



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends

It is the end of the Academic year! Congratulations to all our students, teachers and parents for making it through 2022.

It has been wonderful this year to see so many activities resume with the easing of COVID-19 pandemic. I have really felt the school having a strong sense of life about it with students involved in sports, music and House events. I have thoroughly enjoyed having in-person events such as International Day, Graduation, Prom and Speech Day returning to the normal life of the school. It has been great to meet parents onsite and talk to them about their child and how they are doing. I am looking forward to meeting more parents in 2023.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Parents Survey back in Term 3. The results and analysis have been posted on the school website and can be found here. The actions that have been identified will be used to plan the school’s objectives for 2023.

I would like to wish our graduates and those 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 those students returning next year, we hope that they will have an enjoyable rest, will make good use of the break and will be excited about resuming their studies in 2023.

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 to 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 2023.

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

Gavin Kinch  
Principal

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STAFF NEWS

New Staff

New Staff	Department	Start Date
Ms Amanda Woo Sze Hsien	ESOL	4 Jan 2023
Ms Priya Chandrika Janardhanan Nair	Science – Biology	4 Jan 2023
Dr Srivalli Singh	Science – Biology	4 Jan 2023
Ms Kathryn Upshall	English	4 Jan 2023

NOTICES

Second Hand Textbook Sale

Between 28 October and 17 November, the 12 Ambassadors of ACS (International) organised a Second Hand Textbook Donation Drive. The second-hand IGCSE and IB textbooks will be sold at the Student Centre from 9 January to 20 January 2023 during Senior Lunch and after school.

Those who donated the used books were given 20 percent discount coupons which they can redeem to buy new textbooks for their academic programmes in 2023.

If you wish to purchase a book, please scan the QR code and fill in the online form stating the book that you want. Payment can be in cash or by PayLah, and the proceeds from the sale will be given to Singapore Children’s Society, which helps children and youth who are in vulnerable conditions.

Please support this sale and start the new year by playing your part to help children and youth in need!



STUDENT SUCCESSES

Year 5 Student Wins Three Top Prizes in UK International Music Competition

Congratulations to Larissa Chan (5 SVM) who recently won three top prizes in the UK International Music Competition 2022 in the following categories — First Prize Winner (Original Composition), First Prize Winner (Chamber Music) and Special Prize Winner for Expressive Performance.

The UK International Music Competition is an online music competition that aims to fully challenge the virtuosity and artistic excellence of performers of all nationalities and countries in piano, strings, voice, conducting, composition, and chamber music.

Larissa has always enjoyed composing music since she was a young student in the Yamaha Junior Music Course. She says: “My inspiration comes from the people I meet and the things that I experience in my daily life. Every sound that I hear around me has the potential to be turned into something musical and that’s what makes composing exciting as there are no limits to what we can create and express through music.”

Larissa is grateful to her music teachers Ms Carol Ling, Ms Arleen Teo and Mr Philip Tan, for their guidance all these years and also wishes to thank her chamber music group members, Fahim and Haowei, for collaborating with her in this competition.

We wish Larissa continued success in her musical endeavours!



# Leadership Colours Awards

Heartiest Congratulations to the Y1, Y2, Y3 and FIB recipients of the 2022 Leadership Colours Awards.  
The awards were presented during Speech Day.

## GOLD

Name	Year	House
Song Yu	3	CKS
Dhar Yutika	3	GHK
Tomomasa Masuda	2	GHK
Roy Kwan Kay Tjin	3	SVM

## SILVER

Name	Year	House
Ashley Chan Jia En	3	CKS
Huang Yong Rou	2	LSG
Huang Yong Shin	2	LSG
Lee Yulwon	2	LSG
Nishya Subash Prabu	2	LSG
Zee Yuet Yi Audrey	3	GHK
Lau Sin Kiu Sheryl	2	TCT
Marek Hashimoto	2	TCT
Ashley Chan Jia En	3	CKS
Huang Yong Rou	2	LSG
Huang Yong Shin	2	LSG
Lee Yulwon	2	LSG
Nishya Subash Prabu	2	LSG
Nicole Molenberg	3	TCT
Melody Lee Yun Shyan	3	THO
Yun Seojin	3	THO
Cheng Tin Wing	2	TKK
Athena Peh	3	TKK
Devang Ranjith Menon	2	OLD
Natasha Tan Rae	3	OLD

## BRONZE

Name	Year	House
Khair Siya Ketan	1	THO
Brandon Frederick Shen	2	CKS
Aryav Bhesania	3	CKS
Wu Yufei	3	CKS
Lee Jaehoon	2	GHK
Teo Ziping Pamelyn	2	GHK
Rishaan Kishore Buxani	2	GHK
Fareeha Mohammed	2	GHK
Tan Shi Ning Meredith	2	GHK
Sul Yeonwoo	2	GHK
Rin Miyasaka	2	GHK
Kelly Ng	3	GHK
Tejaswini Jayakumar	3	GHK
Kaylee Victoria Ng	3	LSG
Du Yingjia	3	LSG
Govind Anurupa Ajeet Wagle	3	LSG
Ong Zi Yi	3	LSG
Jennifer May Utama	2	SVM
Nathan Alexandro Tjhe	2	SVM
Rory Noelle Petrus	2	SVM
Tyra Lian Tai Ran	2	SVM
Rishi Kamaraj	2	SVM
Wakharkar Aahan	3	SVM
Lee Xue En Aerial	3	SVM
Nathan Keenan Widjaja	3	SVM
Sarah Tan Ee-Jae	3	SVM
Kimberley Raeanne Ng	2	TCT
Ryoji Yamamoto	2	TCT
Katherine Gabrielle Mandagi	FIB	TCT
Shourya Saurabh Mishra	3	TCT
Amanda Lim Huimin	2	THO
Rhea John	2	THO
Quek Zeanne	3	THO
Zoya Khawaja	3	THO
Coleen Yow Ka Kay	2	TKK
Li Jiaqi	2	TKK
Mahika Singh	3	TKK
Tan Kia Min	3	TKK
Chan Wen Xin Alycia	2	OLD
Hyun Minsung	2	OLD
Sara Attal	3	OLD



# Year 6 Graduation 2022

On Friday 11 November, many proud parents attended the graduation of 172 Year 6 graduates during our Graduation 2022 ceremony held at the Ho Bee Auditorium in the National University of Singapore.

The Guest of Honour was Reverend Dr Edwin Tay, Principal of Trinity Theological College, and the event was a huge success with happy tears and delightful cheers from students, parents, friends, and loved ones.

Teddy bears and pastry sets were distributed to the graduates and artful balloon sculptures were also displayed at the entrance of the auditorium. Many of the graduates took photographs with their friends and families at the photo booths that were specially prepared for them.

The Chamber Orchestra, Ng Hei Lam, Sara Kwok, Bono Gajdek, and Michael Cheung, all gave elegant musical performance, and they were met with appreciative applause.

Our heartiest congratulations to the Year 6 students, and our grateful thanks to the many teachers and the Student Ambassadors who supported this event.

*Teo Jie Shi Alarice, Head of Student Ambassadors*





## Speech Day 2022

After two years of the Speech Day celebration being held online due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, ACS (International) was finally able to celebrate the said event onsite on 16 November at the Sports Hall. This year's celebration was a highly anticipated gathering to recognise the students' achievements in academics, sports, leadership, and co-curricular activities, and was particularly special because of the attendance of our esteemed members of the board, Guest of Honour, and parents.

Reverend Loretta Lim started the event with an opening prayer, and our school principal, Mr Gavin Kinch, gave his opening remarks and words of encouragement. Following his speech, our Guest of Honour, Mr Max Jaganathan, gave a keynote message on the importance of building relationships in achieving a fulfilling life.

The division coordinators, Mrs Lim Lay Pian, Ms Pamela Ng, and Ms Alka Hingle, presented the awards, and the student representatives from Junior, Middle and Senior divisions shared their reflections of their learning journeys. To lighten the atmosphere, the attendees were treated to some amazing musical performances. The Wind Band performed Walt Disney's 'Lion King,' and the Contemporary Singers took the stage with their rendition of Cristina Perri's 'A Thousand Years' and Calum Scott's 'You are the Reason.' Both performances received a resounding round of applause.

To nurture the school's holistic development approach, Colours Awards were presented to students who showcased excellent leadership qualities, CCA awards were presented to students who excelled in performing arts and sports, and Barrett Music Competition Awards for talented musicians.

Speech Day was an excellent culmination of the hard work and determination of students this year. This event not only recognised individual and group successes but also reinforced a sense of community committed to upholding the school's mission and vision.



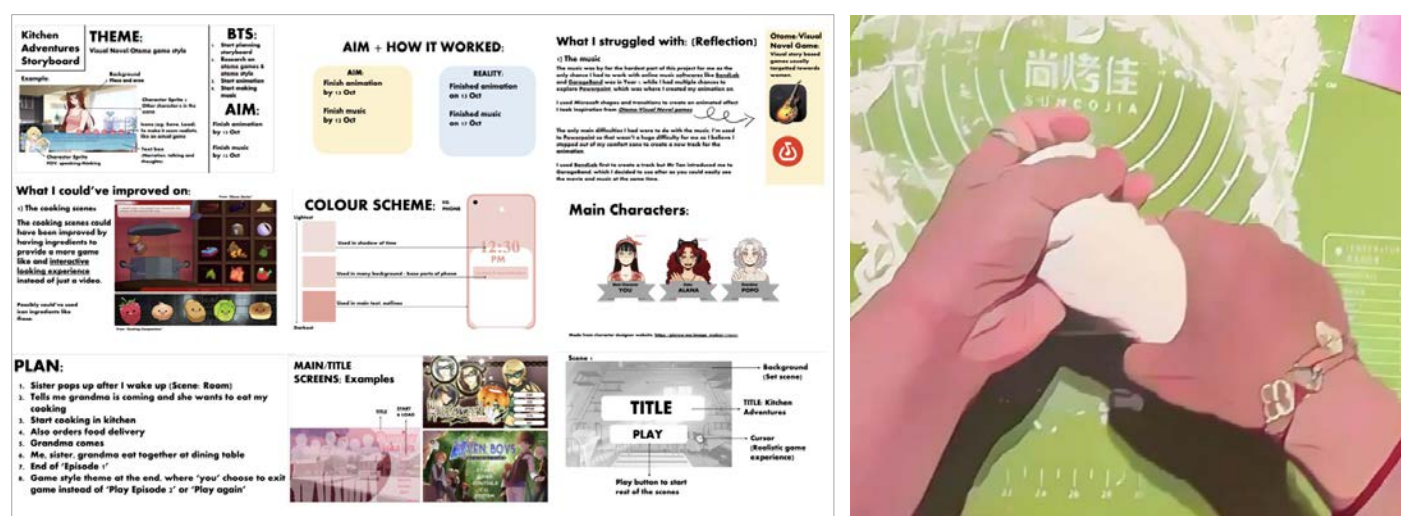


## Year 2 Stop-Motion Animation Presentation

The Year 2 students took the Arts subjects in a carousel structure. In Term 4, they created a Stop-motion animation project based on the theme of Food. In the animation, students displayed their creativity, research ideas and experiences in content related to Food Waste, Food and Memories, and Food and Cultures. For a final celebration, and a recognition to their diligence and ingenuity, each year 2 class showcased their best works to their peers in a semi-formal presentation at the Blackbox.

Students learnt to employ a variety of creative strategies, such as developing a compelling storyline, designing a storyboard and backdrop, utilising multiple camera angles, and creating original soundscapes and music, among others. It was a productive session where the students experimented with various forms of expression, editing platforms, and gained an understanding of how drama, music and visual arts can be creatively combined.

Enclosed are samples of the storyboards and creative plans (first page):



## Introductory to the Art of Puppetry

As part of the post-exam activities, the year 2 students also attended an external learning workshop by The Finger Players local puppetry theatre company.

The students learnt about three types of puppetry: Traditional Chinese Hand Puppetry, String Puppetry and Object Puppetry. They were taught the basic principles of puppet manipulation and given opportunities to explore a variety of small or large puppets that are manipulated by 2–3 persons.

Stop Motion animation: Please click [here](#) for Google classroom link.



## Inter-School Malay Essay Writing Competition “Pena Emas 2022”

Five hundred participants from Year 1 – Year 5 took part in this year’s PENA EMAS 2022 national Malay essay-writing competition, sponsored by EDN-Media Consultant.

The objectives of this competition are as follows:

- To provide the opportunity for students to showcase their talent.
- To instil confidence in writing compositions.
- To sharpen students’ writing skills and techniques, and
- To encourage creative and fun learning of the Malay Language.

We would like to congratulate Miren Kaur (3 TKK) for getting 21st place in PENA EMAS 2022. All our four participants achieved commendable placings in this year’s competition.

No.	Name of Participants	Class	Category
Lower Secondary			
1.	Keira Shij Yi Stroobant-Paquet	1 CKS	GOLD
2.	Aneshka Marissa Fernando	2 CKS	GOLD
3.	Erin Amaya Anne Sherrard	2 THO	GOLD
Upper Secondary			
1.	Miren Kaur	3 TKK	GOLD

### Student Reflection

I’m grateful and proud to be able to be placed among the top 30 students who qualified for the National Level Inter-School Malay Essay Competition (Upper Level). I’m glad that I am able to represent my school, ACS(International), in this competition. The preparation of my essay tested my ability to manage my time well and ensure that I had a clear vision on the direction of my essay. The competition itself provided me with a lot of exposure and enabled me to gain some experience. I would like to thank my Malay teacher, Mdm Goh, for constantly supporting me and pushing me to strive for the best throughout my years in ACS (International) and especially during the previous year, which I achieved the Gold Category in this competition. I look forward to taking part in this competition in the years to come.

Miren Kaur, 3 TKK

Mdm Chin Siew Lin and Mdm Goh Weili  
Malay Language Teachers





# Inter-House Tug of War

After a two-year hiatus, the last week of school saw the return of the traditional End of Year Inter-House activity – the Tug of War. A favourite of students and staff alike, The Tug of War competition on 15 November was as we always remembered it – a loud, competitive, fun and maximum-involvement whole school event.

Sixteen students on each House Team in both Junior and Middle/Senior Divisions competed in a series of group stages to decide their placings in the finals. In the Junior division, Oldham and TKK faced each other to pull for the Bronze medal, whilst TCT and GHK competed for Silver and Gold. TCT’s strength eventually overpowered GHK, and they were crowned as tug of war champions, with Oldham taking Bronze.

In the Middle and Senior Division, Thoburn came up against TKK, who were both vying for the bronze medal, whilst TCT had a second chance at Gold against CKS. However, CKS managed to prevent a clean sweep from TCT, and clinched the Gold Medal after a long match. Unfortunately, TKK once again missed out on a third place, being beaten by Thoburn.

The tug of war was a fantastic end to the Inter-House competitions which had resumed without restrictions from Term 2. Next year will see the return of a full programme of House events starting with Sports Day in Term 1! We look forward to as many students competing as possible and gaining points for their house in 2023!

Miss Laura Blunt  
Assistant Head of Faculty for PE.





PSP News

Study Nights in ACS (International)

All too quickly, the school year has flown by, and exam season has 8 November, the Parent School Partners (PSP) organized bi-weekly Study Nights for our Year 4 and Year 6 examination candidates.

Students staying back to study after school hours were treated to a varied selection of food including vegetarian options. From Four Fingers chicken to Hainanese pork chops, MOS burgers to pasta, chicken karage bowls to ayam penyet, burritos to pizza, it was no wonder that Study Nights were very popular and well received by the students. We witnessed big smiles all round and the ever-present ACS camaraderie.

After a long day of revision, our students were glad to sit down to a meal with friends and provide moral support to each other. Special thanks to parents for their generous donations of desserts and juices.

Apart from nourishing the students physically, staff and volunteers from Holland Village Methodist Church also partnered us to nourish them spiritually. Church volunteers distributed prayer sheets, bookmarks, and little goodies, and also went from table to table to pray for our students. We thank the church for their support in providing a listening ear and encouraging our students through this important time.

We wish our examination batches all the best! God has a great path for each one of you. May you shine brightly wherever you go.





WELLNESS TIPS

# TIPS TO A HAPPY YEAR-END HOLIDAY



## VISIT WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

With Covid now being better managed, it's time to re-connect with friends and family, here and abroad as most places have reopened their borders!





## MAKE TIME FOR SELF-CARE - PICK UP A NEW HOBBY

Be it gardening, knitting, bouldering or biking, you are spoiled for choice this holiday. Go on a device-fast and pick up a new hobby, for better self-care.

## VOLUNTEER FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Want to expand your circle of friends or to broaden your horizon? Why not get involved. Do check out <https://www.volunteer.gov.sg/>





## BUILD EXPERIENCES

The long holiday can be a life-changing one. Build experiences through job-shadowing, or short internships.

## APPRECIATE THE LITTLE THINGS

Slow down and take time to appreciate nature and the little things in life. Practice gratitude!





## RE-CHARGE AND REFLECT

Take time to re-charge and reflect on this entire year. What are the things that sparked joy and what could be improved and of course, what are some SMART goals for 2023!

The Counselling Team is thankful for the opportunity to journey with many parents and students this year.

We look forward to supporting you in 2023!



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2023	Event
3	Release of IB results
5	Orientation
6	Year 5 IBDP Induction
	First Day for returning students
18	Release of IGCSE Results
19	Non-DSA IBDP Consultations
20	Year 5 IBDP (Non-DSA) Induction 2
	Lunar New Year Celebration
	Inter-House Aesthetics Competition
23 – 29	Lunar New Year Holiday (no students)







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# 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](mailto: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

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# ACS (International) Admissions Seminars for 2023

## Post O-Level Seminars

12 January	2pm
13 January	10am
	2pm
16 January	10am

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