and public holidays calendar for 2022 is appended for your reference.

2022	M	T	W	Th	F	WE	M	T	W	Th	F	WE	M	T	W	Th	F	WE	M	T	W	Th	F	WE	M	T	W	Th	F	WE	
Jan	3	4	5	6	7		10	11	12	13	14		17	18	19	20	21		24	25	26	27	28		31						
Feb		1	2	3	4		7	8	9	10	11		14	15	16	17	18		21	22	23	24	25		28						
Mar		1	2	3	4		7	8	9	10	11		14	15	16	17	18		21	22	23	24	25		28	29	30	31			
Apr					1		4	5	6	7	8		11	12	13	14	15		18	19	20	21	22		25	26	27	28	29		
May	2	3	4	5	6		9	10	11	12	13		16	17	18	19	20		23	24	25	26	27		30	31					
June			1	2	3		6	7	8	9	10		13	14	15	16	17		20	21	22	23	24		27	28	29	30			
July					1		4	5	6	7	8		11	12	13	14	15		18	19	20	21	22		25	26	27	28	29		
Aug	1	2	3	4	5		8	9	10	11	12		15	16	17	18	19		22	23	24	25	26		29	30	31				
Sept				1	2		5	6	7	8	9		12	13	14	15	16		19	20	21	22	23		26	27	28	29	30		
Oct	3	4	5	6	7		10	11	12	13	14		17	18	19	20	21		24	25	26	27	28		31						
Nov		1	2	3	4		7	8	9	10	11		14	15	16	17	18		21	22	23	24	25		28	29	30				
Dec				1	2		5	6	7	8	9		12	13	14	15	16		19	20	21	22	23		26	27	28	29	30		

School holidays
Public holidays
Teacher Only Days & New Student Orientation
Friday 14 January: 9am all students except Year 5 non-DSA
Final School Day for Yrs 1 - 5 & Speech Day Prize Giving
Year 6 Graduation
Year 6 Prom (IBC)
Teacher Only Days

Singapore Public Holidays 2022		
New Year's Day	Saturday	1 January
Chinese New Year	Tuesday	1 February
	Wednesday	2 February
Good Friday	Friday	15 April
Labour Day	Sunday	1 May
Hari Raya Puasa	Tuesday	3 May
Labour Day (PH)	Tuesday	3 May
Vesak Day	Sunday	15 May
Vesak Day (PH)	Monday	16 May
Hari Raya Haji	Sunday	10 July
Hari Raya Haji (PH)	Monday	11 July
National Day	Tuesday	9 August
Deepavali	Monday	24 October
Christmas Day	Sunday	25 December
Christmas Day (PH)	Monday	26 December

## STUDENT SUCCESSES

### Year 6 Student Achieves National Youth Achievement Award (Gold)

2021 marks a remarkable year for Swareena Jain (6 GHK) who was awarded gold in NYAA. She went through an 18-month process of Service Learning (60 hours), Outdoor Activity Learning (32 hours), physical wellness activities (48 hours) as well as a community leadership activity project which she aligned with her CAS project, Project Tetra Pak, in school.

Swareena shared: "The NYAA has allowed me to explore and develop a sense of appreciation for my environment, as well as reflect upon the soft skills brought out from my leadership roles... Overall, I have thoroughly enjoyed the award journey, and I believe that it is a helpful tool to guide youths towards a healthier, impactful, and purpose-driven lifestyle." She will receive her NYAA (Gold) Award certificate at the end of the year. Well done, Swareena!

The NYAA award helps students greatly in their personal testimonials and portfolios as it is endorsed by the NYAA council. A special mention is the gold award will be presented by the President of Singapore or a Member of the Parliament to recognise this prestigious award and the effort to serve the community. We will continue to see our students develop and attain their awards before scaling greater heights in their future endeavours.



Ms Laura Blunt and Mr Eason Wee

## Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad 2021

Singapore Chemistry Junior Olympiad 2021 was both an eventful and rewarding competition for our students as it exposed them to new horizons of Chemistry. 26 students from Year 3, Year 4, Pre IB and Foundation IB students registered for the Olympiad. Despite constant changes to the competition dates, time, instructions, and administrative procedures due to the pandemic, students were responsive and adaptable to the changes even though Round 1 was held during June school holiday and Round 2 in September school holiday, amid their preparation for Preliminary and IGCSE examinations. Conrad Trey Indradjaja and Huang Meici Ethelyn (both from 4 Thoburn) obtained gold award while Muhtasin Fiyaz Rayan (4 Oldham) won bronze award.

*Ms Hilda Toh*

*Chemistry Teacher*

*Teacher-in-charge of Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad 2021*



*Conrad Trey Indradjaja (4 Thoburn)  
Gold Award*



*Huang Meici Ethelyn (4 Thoburn)  
Gold Award*



*Muhtasin Fiyaz Rayan (4 Oldham)  
Bronze Award*

### Student Takeaways

The Junior Chemistry Olympiad was a great experience though it was a little disappointing that the second experiment-related round couldn't be done in person. To prepare for the online tests, I focused on becoming familiar with concepts in organic chemistry as it was the only tested topic that I had yet to cover until that point. Overall, it was a fun experience and I hope to be able to partake in next year's senior category.

Participating in the Olympiad has been an astounding experience. To prepare for it, I did work outside of the syllabus, especially for topic in organic chemistry. Overall, engaging in the Olympiad has taught me a substantial amount of content that would definitely help me in the future. Despite the rounds of the competition being delayed to the point where it somewhat affected our revision schedules for both the Preliminary Examinations and the IGCSE, I still feel it was a remarkable experience and I hope to partake in the Senior Olympiad next year.

Conrad

This is my first experience participating in a Chemistry Olympiad and I really did not know what to expect, but overall I found SJChO to be very rewarding. Challenged with questions beyond our syllabus, we had to use prior knowledge to think critically and figure out the solutions. The second round was particularly interesting as we were introduced to new experimental techniques such as the Babcock Method and spectroscopy. The experience was refreshing and uniquely challenging. I would encourage anyone to take part in the Chemistry Olympiad.

Rayan

Ethelyn



## Singapore Mathematical Olympiad 2021

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

On 6 and 7 September, 57 students (Years 1 to 6) from ACS (International) took part in SMO 2021. Our list of winners is as follows:

Name	Division	Certificate
<b>Junior Results</b>		
Lee Jaehoon	Year 1	Silver
Li Jiaqi	Year 1	Bronze
Qi Tianrui	Year 2	Bronze
Jang Geunjun	Year 2	Bronze
Maximus Hartanto	Year 1	Honourable Mention
Yano Akihiro	Year 2	Honourable Mention
<b>Senior Results</b>		
Shi Tian'yi	Year 3	Bronze
Ethelyn Huang Meici	Year 4	Silver
Conrad Trey Indradjaja	Year 4	Bronze
Jo Woonhyeong	Year 4	Bronze
Kim Minwoo	Year 3	Honourable Mention
Zhang Qingyan	Year 3	Honourable Mention
Liu Jihan	Year 4	Honourable Mention
<b>Open Results</b>		
Ethelyn Huang Meici	Year 4	Silver
Patrick Zhou	Year 5	Honourable Mention
Justin Cheng Ming Hearn	Year 6	Honourable Mention
Lenard Oh Tzo Jue	Year 6	Honourable Mention
Ronak Sanan	Year 6	Honourable Mention

Results Summary				
	Item	Junior	Senior	Open
1	Silver	1	1	1
2	Bronze	3	3	0
3	Honourable Mention	2	3	4

## Australian Mathematics Competition 2021

On 4 August, 91 students (Years 1 to 6) took part in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) 2020. Over 1,000 students shared the prizes and around 50% of participants qualified to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other participants received a Certificate of Participation or a Proficiency Certificate. All participants were also provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with wider statistical rankings.

The competition aims to be accessible to all students from Years 1 to 6, not just the mathematically gifted. There is an emphasis on problem solving, a valuable life skill, and the questions are designed to be fun for the student. The AMC consists of three separate papers, each with 30 questions in the Junior (ACS Years 1 and 2, Australian Year 7 and 8), Intermediate (ACS Years 3 and 4, Australian Year 9 and 10) and Senior (ACS Years 5 and 6, Australian Year 11 and 12) divisions. The time allowed is 75 minutes.

The AMC, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank, has been held annually since 1978. One of the largest annual events on the Australian education calendar, it is one of the largest of its type in the world. More than 40 countries participate each year.

The list of High Distinction and Distinction award recipients is as follows:

Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) 2021 Results					
Name	Division	Award	Name	Division	Award
Park Sanghyun	Intermediate	High Distinction & Best In School	Matthew Arthur	Intermediate	Distinction
Lee Jaehoon	Junior	High Distinction	Zhang Qingyan	Intermediate	Distinction
Shi Tianyi	Intermediate	High Distinction	Natsuko Kawasumi	Intermediate	Distinction
Song Hyeonseok	Intermediate	High Distinction	Taehee Han	Intermediate	Distinction
Maximus Hartanto	Junior	Distinction	Kim Jibin	Intermediate	Distinction
Wu Youchen	Junior	Distinction	Jiang Chunyu	Intermediate	Distinction
Kayden Tan Yu Hang	Junior	Distinction	Kim Minjae	Intermediate	Distinction
Vanessa Cheung	Junior	Distinction	Haechan Kim	Intermediate	Distinction
Akihiro Yano	Junior	Distinction	Woonhyeong Jo	Intermediate	Distinction
Sun Dingyuan	Junior	Distinction	Kazuki Baba	Intermediate	Distinction
Bono Jakub Gajdek	Junior	Distinction	Dayoun Moon	Intermediate	Distinction
Celine Isabela Madamba Abueg	Junior	Distinction	Yang Jiaqi	Senior	Distinction
Jang Geunjun	Junior	Distinction	Justin Cheng Ming Hearn	Senior	Distinction
Zhu Zi Heng	Junior	Distinction	Lenard Oh Tzo Jue	Senior	Distinction
Chun Sijun	Intermediate	Distinction	Eliana Kwok	Senior	Distinction
Han Seo Hee Chloe	Intermediate	Distinction	Gweon Sujin	Senior	Distinction

Results in Recent 5 Years					
Category / Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of Participants	105	38	107	73	91
High Distinction	2	1	1	1	4
Distinction	20	9	17	11	28

## Inter-School Malay Essay Writing Competition

A total of 290 participants from Lower Secondary (Years 1 and 2) and 210 participants from Upper Secondary (Years 3 and 4) took part in this year's PENA EMAS 2021, sponsored by EDN-Media Consultant.

The objectives of this competition are as follows:

- To provide the opportunity for students to showcase their talents;
- To instil confidence in writing composition;
- To sharpen students writing skills & techniques; and
- To encourage the creative and fun learning of the Malay Language.

We would like to congratulate Weeratunge Sarisha Dinandee Perera for winning third place in this national level Malay essay writing competition, of which our five other participants also achieved commendable placings.

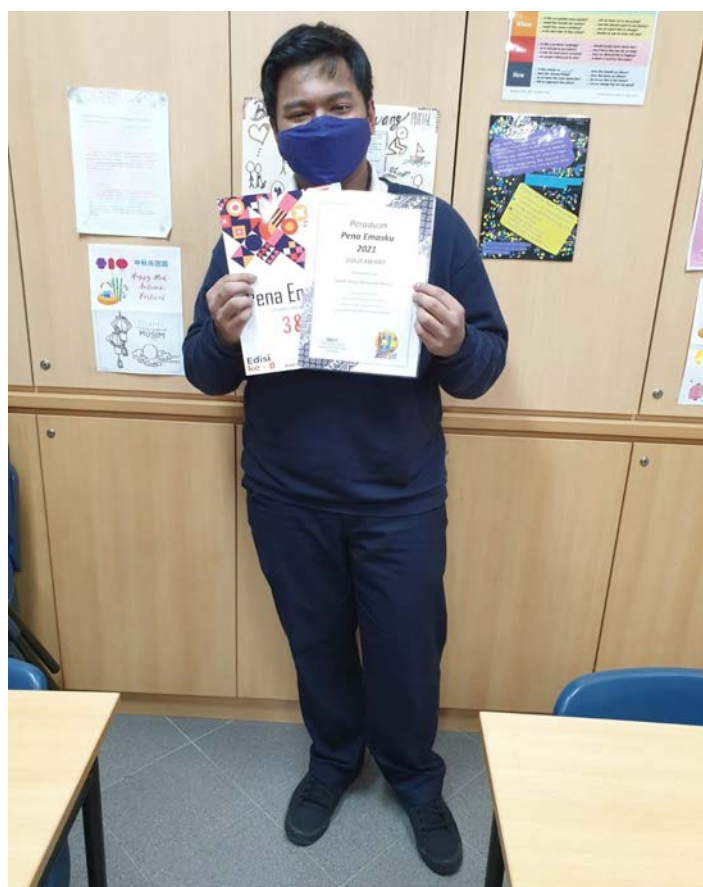
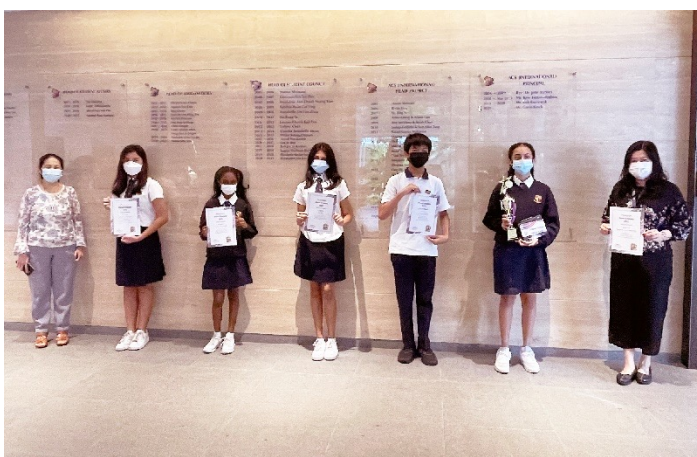
No.	Name of Participants	Class	Category
Lower Secondary			
1	Aneshka Marissa Fernando	Year 1	Gold
2	Erin Amaya Anne Sherrard	Year 1	Gold
3	Miren Kaur	Year 2	Gold
Upper Secondary			
4	Nuh Bin Ahmad Zuhairi	Year 3	Gold
5	Weeratunge Sarisha Dinandee Perera	Year 3	Gold
6	Harith Mikail Mohamed Nasser	Year 4	Gold

*Mdm Chin Siew Lin & Mdm Goh Weili  
Malay Language Teachers*

### Student Reflection

I'm proud to be the third place winner in the national level Inter-School Malay Essay Competition (Upper Level). It also makes me proud that I am able to represent my school ACS (International). During the preparation of my essay, I kept in mind a goal and I am happy to say that I have achieved that goal! I am ecstatic and proud to receive this award and would like to thank Mdm Goh, my Malay teacher, who also guided me throughout the competition not only this year but in previous years as well, where I had also achieved the Gold Category award (85 marks and above)

*Weeratunge Sarisha Dinandee Perera, 3 TCT*



# Pre IGCSE English End-of-Term Projects

Over the academic year, the Pre IGCSE English students explored a range of themes, texts and language skills. To learn in an authentic and engaging manner, as well as practise their language skills after the examinations, they undertook two projects that express their thoughts and opinions on the themes of environment and food.

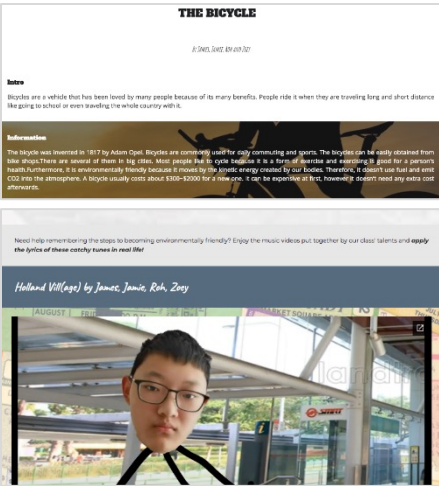


## Save the Environment!

The world is being threatened by climate change and global warming. However, going green may seem to be a daunting task for many as it may entail certain sacrifices – people may have to pay more to purchase recycled products, set aside longer travel time to walk or cycle to school rather than take a taxi. In this environment project, the students created a Google Site that share tips on how everyone could contribute to a greener and healthier earth through small and simple steps. Browse through the pages to learn of environmentally-friendly mode of transportations, watch catchy music videos that would remind you to go green and steps to create useful upcycled products for your home!

Access the sites through this links:

- <https://sites.google.com/acsinternational.edu.sg/environmentus/home>
- <https://sites.google.com/acsinternational.edu.sg/environmentandus/home>



Alternatively, you could scan the QR code to visit the pages!



## Food and Us

### Why do people call "eat watermelon" as be an onlooker in China?

People are keen to eat melon seeds while watching something irrelevant in China. Nowadays, more people start to chat online and be an onlooker of the news. In most emojis online, this melon has evolved from "melon seeds" to the "watermelon".



### IS "ORGANIC" REALLY GOOD?

These days people are obsessed with being healthy. More "organic" products are entering the market compared to before. Organic products are popular because it doesn't use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. It's better for the environment and probably better for our health too. On the internet there is a theory that organic products tastes better since it contains more nutrients and enzymes so today we are here to test if it actually tastes better and test if fertiliser and pesticides actually affect how plants look and grow.



Written by haruna and zoey

### Food and me

I was about 10 when I first cooked by myself. It was my mother's birthday and we were planning some surprises for her. So, we each came up with an idea and my idea was to cook dinner for her since she is making dinner every day and I wanted her to rest sometimes.

I looked at cookbooks to see which recipe is appropriate for a birthday and I chose to make sauteed pork because it looked good and it wasn't too complicated.



Food is an extremely important aspect of life. It is survival, health and even culture. In this project, the students practised their writing and research skills by sharing their knowledge on the topic of food through blog entries. The entries include food recipes, review on snacks, how food affects language and culture, and even a research on questions they have about food. We hope the content helps you develop a greater understanding and love for food.

Links to the blog entries:

- <https://jekaido.edublogs.org/>
- <https://horung.edublogs.org/>
- <https://savagekb.edublogs.org/>
- <https://savagekb.edublogs.org/>
- <https://friedjerry.edublogs.org/>
- <https://zoruna.edublogs.org/>



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### Year 4 Graduation Ceremony 2021

The Year 4 Graduation Ceremony held on 24 September was a different take from the usual ceremony held at the Oldham Chapel in previous years, with the pre-recorded event being streamed to the Year 4 tutor groups in their respective classes.

Pastor Jeremy Ong opened the dedication ceremony, followed by a speech by Mr Chris Hayward, our new Vice-Principal (Middle Division). He acknowledged the challenges the Year 4s faced during this pandemic. The tenor of the message resonated with the students as he encouraged them that the work they had put in would be blessed. He further reminded them to take care of their well-being during this examination period.

A tribute was also put together by the 4<sup>th</sup> Student Affairs prefects, with photo montages of each Year 4 tutor group's journey through their years in the school. Students reminisced, seeing photos from their various House activities and games, their celebrating school and class events, as well as photos of their Year 2 camp trip to Telunas in 2019.

These reflections were topped by dedications from teachers and students, who sent in their words of encouragement and thoughts via video. Our Principal, Mr Gavin Kinch, then closed the proceedings with words of advice and a prayer of blessing, letting the students know that the school will still be there to support them as they start a new chapter in their lives.

The students then adjourned to the canteen for the last time as a cohort, as they exchanged farewells and anticipated their journey into IB in the coming year. Indeed, the best is yet to be!

*4<sup>th</sup> Student Affairs, 17<sup>th</sup> Prefectorial Board*



### Year 6 Leavers' Week

On the morning of 6 October, the 17<sup>th</sup> Student Council organised the final Leavers' Week celebration. It is an annual event to commemorate our Year 6 students' last day before they go on study leave to prepare for the IB examinations.

For this year's event (due to COVID-19 restrictions), the Student Council put together a pre-recorded video which was played over Zoom to each of the Year 6 tutor groups. The video featured an address from Mrs Tan Siew Hoon, Vice Principal (Senior Division), to the Year 6s, along with several video segments recorded by the Student Council. These included a "memories" video, consisting of a collection of photos of the graduating cohort. There was also a teachers' section, in which teachers from various faculties wished the students good luck for their examinations.

The video also featured an award presentation for the IB learner profile awards, in which a certificate was awarded to the students who most exemplified each of the ten IB learner profile traits. These awards were voted by their teachers but the Student Council added a "fun awards" segment, where students were voted by their peers for the different categories.

Overall, the Student Council, along with the Exco members, had a great time organising the event. We hope we had provided a memorable final experience for the Year 6s along with valuable keepsakes to remind them of their time in the school. We wish them well in their journey ahead and they will always hold a special place in the ACS (International) community.

*Patrick Zhou  
5 SVM*

Inquirer <b>Maanav Jethani</b>	WINNERS	Open-minded <b>Ethan Cheah</b>
Knowledgeable <b>Rohan Arora</b>		Caring <b>Ng Wei Ming</b>
Thinker <b>Fahim Muhammed</b>		Risk-Taker <b>Elliot Sivarajan</b>
Communicator <b>Gurnihal Singh</b>		Balanced <b>Jesslyne Yau</b>
Principled <b>Yoona Son</b>		Reflective <b>Elizabeth Chia</b>



## Fun Awards!

 THE BRIGHTEST SMILE Vivian Hu 6-TCT	 Anna Kong 6-LSG Natalie Chew 6-CKS DYNAMIC DUO
 MOST VISITED PLACE: GYM Coelan Chiang 6-GHK	 RAP BATTLE CHAMPION John Yang 6-OLD
 DAY BRIGHTENER Squid Lake 6-LSG	 MOST ARTISTIC Natalie Chew 6-CKS
 THE HARDEST WORKER Vivian Hu 6-TCT	 MOST CONTAGIOUS LAUGH Seth Yew 6-GHK
 BEST SENSE OF HUMOUR John Yang 6-OLD	 TECH WIZZ Victor Wan 6-TKK
 LATE WITH STARBUCKS EXPERT Squid Lake 6-LSG	





# 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 the speech by the Principal.

This year, owing to COVID-19 safe distancing restrictions, Year 6 Graduation was attended by the graduands, the Guest of Honour Lock Wai Han (via online), Chairman Mr Tan Wah Thong, SLT, Rev Jeremy Ong, Heads of House, Academic Committee.



*TBDP Graduation*  
11 NOVEMBER 2021

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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.





## HOUSE HAPPENINGS

### Inter-House Music Competition

Due to the adherence to Safe Management Measures (SMMs), students were unable to do a live performance. Instead, thanks to the Music Department, students used Soundtrap to record their songs for judging. Great work all and a big thanks to our Music Department.

#### Results

First place: TCT

Second place : TKK and SVM (Tie)

#### Student Reflection

It is definitely a great experience working with friends from different classes. Our team comprised singers Jeremiah Lim, Ashley Tan and Jerry Leow who was also the pianist, Um Seyoung as guitarist, Roy Kawaguchi on base and Max Kwan playing the drums.

Initially, we faced difficulties in terms of deciding the song and working together. The SMMs also put extra obstacles in our way such as not being able to use the music room. However, we eventually pulled together and worked on our piece after school almost every day, despite our various responsibilities. As we started working as a team, we not only improved in our practice sessions, but also began to enjoy participating in the competition. We definitely would not have been able to achieve first place without the hard work of everyone and the feedback given by our teachers.

*Elizabeth Wong, 5 TCT  
Aesthetic Prefect, TCT House*



### 2021 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 (Sports Day, Badminton, June Get Active), aesthetics (Lunar New Year Lion Head, Photography, Poetry, Debate, Quiz, and Music) 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

First place – CKS

Second place – Oldham

Third place – Thoburn

#### Aesthetics Cup

First place – Oldham

Second place – Thoburn

Third place – CKS

#### Academic Cup

First place – CKS

Second place – SVM

Third place – GHK

#### House Cup

First place – CKS

Second place – SVM

Third place – Thoburn



**CCA UPDATES**

**Sustainability CCA**

Being sustainable and looking for ways to reduce, reuse, refuse, recycle and repurpose is a mindset and should become daily habits for us all if we want to stop climate change. We have set up a permanent spot in the Student Centre to drop off goods for recycling and repurposing. Thanks to Mr Mike Patterson, Head of PE, for this suggestion and for donating the clothing and sport equipment recycling bin.

Our Sustainable Garden won silver award in Narx Communities in Bloom contest. This is a significant effort by the students as they did not receive any funding to set up the garden. It was all done through their hard work, gardening skills and determination. They have been donating their harvest to the construction workers who are working on campus.

Five students who call themselves Energy2Change have been competing in a Microsoft x ZeroWaste Challenge since March. Part of this challenge was to look for ways to reduce energy consumption and plastic waste on our campus. To help create awareness, they challenged students to a Sustainability Bingo for one month. The winners are 2 Thoburn Junior Division, 3 SVM Middle Division and 5 TKK Senior Division. Winners received a trophy. Thanks to everyone who participated and supported Energy2Change and our environment.

Next year we hope to set up a composter to help recycle food waste and leaves on campus to make nutrient rich soil. We also hope to install a touchless water cooler in an effort to encourage students to reduce purchasing bottled water and use a reusable water bottle instead.

Every little bit helps and we share our motto with the International Baccalaureate – **Think Global, Act Local.**



Mr Hayward presenting Communitis In Bloom award to Johannes and Darnesh



Sustainability Bingo 3 SVM Middle Division winner with Mr Ang Chew Yan



Members in Sustainability CCA corner in Student Centre



## Team Energy2Change Wins Third Place in ZeroWaste Challenge



Congratulations to Yixuan Goh (1 TCT), Si Jie Fu (2 Oldham), Darnesh Ramu (3 SVM), Daiki Kashiwagi (3 TKK) and Johannes Wei Zhi Wong (3 Oldham) for winning third place in MicrosoftxZeroWaste Challenge 2021. The competition ran for eight months, and students had to design and implement a project that would help their school community be more sustainable and more aware of environmental concerns. Calling themselves Energy2Change, our team of five students learned leadership skills from Microsoft mentors and the value of collaboration and teamwork. They each have unique skills they brought to the team, which helped them work efficiently. They competed with 19 other schools in Singapore, and they were the youngest competing team. The students will continue to help drive change and mindsets for a more sustainable future for our planet.



### CAMPUS NEWS

With the joint efforts of both students and staff, Green Roof has been active in the wider community. We entered the Community In Bloom Awards 2021 competition organised by National Parks Board in Term 1 with a video submission by our Year 3 students, Johannes Wong and Ethan Ling. For our fervent participation, we were awarded gold under the Educational Institutions section on 25 October.



### CAS PROJECTS

## Year 5 History Project

We are a group of Year 5 History students who hope to spread awareness of the past and current global events. With teamwork and collaboration, we created a website that incorporates summarised information of special events of their history and their relevance today. We hope that every student could have a better understanding and appreciation towards the past and present of our society. Check out our website [here](#).

*The Historical Archivists,  
under supervision of Ms Claire Tan*





## SPORTS NEWS

## Taekwondo and Golf Achievements

Darren Yap Zong-Han (5 TKK) represented the school in the National School Games (Taekwondo) 2021. He took part in the 'A' Division Boys Black 1 Poomsae event and finished first place with the final score of 5.84. With Darren's sporting achievement as well as his display of character in his pursuit of sporting excellence, he is awarded the SSSC Colours Award and the SSSC Best Sports Boy award for Taekwondo 2021. Congratulations Darren!



Austin Anderson Tan (6 CKS) represented the school in the National School Games (Golf) 2021. He took part in the 'A' Division Boys Individual Championships and came in second place with the total score of 74. Austin is also awarded with the SSSC Colours Award 2021. Our heartiest congratulations to Austin!



## PSP NEWS

## Special Love Delivery for our International Boarders



2021 has been a challenging year for many of us, particularly for our international boarders, who have been far from home and have not been able to see their families for months due to COVID-19 restrictions.

To support them during the examination period, the PSP lovingly prepared and distributed 161 care packs filled with snacks for our boarders at Oldham Hall and ACS (Independent) Boarding School on 5 October. The goodie bags, each sporting our ACS (International) colours, were prepared as part of Wellness Week and in support of our international students who were busy revising for their end-of-year, IGCSE or IBDP examinations.

Each bag came with a special message from the PSP: "We are always here for you. Stay strong and positive!" To each of our international boarders, you hold a very special place in our hearts. As you finally return home for the holidays, know that we, in the PSP, will always remain your family away from home. Happy holidays and stay safe!



**PPG NEWS**

**Parents Prayer Group (PPG) Gives Thanks to God for 2021**

The Parents Prayer Group (PPG) faithfully connected monthly with parents over Zoom prayer meetings throughout this unprecedented COVID-19 year, to uphold the school in prayer as one united body. Every month, the HVMC pastors shared an inspiring devotion with the parents, after a heart-warming worship. We then broke into smaller groups to pray over the requests for the school leadership, teachers, staff and students.

In addition, PPG reached out to the Christian overseas-based parents over Zoom on 7 August in the evening. For more than a year, international travel has been difficult, hindered by stringent visa application processes and quarantine requirements. Although unable to be with their children during this prolonged period of COVID-19 pandemic, we trust that our Almighty God is watching over them and is their ever present help and comfort.

To support the IGCSE and IB students, PPG had weekly Monday evening prayer meetings over 6 weeks to cover the students who were taking examinations. There was also a 24/7 Prayer Support for students to share their request by sending in via a Google form.

To end the year well, PPG gathered over Zoom to learn Brush Pen Calligraphy with LoveBondsSg on 30 October on a Saturday morning. It was a fun-filled activity for parent-child bonding. The graduation piece was a very memorable one with the Bible verse "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" from Phillipians 4:13.

It was a blessing that parents found support sharing and praying for each other. We are grateful for the authentic encouragement and the genuine care and concern for each other during this challenging time.

We welcome you to join us, and do get in touch with us. Email us at [acsintppg@gmail.com](mailto:acsintppg@gmail.com)

**Praying**  
you'll experience the reality of His Presence & His perfect peace.

**20/21 Open**

**GOD'S HOTLINE**

**24 24 24 24 HRS**

"CALL TO ME AND I WILL ANSWER YOU..."  
JER 33:3 NIV

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**PPG IS HERE TO PRAY WITH YOU & FOR YOU.**

**ACS Intl PPG & Love Bonds Sg Parent-Child Bonding ZOOM**

**Brush Pen Calligraphy Workshop**

**Saturday 30 Oct 2021**

ACS International  
Love Bonds  
Empowering parents to nurture changemakers



## WELLNESS TIPS

## Make Time During This End-of-Year Break!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Studies have shown that taking time off from work (or in the case of students, taking time off from school) is integral to well-being, productivity, and high performance. We hope that students will use the holidays to rest, relax, and do the many things they don't have time for when school is in session...

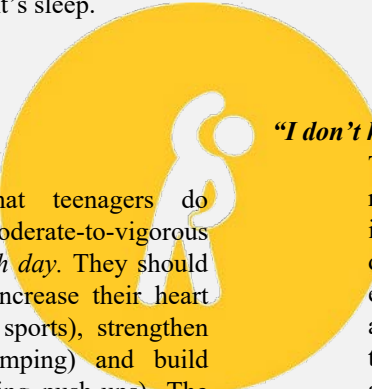


### “I don't have time for...*SLEEP*”

The National Sleep Foundation recommends that teens get around 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night. While students occasionally stay up to do school work, many are also staying up to watch YouTube or Netflix, chat with friends online, or scroll through Instagram or SnapChat. The holidays provide the perfect opportunity to catch up on sleep. With school work out of the way, devices are typically the only thing competing for your child's/ward's sleep. Consider setting *offline hours* at home and removing devices from the bedroom to ensure a good night's sleep.

### “I don't have time for...*FRIENDS & FAMILY*”

COVID-19 has made it extra challenging for many of us to meet others in-person. However, studies have shown that online interactions do not provide the same psychological and emotional benefits as offline interactions. Encourage your teen to invite friends over during the holidays. Set aside time for family meals – teens can even help plan and prepare the meal. Involve your teen in planning a fun family activity such as a family game night or a trip to the museum/theme parks.



### “I don't have time for...*EXERCISE*”

The CDC recommends that teenagers do 60 minutes or more of moderate-to-vigorous intensity physical activity *each day*. They should participate in activities that increase their heart rates (e.g. walking, running, sports), strengthen bones (e.g. running and jumping) and build muscles (e.g. climbing or doing push-ups). The holidays are a good time to learn a new sport or adopt a daily exercise routine. Encourage your teen to remain physically active throughout the holidays as long periods of inactivity can affect their mental and emotional health.



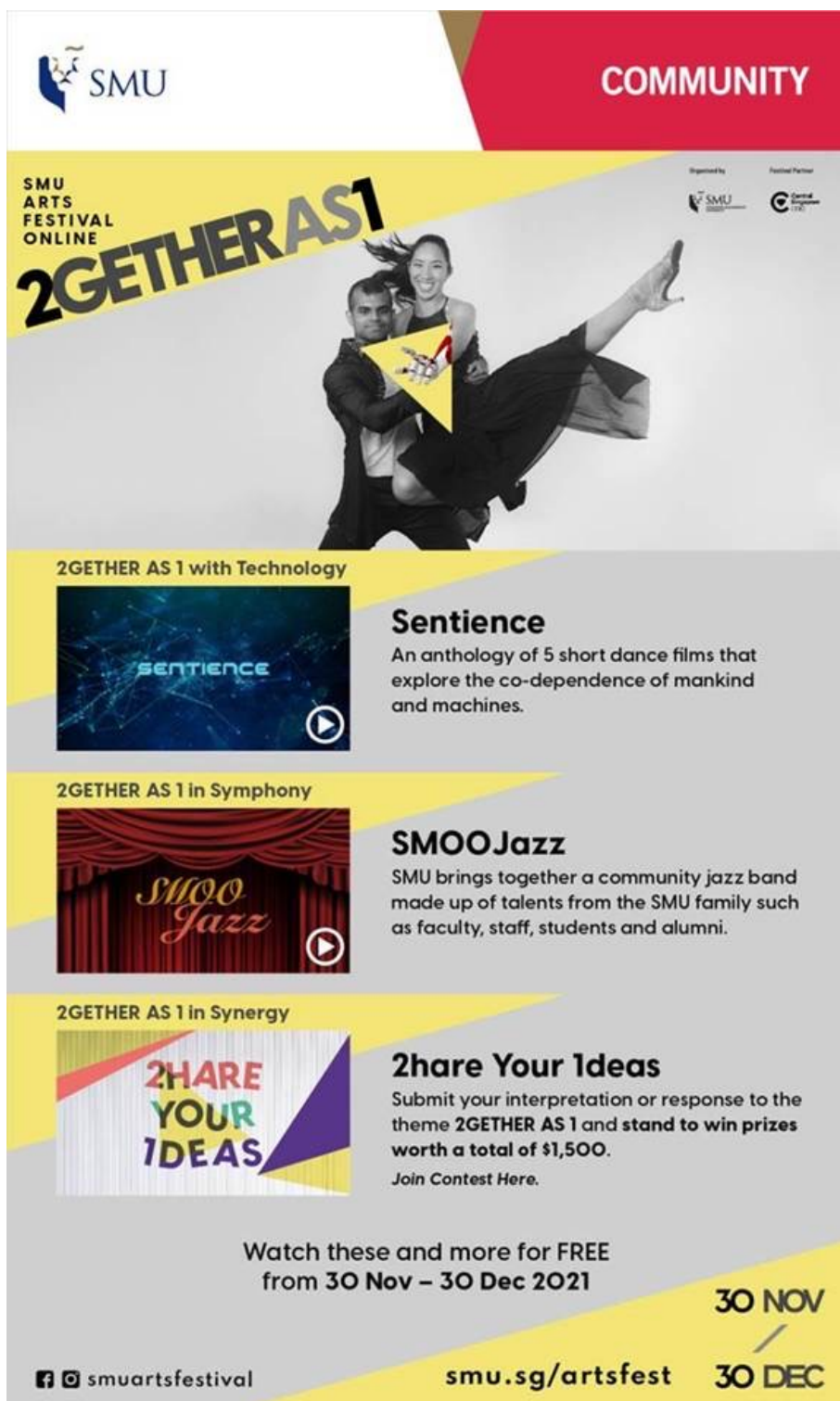
### “I don't have time for...*ME*”

Teens should participate in activities that are meaningful and energising *for them*. This can include hobbies, volunteer work, or other personal development activities. In addition to the emotional and psychological benefits, such activities also help teens to learn more about themselves and can inform their future career aspirations. Challenge them to pick up a new skill or expand on their current interests. Encourage them to volunteer in the community. The holidays are also a good time to work on important socio-emotional skills such as social skills, stress management, and mindfulness.

A common adage says that it takes 21 days to make or break a habit. We hope that students will use the more-than-21-days holiday to develop healthy habits that will support them through the new school year and beyond, and at the same time, break bad habits that deter them from realising their dreams. We wish you a restful holiday and look forward to see all our students in 2022!



## HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS



**SMU**

**COMMUNITY**

SMU ARTS FESTIVAL ONLINE

**2GETHER AS 1**

Organized by SMU Festival Partner

**2GETHER AS 1 with Technology**

**Sentience**

An anthology of 5 short dance films that explore the co-dependence of mankind and machines.

**2GETHER AS 1 in Symphony**

**SMOOJazz**

SMU brings together a community jazz band made up of talents from the SMU family such as faculty, staff, students and alumni.

**2GETHER AS 1 in Synergy**

**2hare Your Ideas**

Submit your interpretation or response to the theme 2GETHER AS 1 and stand to win prizes worth a total of \$1,500.

[Join Contest Here.](#)

Watch these and more for FREE from 30 Nov – 30 Dec 2021

30 NOV / 30 DEC

smu.sg/artsfest

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Dear Students,

Come join us at the **SMU Arts Festival 2021** and experience multitudes of art, made possible through collaboration and integration, as we come *2GETHER AS 1*.

This year, SMU turns 21. And in coming-of-age fashion, we infuse 2 or more unexpected elements in each programme to create 1 festival of works of greater scale and emotional impact.

The festival's curation provides a platform for the arts community to rally together, and to express our desire for the world to emerge stronger 2GETHER AS 1 in this post-pandemic era.

Visit us at [smu.sg/artsfest](https://smu.sg/artsfest) for a teaser of what to expect this 30 Nov – 30 December, and take part in a contest **2HARE YOUR IDEAS**.

Submit your art and win prizes! Too excited to wait? Watch programme trailers here: choose between [music](#) or [hip hop](#)!

We can't wait to see you at SMU Arts Festival 2021! ❤️

Best wishes,  
SMU's Student Life Team



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#### Senior Leadership Team



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## ACS (International) Admissions Seminars for 2022

### Post PSLE Seminars

24 November, 2pm & 4pm

25 November, 9am & 2pm

26 November, 9am & 2pm

27 November, 9am

RSVP [admissions@acsinternational.edu.sg](mailto:admissions@acsinternational.edu.sg)

Seminars will be held on Campus with school tours where possible. Virtual seminars and tours will be organized instead if there are social gathering restrictions.

**Attendance is limited and by reservations only.**

Venue: Oldham Chapel, ACS (International)  
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