



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends

In Paul's letter to the Colossians, he gave the Christians living in Colossae the following instructions:

"Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ."

In this Biblical passage, Paul instructs the early Christians on the importance of prayer. This year at ACS (International) we have been looking for ways to develop the Christian Character of the school. For those of you have been on the campus recently, you would have noticed many more Bible verses placed around the school that are linked to the school's vision and also the vision of each House. Increasing the visibility of our Christian faith around the campus has been one part of developing the school's Christian Character. However, in addition to these physical indicators of the Christian Character, the school has also been increasing the amount of prayer that covers the school.

This year, in partnership with Holland Village Methodist Church, the staff have been conducting monthly prayer meetings for the school. During these times we praise and thank God for His faithfulness through worship and prayer. The school also identifies areas to 'watch' for the upcoming month and pray that God might give us His discernment and guidance. In conjunction with this, the school's Christian students have also been invited to be more active this year by leading House devotions and praying for those in their Houses.

The school is also thankful for our Parents' Prayer Group (PPG) who faithfully meet to pray for our school every month. At these prayer meetings our parents devote time to pray for our students and staff. They have also been present for our study nights for any students who want someone to pray for them as they navigate this important time in their life. If you are a parent of the school and would like to be involved in the PPG, please see Page 5.

I am thankful for each person who prays for our school. We depend on God for all we have now, and all we will have into the future. It is my prayer that ACS (International) continues to follow God's plan for our community and that He will always be the centre of those plans.

Gavin Kinch
Principal

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STAFF NEWS**New Staff**

New Staff	Dept	Designation
Mr Dayhim Djazeb <i>(From UK)</i>	Languages	Teacher of French & ESOL
Ms Cherine Lee <i>(From SG)</i>	Science	Lab Technician

NOTICES**Sitorus Library Returns****Years 1, 2, 3, 5 and Bridging Students**

Please return all books by or before the DUE date indicated on the slip of paper issued with the library book. Students can borrow books for the holidays after settling the outstanding fines.

Years 4 and 6 Students

Please note that the last day to return any borrowed item(s) and pay outstanding fines is Friday, 4 November.

All Students

Unpaid fines/cost of the lost item(s) will be deducted from the Deposit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November	Event
11	Year 6 Graduation
12	Year 6 Prom
15	Inter-House Tug Of War (Half-day, students dismissed after Tug Of War)
16	Speech Day (9am, students dismissed after Speech Day)



Graduation
CEREMONY

★ CLASS OF ★

2022

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER

4:30PM (Seated by 4:15pm)

at

UNIVERSITY CULTURAL CENTRE, HO BEE AUDITORIUM,
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE



RSVP and ticket request via <https://forms.gle/mtDGDq7tcV35nWbE8> or QR Code by 4 November 2022.
For enquiry, please contact the Principal's Secretary: stella.sim@acsinternational.edu.sg

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Australian Mathematics Competition 2022

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank has been held annually since 1978. One of the largest annual events on the Australian education calendar, the AMC 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) divisions. The time allocated to complete the questions is 75 minutes.

Over 1,000 students share the prizes and around 50 percent of the participants qualify to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All the 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 3 August 2022, 118 students (Years 1 to 6) from ACS (International) took part in AMC 2022. The list of High Distinction and Distinction award recipients for ACS (International) is given below.

Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) 2022 Results
ACS (International) Singapore

Name	Division	Award	Name	Division	Award
Shi Tianyi	Intermediate	High distinction & best in school award winner	Wu Yufei	Intermediate	Distinction
Sung Geonwoo	Junior	High distinction	Songeun Yum	Intermediate	Distinction
Shawn Danielson Lee	Junior	Distinction	Junyeong Hong	Intermediate	Distinction
Kim Keunhee	Junior	Distinction	Sungjun Ji	Intermediate	Distinction
Ziyuan Zou	Junior	Distinction	Minwoo Kim	Intermediate	Distinction
Maximus Hartanto	Junior	Distinction	Zhang Qingyan	Intermediate	Distinction
Lee Jaehoon	Junior	Distinction	Matthew Sihan Arthur	Intermediate	Distinction
Li Jiaqi	Junior	Distinction	Ahn Yeong Wook	Intermediate	Distinction
Hyun Minsung	Junior	Distinction	He Yifan	Intermediate	Distinction
Wu Youchen	Junior	Distinction	Woonhyeong Jo	Senior	Distinction
Bono Jakub Gajdek	Intermediate	Distinction	Akihara Kentaro	Senior	Distinction
Nathan Keenan Widjaja	Intermediate	Distinction	Yerin Kim	Senior	Distinction
Tianrui Qi	Intermediate	Distinction	Fan Shiyi	Senior	Distinction
Du Yingjia	Intermediate	Distinction			

ACS (International) AMC Results

Category / Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of participants	105	38	107	73	91	118
High Distinction	2	1	1	1	4	2
Distinction	20	9	17	11	28	27

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Teacher's Day

Teacher's Day was celebrated on 2 September, during the last week of Term 3. As the COVID-19 pandemic safe management measures had been relaxed, we were able to celebrate the event as a whole school in the Sports Hall. Teachers and students wore matching outfits for the 'Ctrl C Ctrl V' event, which was organised by the Student Council and Student Affairs.

The Teachers' Day were organised by the 18th Student Council, with the theme being 'Raving Retros'. Without a doubt, this year's celebrations were filled with fun and popular bops from the 80s and 90s, all in the format of a Variety Games Show. At the start of the assembly, teachers were greeted with chocolate bouquets on their seats.

The 18th Prefectorial Board had also prepared a special dance sequence for the teachers to enjoy. The two main emcees of the event, Mark Kartik (5 THO) and Rayna Hon (5 OLD), along with their co-hosts Afreen Abbas (5 TCT) and Jordan Basry (5 LSG), led the audience into a fun array of games, which included Just Dance, How Well Do You Know Me, and Family Feud. Everyone was clapping along and cheering for their respective teachers (and students!) when they came up to play. The event ended with a surprise drumming performance by the teachers before everyone headed for their Teachers' Day lunch, sponsored by the Parent School Partners (PSP). The Teacher's Day celebrations really marked a great end to Term 3 for everyone!

Waine Lim (5 CKS) and Shravya Kacha (5 TCT)



Envoy News

Saw Yone Shou @Khin Lin Htet (5 GHK) (below), the Head of the Envoy CCA, has been appointed as the Secretary General of The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN).

The THIMUN conference will be held at The Hague in the Netherlands from 23 to 26 January 2023. This conference is one of the largest Model United Nations (MUN) conferences in the world, and it is a great honour for ACS (International) to be represented at EXCO level.

Congratulations to Yone Shou and the Envoy CCA on this achievement.

The Best Is Yet To Be!



PARENT PRAYER GROUP

Parent Bonding and Kintsugi Workshop

A group of parents from the Parent Prayer Group (PPG) gathered on 8 Oct 2022 to explore Kintsugi, the ancient Japanese art of putting broken pottery pieces back together with gold. Led by Winnie from Gold and Behold, all those present learnt how to give broken bowls a fresh lease of life, elevating their worth and enhancing their beauty with gold powder mixed with epoxy.

Very slowly and carefully, the bowls went from broken to golden. Each bowl looked precious, unique and exquisite, lovingly restored by hand and shimmering with gold roots! The morning was indeed well spent, immersed in a new, enjoyable and therapeutic experience. Our Kintsugi bowls will serve as a reminder that God is our master potter. He takes our brokenness and restores us as precious and beautiful vessels, fit for His purpose.

The PPG meets on the first Thursday of each month to pray for the school. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Evelyn Lek at 94889556.



Student Officers

Executive Team

Secretary General	Saw Yone Shou @ Khin Lin Htet	ACS (International) Singapore
Deputy Secretary General	Sarah SCHWARTING	International School of Düsseldorf
Deputy Secretary General	Alexander FIAL	Frankfurt International School
Deputy Secretary General	Sarah BROWNLEE	St. Andrew's College Dublin
Deputy Secretary General	Blair SCHOOLING	International School of Brussels
President of the General Assembly	Rhys TENDENES	International School of Stavanger

PSP NEWS

On 20 October, the parents from ACS (International) got together at The Green Capsule at Funan Mall for an eventful Terrarium Workshop organised by the Parent School Partners (PSP).

Over the next two hours, laughter, banter and bonding were evident as 30 parents learnt how to make and maintain their personal open terrariums, which they could later take home.

Everyone had a fantastic time and the camaraderie continued with a sumptuous meal at Tanuki Raw restaurant, where the parents forged their friendships while discussing their children’s lives in and out of school.

The workshop and lunch were very successful and many of the parents who took part look forward to next year’s activities.



CAS

CAS Project, *Project Edu Sessions*

Our CAS project, project edu sessions, aims to teach English for Communication and basic mathematics to underprivileged kids in Bangalore, India. Our team members included Abhay Malik, Aryaman Shankar, Bryan Sim, Chuang Jheng Yu, Dennis Ng, and Jaden Png. The team, all of whom came from the esteemed International Baccalaureate programme, took on the arduous task of teaching a class of about 30 children. While doing the project, we created virtual lessons that involved us teaching the students English and Mathematics. We then split the workload equally among ourselves to ensure everyone was involved. It was best for us to create worksheets relating to the topics and concepts taught, and it took about 2–3 months for us to complete teaching and collating our lessons. Subsequently, we also created an official Instagram page [@edusessionproject](https://www.instagram.com/edusessionproject) to serve as a platform where we could spread awareness of the problem of 'unequal access to quality education'.

The pictures we took while teaching and recording our lessons were posted to the Instagram (IG) account too. Much work was done preparing the worksheets and scheme of work. We officially launched the Zoom calls to the school in India in term 4. Throughout the lesson, we were pleasantly surprised by how engaged and enthusiastic the students were as they watched the videos we created. It truly was a gratifying and heart-warming experience watching the children so interested in the materials we created. The worksheets were also done well, and we were impressed with their ability to absorb what we were teaching them. We believed that we had met our objective, namely to allow the children to experience quality education. This showed us what we were capable of as a group and gave us important soft skills we needed for the future such as leadership, communication, patience. It also allowed us to truly embody the school's IGNITE values. The project was a true testament of our teamwork and cooperation throughout this couple of months and we would never trade this experience for anything else.

Project Leader: Bryan Sim (5 OLD)

Project Supervisor: Ms Jasmine Lee



Children Of Star Project

The "Children of Star " CAS project was organised by Jia Luxi, Sun Yiwei, Feng Zhenting, Zhu Cenxi, Gao Zihan, Chen Xitao and Ji Wenjie. The project aimed to focus on the challenges of autistic children, starting from the autistic children group in Singapore and expanding to the global autism problem. The group wanted to raise awareness for the children with Autism. To reach out to the wider community, an official Instagram (IG) account was created. As the project gained traction, the number of followers of the account increased to 211 in October. Informative posters were created and tagged to the Instagram account, and content categorisation helped to guide easy referencing. Online Interviews were conducted with families of autistic children, so that the needs of the community could be addressed.

As part of the extended effort, a video was shot and uploaded to the IG account. In addition, posters were produced:

- to promote the project to students in the school.
- to increase the visibility of the project, and
- to increase everyone's awareness and care for the autistic children.

Overall, the promotional goals have been successfully achieved — the IG account has gained more than 200 followers. More excitedly, some autistic families have left messages indicating the information provided was helpful. This has added meaning to the project. Though the scale of this project was relatively small, there was indeed a positive impact brought on by the team.

Project Leader: Jia Luxi (5 THO)

Project supervisor: Ms Jasmine Lee



The photos, posters, and video can be found [here](#).

Food From The Heart

The Food from the Heart CAS Project was initially created by Muhtasin Fiyaz Rayan, Conrad Trey Indradjaja, and Mark Karthik, to tackle the issues of Food Wastage and Shortages, specifically in Singapore. We invited fellow school mates, Robert Yang, Jaden Puah, Alexander Kuffel, and David Khoo, to help us in executing the project. Through thorough meetings and planning, we designed various events such as a Food Drive and an Inter-House Competition, to increase knowledge of the issue of Food Insecurity throughout the school. We commenced a month-long Food Drive, and through assembly announcements, posters, and persuasions of our fellow classmates and teaches, we collected more than five full boxes of rice, Milo, and canned food to be donated to the charity "Food from the Heart". The Food Drive was managed through rotational shifts between the members of my project, where the person on duty would take note of the type of food donated, along with who donated it, and how much was donated.



Overall, the planning, execution, and conclusion of the Food Drive went very well, as we managed to accomplish our goal while also making sure to spread a positive influence throughout the school community. As a follow up after the Food Drive, we volunteered to help run and manage the "Food from the Heart" community shops. Through this experience, we met various people, a lot of whom suffered from severe food insecurity. We were glad to organise this CAS Project, as we made a direct impact in helping these people, and influenced others, such as our classmates and teachers, to do the same as well. I hope that more people will food insecurity in Singapore more seriously, so that we can truly make a difference in the world.

Project Leader: Muhtasin Fiyaz Rayan (5 OLD)

Project Supervisor: Ms Jasmine Lee

HOUSE HAPPENINGS

TCT House Charity Event with Methodist Welfare Services

Tan Chin Tuan (TCT) House worked with Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) on several charity events this year. Some of the students shared their experiences.

This year, TCT House worked with Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) to improve the lives of the elderly at their care centre. Through regular Zoom meetings and events, we were able to form a bond between the students and elderly residents, developing friendship and companionship. Students not only learnt to converse in another language but also to build relationships. All in all, these many interactive events held by TCT led to our successful visit with the old folks to Gardens By The Bay to celebrate the Mid-autumn festival.

*Angel Chang & Masuvathi Ramesh Chander Samsteetha
(5 TCT) (Charity Prefects)*

On 8 August, TCT students, prefects and teachers, travelled to Gardens By The Bay to meet and spend time with the elderly from the MWS old folks home. We visited the Flower Dome and the Cloud Forest; walking and making conversation with the elderly residents was such an enjoyable time. Seeing their faces light up as we saw many new areas in the Gardens was priceless, it made me realise the beauty behind simplicity and living life in the moment.

During our trip to the Gardens, some of our conversation topics included talking about the scenery and what the elderly thought about it, their hobbies and what they enjoy doing, and many more. Although we had some difficulties with the language barriers, we still communicated well with one another and everyone had an enjoyable day.

This experience has allowed us to realise the importance of giving back to the community, and that even the smallest things like simple conversations can make someone's day. It enabled us to realise that we should all strive to do good in hopes of making others even the slightest bit happier.

*Ashley Gozali (4 TCT)
Masuvathi Ramesh Chander Samsteetha (5 TCT)
Angel Chang (5 TCT)*



ALUMNI NEWS

Overcoming Obstacles With Grit

Pursuing higher education in English can be challenging even for native speakers. So, imagine how much harder it can be when English is not your first language.

When Mr Zhaomou Song arrived in Singapore from China to study the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) in ACS (International), English was a second language for him. Despite the difficulties of communicating in a foreign language, Mr Song overcame the obstacles with grit and determination.

“My sister came to Singapore before me to study, and she enjoyed the experience. So, that prompted me to head to Singapore and ACS (International). The first few months in Singapore were challenging for me to learn to speak and write in English. I practiced my English by talking to more people in the language,” said Song.

Mr Song is grateful for the help and guidance rendered by tutors Ms Cheng Wei and Mr Ho Wee Kwang, as well as the IB tutors who taught and influenced his life.

After completing his IBDP in 2016, Mr Song studied at Cambridge University, where he did his bachelor’s and Master’s studies in Information Engineering. He is now pursuing his Doctoral studies there in the fields of gesture interaction in Virtual Reality.

He added: “I always wanted to study Engineering in the UK and Cambridge is very well-known for its Engineering courses.”

Life in Cambridge was challenging too.

“Cambridge is a stressful and competitive place, and the syllabus was a difficult one. Students who had previously done well in their home countries often faced difficulties getting good marks in their examinations in Cambridge. The Senior Tutor said we should not expect to get full marks or close to full marks for university exams – they are going to be difficult.

“This could be particularly stressful especially when we were juggling our studies and aiming to land suitable internships during our courses. During times when everyone was busy at home studying or preparing for job interviews later, it was easy for students to feel lonely and fall into depression,” said Mr Song.

The mental health support networks in Cambridge, which included networks to track students’ progress, regular well-being sessions, and compulsory tutor-student meetings every term, helped him adapt well and thrive in Cambridge,

He advises students at ACS (International), especially those going through their IB examinations this year, to “give of their best” for all their papers, and “take care of their mental health and well-being”.

He said: “Studies at Cambridge are rigorous, and students must be able to make it through the years of study. What is most important is to choose a course of study that you are the most passionate with and manage your expectations. Pursue things that you enjoy doing and are capable of and the outcome will be a good one.”





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

Senior Leadership Team



Mr Gavin Kinch
Principal



Mrs Tan Siew Hoon
Vice-Principal



Mr Christopher Hayward
Vice-Principal



Dr Kristopher Achter
Vice-Principal



ACS (International) Admissions Seminars for 2023

Post PSLE Seminars

23 November	2pm
	4pm
24 November	10am
	2pm
	4pm
25 November	10am
	2pm
	4pm
26 November	9am

RSVP admissions@acsinternational.edu.sg

Seminars will be held on Campus with school tours where possible.

Attendance by reservations only

Venue: Oldham Chapel, ACS (International)
61 Jalan Hitam Manis, Singapore 278475

For earlier appointments, please contact Joseph Ng or Serene Lim
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