



## ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents, Students and Friends

Last Sunday's sermon at church was about community with reference to the different parts of the body from 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 13 'There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body.' Each of us is unique and we each have an essential and important role to play in our communities.

I was particularly struck by the use of the 'jigsaw' metaphor to describe community and different roles or parts we each have. One quote by Neil Andersen summed it up well - 'Each of us is a piece of the puzzle and each of us helps to set in place other important pieces'.

Most of us tend to underestimate the importance of our individual roles, and the effectiveness of our individual talents. The jigsaw quote reminds us that each of us is vital to the success of community as we each have a role to play and a place in that community that is uniquely us. And when we stand back to look at the overall effect of the completed jigsaw we see a satisfying whole, which bears truth to the adage – 'the whole is greater than the sum of the parts'. In other words, when each one of us contributes to the community the community outcomes are greater than what would be expected if we were each acting individually.

This week we farewelled some of our school community – the Year 4 students who are now on study leave, and next Wednesday we farewell the Year 6 students for the same purpose. It is always sad when we say goodbye to members of the school family. Our wish for each student is that they use the study time to maximum advantage; that each performs to their potential in the actual examinations; and that they go on achieve highly at university and the workforce. To those leaving school we thank them for their contribution to our school community and we wish them well in their university studies and in National Service. We trust that they will each remember their time with us with affection, and school being a positive transforming influence in their lives.

Best wishes

**Rob Burrough**



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**DID YOU  
KNOW ?**

Rhinoceros have 3 toes on each foot

## CHRISTIAN MINISTRY NEWS

Holland Village Methodist church (HVMC) organized an “In Conversation” series of talks, with the purpose of having our church members share their professional experience with the students of ACS International.

For this series of talks, we were privileged to have Eugel Yeo, an architect who was project architect for Botanic Gardens and Stevens MRT station, and Steven Chia, a presenter with Channel News Asia, speak to our students.

The students who attended gave feedback that the sessions had helped them in understanding the different professions better. The small group size of 5-7 students meant that they were able to interact more freely with the presenters.



*In Conversation with Steven Chia*

HVMC looks forward to organising another “In Conversation” series in 2018.



“Choice to Run” was another event that HVMC had the privilege to participate in. As a church, we pledged to match the collection from the school \$1 for \$1 up to \$5,000. We also had our members participate in the run on 23 September. It was great fun and we would like to thank and compliment the Student Ambassadors for a job well done!

As the exams approach, we want to wish each and every student good success!



*Roger  
Christian Ministry staff*

A full report by the school's Student Ambassadors on Choice to Run will be published in next month's newsletter.





## STAFF NEWS

## Long Service Award

We would like to congratulate our staff who have dedicated 10 years of meritorious services to the School! We are proud to have them on board with us and wish them many more fruitful years to come.



## LONG SERVICE AWARD 2017

Names of award winners are marked with \*

*Back row:* Mr Rob Burrough, Mr Gregory Poo\*, Mr Gavin Kinch, Mr Chia Choong Kiat\*

*Front row:* Ms Christine Lim\*, Ms Ros Hamdan\*, Ms Pamela Ng\*, Ms Linda Low\*, Mrs Lim Lay Pian\*, Ms Josephine Teo\*, Mdm Chin Siew Lin\*, Ms Cheng Wei\*, Mrs Tan Siew Hoon

## NOTICES

## Study Nights

Study nights will run from 5 October to 14 November, every Tuesday and Thursday at the school library. The library will extend its opening hours until 8pm for this purpose.

**Students** are reminded to dress properly when using the library. School related shirts, such as the polo tee and House t-shirts are permitted, and must be worn with the school pants or skirt. PE shorts are not allowed. Students in the wrong attire will be asked to change before allowed entry into the library.

**Parents**, if you would like to help contribute towards catering for the study nights, please contact Debra from the PSP at [leong.debra@gmail.com](mailto:leong.debra@gmail.com) or 96280190. Any help will be most appreciated.

## Year 5 IB Internal Scholarships

Thank you to the 24 Year 4 students who submitted applications. The standard was uniformly high with the panel finding it hard to reduce to a long short list for interview. The panel will notify all applicants of the outcome of their application next week with short listed applicants to be interviewed after the first IGCSE examination.



## End of Year Camps Notice

Please take note of the following information regarding the end of year camps:

**Camp briefings** for all parents/ guardians of students going on an overseas camp to Indonesia and Malaysia will be held on **Monday 30th October, 6pm at the Oldham Chapel.**

(An email will be sent out with further information)

### Summary of End of Year Camps

Year	Trip Details
Year 1	Day trips in Singapore Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th November All students to report to school at 8am
Year 2	Telunas Resort, Sugi Island, Indonesia Sunday 12th November- Wednesday 15th November
Year 3/ Pre IB/ F IB (Option A)	Bali, Indonesia* Saturday 11th November- Wednesday 15th November
Year 3/ Pre IB/ F IB (Option B)	Cameron Highlands & Gopeng, Malaysia Saturday 11th November- Wednesday 15th November

*\*Due to possible volcanic activity at Mount Agung, Bali, we are in daily contact with the tour providers, as well as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International SOS to determine whether it is safe for us to travel and carry out our end of year camp in Bali as planned.*

*Rest assured that we will only travel if it has been declared safe for us to do so. We are working to find an alternative option should travel to Bali be deemed unsafe by the relevant authorities. Parents and students will be kept updated as more information is gathered.*



## STUDENT SUCCESSES

## 2017 Colours Award List

GOLD		
S/N	Name	House
1	Loh Li Xin Ariel	CKS
2	Lee Hyunju Julianne	CKS
3	Dhruv Uppal	GHK
4	Zhu Mengqi Alice	GHK
5	Angelia Gan	GHK
6	Akkshaj Sanjay Singh	GHK
7	Rishi Baharadwaj Nandiraju	GHK
8	Wong Yu Wen	LSG
9	Nicole Akemi Tan	LSG
10	Quek Xin Zhong Joshua	OLD
11	Purinat Atipas	OLD
12	Mok Shao-Jin Ewan	SVM
13	Lim Mun Yiang	SVM
14	Cho Yoon Ji Annie	TCT
15	Koo Ja Hyun Leo	TCT
16	Kelly Lee	TCT
17	Leong Li En Evangeline	TCT
18	Lee Hye Inn Sarah	TCT
19	Ruth Rachael Mathews	TCT
20	Lim Jia Jing	THO
21	Ching Ming Yin Erin	THO
22	Naveen Venkatanarayanan	THO
23	Chan Zinwen	TKK
24	Surabhi Surya	TKK
25	Phang Yu Sheng	TKK
26	Yang Xiyan	TKK
27	Harith Muhammed Liew	TKK
28	Tan Ju Wei Matthew	SVM



SILVER		
S/N	Name	House
1	Brian Hawkes	CKS
2	Darren Goh	CKS
3	Ng Li-Ann Abigail	CKS
4	Jo Yoonseo	CKS
5	Tan Ting Cher Benjamin	GHK
6	Gu Yu Jennifer	GHK
7	Xu Yingzhi	GHK
8	Tanya Sanjay	GHK
9	Nehal Nikhil Matani	OLD
10	Leong Zhi Wei Jerrel	OLD
11	Hum Tian Kai Benjamin	SVM
12	Neha Rajesh Dadlani	SVM
13	Ho Khai Lie	SVM
14	Kwun Jun Hyung	TCT
15	Leow Yeong Tee	TCT
16	Peck Hui Wen Celyna	THO
17	Nguyen Tran Thao Huong	THO
18	Zee Zhi Heng	TKK
19	Rupasri Veeresh	TKK
20	Tam Hao Yang (Cyrus)	LSG
21	Lee Ann	LSG
22	Xu Tianze(Dorothy)	SVM

BRONZE		
S/N	Name	House
1	Koo Hyehyoon Hayley	CKS
2	Noor Azira Ziara Binte Abdul Aziz	CKS
3	Trang Si Khai	GHK
4	Nguyen Vinh Phuong Chan Alice	LSG
5	Anurag Choudary Putti	OLD
6	Chen Wah-Yu Katherine	SVM
7	Feng Hui	SVM
8	Channary Chea	THO
9	Huang Qingxin Rebecca	THO
10	Andy Ferdinand	THO
11	Chen Yuxuan	TKK
12	Christian Steven Jonathan	TKK
13	Hu Yanran	TKK
14	Yeong Hon Weng	TKK

## Teachers' Day 2017

Teachers are the building blocks of our school, the people who play a major role in moulding our lives and building our futures. Every year Teachers' Day is the special day on which we celebrate these magnificent people to show our gratitude and appreciation for all the hard work they put in to support students throughout the school year. Teachers' Day was planned and run by the Student Council from the 13<sup>th</sup> Prefectorial Board.



Since we all know that our teachers need a bit of a break, it was decided that this year's theme for Teachers' Day should be "Holidays". We organised a week of confectionaries for the teachers in the staff lounge. Monday was "Crazy for Croissants", served with jam. On Tuesday, the Student Council personally delivered ice gem biscuits with personalised messages from the school community to teachers at PTM. On Wednesday, complimentary tea bags were laid out in the staff lounge for all the teachers to enjoy. Our non-teaching staff also received a hamper in appreciation of their work.



We transformed the sports hall into an aeroplane, and our wonderful teachers were the business class passengers. We offered an entire morning of inflight entertainment, starting with a Safety Dance performed by the 13th Prefectorial Board, to personally delivered inflight snacks by our amazing stewards and stewardesses. The entire event was a delight to organise and we hope that our teachers will remember this Teachers' Day for years to come.

*Student Council  
13th Prefectorial Board*





## ACS (International) Swimmers

Charity Lien (2 LSG) and Madeline Lye (2 THO) have both been selected to represent Singapore at the 41st SEA Age Groups Swimming Championships this year. They will also be competing at the FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup Singapore. In addition, Charity has also been selected as one of the Top 40 swimmers (20 boys and 20 girls), a group that also includes Olympic Gold medallist Joseph Schooling, and Southeast Asian Games medallists Quah Zheng Wen and Quah Ting Wen.

Congratulations to both girls on the honour of being selected to represent Singapore. We wish them all the best in their training and for the competitions.



Photo credit: Singapore Swimming Association

## Peer Leaders 2017

25 Peer Leaders from different year groups have been appointed for 2017; most of them are from Year 1 to 3.



PEER LEADERS 2017

They support the school prefects by performing yard duty during Junior School lunch time and assisting during major school events like Parent-Teacher meetings and Speech Day.

## Australian Mathematics Competition

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

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) division. Over 1,000 students share the prizes, and around 50% of participants qualify to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other entrants in the competition receive a Certificate of Participation or a Proficiency Certificate. All students are also provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with wider statistical rankings.

On 27 July 2017, 105 students (Years 1 to 6) from ACS (International) took part in AMC 2017. The list of High Distinction and Distinction award recipients for ACS (International) is given below.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION (AMC) 2017 Results		
ACS (INTERNATIONAL) SINGAPORE		
NAME	DIVISION	AWARD
LI PEIZE	SENIOR	BEST IN SCHOOL AWARD WINNER, HIGH DISTINCTION
ZHANG RUIYANG	INTERMEDIATE	HIGH DISTINCTION
JUSTIN CHENG MING HEARN	JUNIOR	DISTINCTION
RUPERT CHIA	JUNIOR	DISTINCTION
XU KEJUN	JUNIOR	DISTINCTION
LENARD OH	JUNIOR	DISTINCTION
JUDITH HO	INTERMEDIATE	DISTINCTION
JIN ZEYU	INTERMEDIATE	DISTINCTION
HE YAJING	INTERMEDIATE	DISTINCTION
FU LIWEN	INTERMEDIATE	DISTINCTION
LI ANDI	INTERMEDIATE	DISTINCTION
WANG HUOLIN	INTERMEDIATE	DISTINCTION
KIM MIN JUN	INTERMEDIATE	DISTINCTION
CHEN XINGYU	INTERMEDIATE	DISTINCTION
JUNHA PARK	INTERMEDIATE	DISTINCTION
EUN-A JO	SENIOR	DISTINCTION
KARAN AHUJA	SENIOR	DISTINCTION
WU YUNXUAN	SENIOR	DISTINCTION
KARTIK VENKAT	SENIOR	DISTINCTION
ZHU MENGQI	SENIOR	DISTINCTION
NICHOLAS GOEI	SENIOR	DISTINCTION
KUO CHUN YUAN	SENIOR	DISTINCTION



## International Students Ice Skating

During the September holidays, there was a special outing for the international students who remained in Singapore. On 8 September, we were accompanied by Ms. Stacey Low to The Rink in JCube shopping mall at Jurong East to go ice skating. It was an unforgettable experience.



Many of us started out not knowing how to skate, so it was a chance for us to learn something new. Despite falling over several times, we all had a lot of fun. Personally, it was a very meaningful and exciting experience for me since it was my first time ice skating, and it was made better with the company of friends. The other highlight of the day was going to KFC afterwards and enjoying delicious food!



On behalf of all the students who attended the outing, I would like to thank Ms. Stacey and the school for helping us to have so much fun – especially because we did not have the chance to go back home during the September break. We all look forward to the next event.

*Julie Park Ju-Hyun (4 SVM)*





## Singapore Youth Photography Convention (SYPC)

Earlier in August, a team of student photographers entered the SYPC photography competition held at ACS (Barker). The team comprised Yujin Kwak (5 TCT), Arin Thirasawasd (4 THO), Charmaine Suah (4 TKK), Jamie Ho Li Yi (4 GHK), Sivanesan Alexandre Sivarajan (4 OLD), Michael Ethan Buchanan (3 CKS), and Rachel Lim (1 TKK).



Their photographs won them the prize of overall winners for the School Team Challenge; they achieved the highest average points for their outstanding photography. A selection of the winning photographs is reproduced here for your enjoyment.



**SYPC 1**  
by Rachel Lim 1 TKK



**SYPC 2**  
by Alex Sivarajan 4 OLD



**SYPC 3**  
by Arin Thirasawasd 4 THO



**SYPC 4**  
by Yujin Kwak 5 TCT



**SYPC 5**  
By Jamie Ho Li Yi 4 GHK



**SYPC 6**  
by Charmaine Suah 4 TKK





## Introspect

The 2017 IB Visual Arts Exhibition, “Introspect” celebrated a memorable opening on 29 September at the Art Department on level 5 of the Library Block.

10 student artists curated and showcased their artworks consisting of a variety of media, styles and techniques, many of which are personally relevant. The event was supported by the Principal, Vice Principal, teachers, students, friends and family members of the artists, and received good feedback. The exhibition ran until 6 October.



## Visit to the Former Ford Factory

At the end of Term 3, the Year 1 Integrated Humanities classes went on a field trip to the Former Ford Factory. This building was once used to build cars and planes, and was also where the British surrendered unconditionally to the Japanese.

It is now a museum that houses a permanent exhibition on the second World War. There, our students were taken around by experienced guides who provided them with a deeper understanding into those dark years of Singaporean history.





## Inter-House Tug of War

The annual Inter-House Tug of War competition was held the first week back to school following the September break. Congratulations to the Houses that won, and well done to all the students for their participation and support.

	JUNIOR	MIDDLE	SENIOR
1 <sup>ST</sup>	OLD	OLD	CKS
2 <sup>ND</sup>	THO	THO	LSG
3 <sup>RD</sup>	GHK	LSG	GHK
4 <sup>TH</sup>	CKS	CKS	TCT
5 <sup>TH</sup>	TKK	GHK	OLD
6 <sup>TH</sup>	SVM	TCT	THO
7 <sup>TH</sup>	LSG	TKK	SVM
8 <sup>TH</sup>	TCT	SVM	TKK



*OLDHAM Middle Division Champions*



*VP Dr Kris Achter giving out prizes to the Junior Division*



*CKS Senior Division Champions*



*OLDHAM Junior Division Champions*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

October	EVENT
9	• Cardiff University 12:00 - 12:45
10	• IGCSE and O levels of Examination - 10 Oct to 16 Nov
11	• Year 6 Administration and Farewell Tea 08:45 - 11:00 • (Study Leave begins)
16	• School Examinations start (Y2, PG, Y3, Y5)
18	• Deepavali (Public Holiday)
19	• School Examinations start (Y1, 1B, FB, PB,)
25	• PSP Coffee Morning 08:15
27	• Last Day of School Exams (Y3, Y5)
30	• IBDP Examinations - 30 Oct to 17 Nov • Parent - Briefing EOY Camps 18:00 - 19:30

## Diploma Graduation Ceremony 2017

The Principal Mr Rob Burrough, along with the Staff and Students of ACS (International), warmly invite you to attend the Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2017.

Friday 17 November 2017  
5.30pm (Please be seated by 5.20pm)  
Lim Seng Guan Sports Hall  
61 Jalan Hitam Manis, Singapore 278475

*Dinner will be served at Lim Seng Guan Sports Hall following the ceremony.*



**Guest of Honour**  
Professor Thomas Magnanti  
President  
Singapore University of Technology and Design

RSVP to the Principal's Secretary:  
[stella.sim@acsinternational.edu.sg](mailto:stella.sim@acsinternational.edu.sg) by 31 October 2017



Graduands are allowed to bring three guests each. If they would like to bring more than three guests, they must contact the Principal's Secretary, Ms Stella Sim at [stella.sim@acsinternational.edu.sg](mailto:stella.sim@acsinternational.edu.sg) to make arrangements ASAP.

