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ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

I recently attended my first Heads' Council meeting at the IB Global Office in Washington DC. Present at the meeting were Mr Olli-Pekka Heinonen – IB Director General, Dr. Nicole Bien – Chief Schools Officer, Adrian Kearney – Director, IB World Schools and 10 other Principals who were elected to serve on the advisory Council. The meeting occurred over several days with the Council reviewing strategic decisions that the IB is considering, including global growth, leveraging digital tools for professional development and student assessment, and the impact that AI technologies might have on education.

The Principals on the Council come from Latin America, UK, France, India, Australia, Denmark, Japan and one from Ukraine who was not able to attend the meeting. I found meeting with the other Principals stimulating as we each brought our different perspectives from around the world to the same table. It was a good reminder that as an IB school we are part of a global IB community whose Mission Statement is:

“To develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through education that builds intercultural understanding and respect.”

The Bible tells us that “whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”.

At ACS (International) we seek to implement our Biblical mission and the IB Mission in our own context. As we reach the halfway point of the academic year, I have been reflecting on the activities that our students are involved with so far in 2023. Our students have taken part in the Model United Nations discussing global issues, volunteered at a SPED school, helped residents in the nearby HDB blocks, raised money for charities, contributed their time and effort to good causes such as Willing Hearts and helped pre-schoolers learn how to read. Further to this, in the upcoming holiday we have a large number of students going overseas to volunteer in various community projects around the Southeast Asia region.

Our staff and students have embraced our mission so far this year through wholeheartedly engaging in activities that promote intercultural understanding, compassion, and social responsibility. We are proud of our Christian foundation and our role within global IB community, both of which help guide us as we work towards creating a better and more peaceful world.

I wish all students and staff a restful break, and I look forward to Term 3 and 4.

Gavin Kinch
Principal



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Term 2 Commendation Awards

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

Principal's List for Effort and Achievement			
NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	KIMBERLY ANN HENDROFF	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	HARSHNI SIVASUBRAMANIAN	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	BONO JAKUB GAJDEK	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	WU YUFEI	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	ACHAREKAR OM NITIN	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	NATSUKO KAWASUMI	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	MOON DAYOUN	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	LIM JUN LE WAINE	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	KAITLYN WONG QIYI	2	GOH HOOD KENG
10	ZHEN JINGTONG	PRE IGCSE	GOH HOOD KENG
11	TOMOMASA MASUDA	3	GOH HOOD KENG
12	LEE JAEHOON	3	GOH HOOD KENG
13	RIN MIYASAKA	3	GOH HOOD KENG
14	TEJASWINI JAYAKUMAR	4	GOH HOOD KENG
15	ZEE YUET YI AUDREY	4	GOH HOOD KENG
16	HUANG YONG SHIN	3	LEE SENG GEE
17	NISHYA SUBASH PRABU	3	LEE SENG GEE
18	SUNG GEONWOO	3	LEE SENG GEE
19	LEE YULWON	3	LEE SENG GEE
20	KAYLEE VICTORIA NG	4	LEE SENG GEE
21	HECTOR CHIA YI TAO	6	LEE SENG GEE
22	NG HEI LAM	6	LEE SENG GEE
23	EKEESHA ATRE	2	OLDHAM
24	PARK YEON A	2	OLDHAM
25	HYUN MINSUNG	3	OLDHAM
26	LEE YESEO	4	OLDHAM
27	NATASHA TAN RAE	4	OLDHAM
28	HON PEI YU RAYNA	6	OLDHAM
29	MUHTASIN FIYAZ RAYAN	6	OLDHAM
30	JACOB CHRISTOPHER BUDIMAN	2	SHAW VEE MENG
31	PARK YOONHA	2	SHAW VEE MENG
32	JAYDEN CHRISTIAN BUDIMAN	3	SHAW VEE MENG
33	YANG BINGYI	3	SHAW VEE MENG
34	MOK HO YI	4	SHAW VEE MENG
35	WAN HOI YAN	4	SHAW VEE MENG
36	NATHAN KEENAN WIDJAJA	4	SHAW VEE MENG
37	LEE XUE EN AERIEL	4	SHAW VEE MENG
38	REN ZIMING	4	SHAW VEE MENG
39	KIM SUNBIN	5	SHAW VEE MENG
40	JUNG EUNWOO	6	SHAW VEE MENG
41	LARISSA CHAN MEI HUEN	6	SHAW VEE MENG
42	SOONG JAE SHIEN	6	SHAW VEE MENG
43	WANG ANQI	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
44	LIU WEIZHENG	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
45	JU SIHYUN	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
46	SUE-ANN NG	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
47	NAISSHA MAKHIJA	2	TAN KAH KEE
48	CHENG TIN WING	3	TAN KAH KEE
49	CHUNG DAYON	3	TAN KAH KEE
50	JIN ZXUAN	3	TAN KAH KEE
51	WU YOU	FOUNDATION IB	TAN KAH KEE
52	DAIKI KASHIWAGI	5	TAN KAH KEE
53	ELOISE LAETITIA LAKSMONO	5	TAN KAH KEE
54	BHAGWANI SANDHYA	6	TAN KAH KEE
55	KHAIR SIYA KETAN	2	THOBURN
56	KENSEI TSUKAMOTO	3	THOBURN
57	HE YIFAN	5	THOBURN
58	ETHELYN HUANG MEICI	6	THOBURN
59	CONRAD TREY INDRADAJA	6	THOBURN
60	VERA YONG YING XUAN	6	THOBURN
61	CHYE SHU LIN LAUREN	6	THOBURN
62	ZHANG QINGYAN	5	THOBURN

Distinction for Effort and Achievement			
NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	WEE KANG QING	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	ABE TOH ZE HAN	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	YANG WANZHOU	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	KIM CHAEWON	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	PHOEBE NG EN HWEE	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	SONG YU	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	ARYAV BHESANIA	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	ADVIKA KARTHIK IYER	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	VICTOR SEAT YONG SIM	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	ZHANG YUNAN	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	LI YIZHEN	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	YU XIUYUAN	1	GOH HOOD KENG
13	CLAYTON OLIVER WIBOWO	2	GOH HOOD KENG
14	KELLY NG	4	GOH HOOD KENG
15	DHAR YUTIKA	4	GOH HOOD KENG
16	YURI MASUDA	5	GOH HOOD KENG
17	SAW YONE SHOU @ KHIN LIN HTET	6	GOH HOOD KENG
18	TIFFANY RUSLI	5	GOH HOOD KENG
19	HUANG YONG ROU	3	LEE SENG GEE
20	LEE HYEONJOON	3	LEE SENG GEE
21	YU HAOXUAN	3	LEE SENG GEE
22	SONG YUHAN	3	LEE SENG GEE
23	DU YINGJIA	4	LEE SENG GEE
24	JASPER SIM JIAN WEI	6	LEE SENG GEE
25	ABRIEZ MARIE-ROSE WONG	3	OLDHAM
26	BENJAMIN DARMAWAN	3	OLDHAM
27	YUTO SAKAMOTO	PRE IB	OLDHAM
28	KWAK JOONSEONG	6	OLDHAM
29	NATHAN ALEXANDRO TJHE	3	SHAW VEE MENG
30	SOPHIE BEH JIAXUAN	3	SHAW VEE MENG
31	UNO KATAYAMA	3	SHAW VEE MENG
32	NAINA KUMARI GIRI	5	SHAW VEE MENG
33	RHENA GAN PEI YING	6	SHAW VEE MENG
34	LAI HONG CHANG JAYDEN	6	SHAW VEE MENG
35	VANYA GUPTA	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
36	MIA MIDORI SHANNON	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
37	MAREK HASHIMOTO	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
38	ASHLEY MYA GOZALI	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
39	MICHAEL CHEUNG	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
40	KAZUKI BABA	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
41	MUHAMMAD IRFAAN S/O EUSUFF ALI	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
42	GOH WEN XUAN EVELYN	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
43	YOHANN K THAVENDRAN	1	TAN KAH KEE
44	HYVELLI JINGYI WANGSA	1	TAN KAH KEE
45	WONG JULES TSU	1	TAN KAH KEE
46	ZOE SUPRAPTO	1	TAN KAH KEE
47	AUBREY ROSE MC CLUNG JIANZI MEISHI	2	TAN KAH KEE
48	CHOI YANGCHAE	3	TAN KAH KEE
49	ATHENA PEH	4	TAN KAH KEE
50	WU SIYU	PRE IB	TAN KAH KEE
51	LEE SOLHEE	FOUNDATION IB	TAN KAH KEE
52	ZHENG YIQIAN	5	TAN KAH KEE
53	ABHAY MALIK	6	TAN KAH KEE
54	KIM YEWON	1	THOBURN
55	CHARLOTTE ANG RUOXUAN	1	THOBURN
56	PARIYAKORN SHAVALIKUL	1	THOBURN
57	LO CHEUK CHUN	2	THOBURN
58	KAZUKI TSUKAMOTO	3	THOBURN
59	AMANDA LIM HUIMIN	3	THOBURN
60	RACHEL CHOO YING HSUAN	4	THOBURN
61	AIRI NARITA	6	THOBURN
62	SARA KWOK	6	THOBURN

Commendation for Effort and Achievement

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	MEIA YI XIAN LEMASTER	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	JULIA AW YONG FANG JUN	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	JENNY KENNEDY	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	ROHAN KUMAR	1B	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	HIROAKI SATOH	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	KWAK NAYEON	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	LIN ZITING	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	AOI HASEGAWA	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	ELLA BELLE BALASUBRAMANIAM	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	REGAN TIAN JIN	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	SHI YUTING	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	AYUMI SAKAIDE	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
13	TEO JIE SHI ALARICE	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
14	EMILY TIAN GETTEN	1	GOH HOOD KENG
15	TAN RUI AN KEAGAN	1	GOH HOOD KENG
16	LEE KANGMIN	2	GOH HOOD KENG
17	RYUSEI NAKATSU	2	GOH HOOD KENG
18	HE SIJIA	PRE IGCSE	GOH HOOD KENG
19	TIAN RUOMENG	3	GOH HOOD KENG
20	HUGH KANDAWAN	3	GOH HOOD KENG
21	TEO ZIPING PAMELYN	3	GOH HOOD KENG
22	SEO YUNA	3	GOH HOOD KENG
23	JADON REMIEL JONATHAN	3	GOH HOOD KENG
24	KAISER KAO ZI QI	4	GOH HOOD KENG
25	AARYAN HUSSEIN SIDDIQI	4	GOH HOOD KENG
26	LIM YUCHAN	PRE IB	GOH HOOD KENG
27	LUKE LAI WEN LE	5	GOH HOOD KENG
28	SANJITA PARASHAR	5	GOH HOOD KENG
29	CHONG HANNAH	6	GOH HOOD KENG
30	JEONG HYUKCHUL	6	GOH HOOD KENG
32	MORITA SOTA	6	GOH HOOD KENG
32	SERAPHINA DJAJA	6	GOH HOOD KENG
33	THAM SEUNG KEI CADENCE	1	LEE SENG GEE
34	MADHAV NAIR	1	LEE SENG GEE
35	SAKAZUME YUTO	1	LEE SENG GEE
36	NOH HAJU	1B	LEE SENG GEE
37	REBECCA LIM SIYU	2	LEE SENG GEE
38	SAKSHAM SINGH	2	LEE SENG GEE
39	LI TENGYI	2	LEE SENG GEE
40	KANON TAMIYA	2	LEE SENG GEE
41	SEONG YUMIN	3	LEE SENG GEE
42	AYSHA MINHAS	FOUNDATION IB	LEE SENG GEE
43	ONG ZI YI	4	LEE SENG GEE
44	GOVIND ANURUPA AJEET WAGLE	4	LEE SENG GEE
45	MIKAYLA ALYSON TOH	5	LEE SENG GEE
46	ZHANG XIAOYU	5	LEE SENG GEE
47	SUPITCHAR SRITRAKARNONT	6	LEE SENG GEE
48	HAYLEIGH SIM ZIQI	6	LEE SENG GEE
49	ELIZABETH ANN-MARIE HOWE WEN YU	1	OLDHAM
50	CARTESIA CHO JIA WEN	1	OLDHAM
51	CHOW YU YING	1	OLDHAM
52	LEE WOOCHAN	2	OLDHAM
53	FAYE ZHANG	2	OLDHAM
54	KIM KYUNGEUN	PRE IGCSE	OLDHAM
55	DEVANG RANJITH MENON	3	OLDHAM
56	WONG WEI ZHE	3	OLDHAM
57	TANG ZIYI	PRE IB	OLDHAM
58	SARA ATTAL	4	OLDHAM
59	LEE SEUNGWON	4	OLDHAM
60	LEE ADEL	5	OLDHAM
61	SOPHIA SNG YEN LYN	5	OLDHAM

62	AYANA KAPOOR	1	SHAW VEE MENG
63	LINDA CHEW CHIEN RU	1	SHAW VEE MENG
64	AANYA KAPOOR	1	SHAW VEE MENG
65	WANG YUEHAN	1B	SHAW VEE MENG
66	KAYLA GOH JIA EN	2	SHAW VEE MENG
67	KIM KEUNHEE	2	SHAW VEE MENG
68	THAN JUN HAO	2	SHAW VEE MENG
69	CHOI HAERAM	4	SHAW VEE MENG
70	KIM NAKYUNG	5	SHAW VEE MENG
71	NEILSON ALEXANDRO TJHE	5	SHAW VEE MENG
72	ZHANG JIAHAO	5	SHAW VEE MENG
73	ISAAC LIM TAI XI	5	SHAW VEE MENG
74	NICOLETTE ELISA LOW	6	SHAW VEE MENG
75	NANDITHA VITHANALA	6	SHAW VEE MENG
76	ALESSI LEE LE CIER	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
77	DAWN TAN YIK SIM	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
78	KANG MINSEO	1B	TAN CHIN TUAN
79	ANNA INDIRA MANIPUR	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
80	MISHA MING FLECKER	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
81	KIM DOYEON	PRE IGCSE	TAN CHIN TUAN
82	JOANN MARIA JACOB	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
83	LIM KAY AN	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
84	RYOJI YAMAMOTO	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
85	WU YOUCHEN	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
86	AFIA GUPTA	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
87	XIE XINTONG	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
88	WU YIYOU	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
89	LOW AI XUAN	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
90	SAYORI SHIMADA	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
91	SHRAVYA KISHOR KACHA	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
92	MASUVATHI RAMESH CHANDER SAMSTHEETHA	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
93	ANDERSON TAN	1	TAN KAH KEE
94	LI LEQI	1B	TAN KAH KEE
95	SHAWN DANIELSON LEE	2	TAN KAH KEE
96	SOSUKE KOIZUMI	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
97	YUGO ENDO	3	TAN KAH KEE
98	LI JIAQI	3	TAN KAH KEE
99	RIAN UMENO	3	TAN KAH KEE
100	CHENG SHIZHAO	4	TAN KAH KEE
101	KARTHIKEYA VETSA	5	TAN KAH KEE
102	LIM WENG XIANG AIDAN CHESTER HERNANDEZ	5	TAN KAH KEE
103	LOH KIN-SHIN DECLAN	5	TAN KAH KEE
104	YU YAT TIN BENETTA	5	TAN KAH KEE
105	REIS POH JING WEN	6	TAN KAH KEE
106	JI WENJIE	6	TAN KAH KEE
107	WEN YIFAN	2	THOBURN
108	YOO HAEUN	3	THOBURN
109	HANNAH LIM YI WEN	5	THOBURN
110	CHUNG YIN CLAIRE	6	THOBURN

Commendation for Effort			
NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	EUAN BENJAMIN MURRAY	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	ZHOU CHENGYI	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	ARYAN ANANDANI	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	LENCI GOH PEI YUAN	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	BRANDON FREDERICK SHEN	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	WANG XUANDI	1	GOH HOOD KENG
7	WONG TJIN YEN JILLIAN	FOUNDATION IB	GOH HOOD KENG
8	ROBERT ELIOT MING-YU SMITH	1	LEE SENG GEE
9	LEONG ZHI JIE MICHAEL	1	LEE SENG GEE
10	TAN WEI WEN REBECCA	1	LEE SENG GEE
11	AYAAN AFRAZ SHAH	1	OLDHAM
12	ALYSSA QUAH EU EN	1	OLDHAM
13	CHAN WEN XIN ALCIA	3	OLDHAM
14	FU SI JIE	4	OLDHAM
15	SONYA BEH JIAWEN	1	SHAW VEE MENG
16	JENNIFER MAY UTAMA	3	SHAW VEE MENG
17	CLAUDIA ALLLISON TJOEGIARTO	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
18	DIANE GOO	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
19	LAU SIN CHING JOSIE	1B	TAN CHIN TUAN
20	JIN DUI	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
21	LIU MUCHEN	2	TAN KAH KEE
22	TAN KIA MIN	4	TAN KAH KEE
23	REBECCA TOH JIA YING	4	TAN KAH KEE
24	MELODY LEE YUN SHYAN	4	THOUBURN



Revision Classes During Term Two Holidays

Please take note of the following revision classes that will be held in school during the Term Two holidays.

Teacher	Date	Class	Content	Time	Mode/Venue
Sia Ee Mien	30 May	Year 4 Drama	Written Paper	10am – 12pm	Venue to be confirmed via e-mail to parents & students by Ms Sia Ee Mien
Chang Hung Tho	29 May – 31 May	Year 6 Visual Arts	Exhibition Work	10am – 5pm	IB Studio
Olger Portilla	5 June – 7 June	6SBSL1	Spanish Revision	10am – 12pm	NB301
Olger Portilla	12 June – 14 June	4SL1	Spanish Revision	9am – 10.30am	Google Meet
Phoebe Tan	15 June, 16 June	4Ma2	Revision	10am – 12pm	OB3-1
Phoebe Tan	15 June, 16 June	4AM3	Revision	1pm – 3pm	OB3-1
David Fillary	20 June	4AM6	Revision	1.30pm – 3.30pm	OB2-1
Claire Tan	23 June	IGCSE	History Revision	10am – 12pm	SB303
Low Linda	26 June	6BiHL1	Revision	11am – 1pm	Google Meet
Low Linda	27 June	6BiSL2	Revision	11am – 1pm	Google Meet
Adina Wong	26 June	IB	Psychology – Paper 1 HL/SL	10am – 12pm	Library Seminar Room
Lim Lay Pian	26 June, 27 June	4Ma6	Revision	11am – 1pm	OB3-8
Lim Lay Pian	26 June, 27 June	4AM5	Revision	1.30pm – 3.30pm	OB3-8
Lim Lay Pian	26 June, 27 June	6AISL1	Revision	9am – 11am	OB3-8
Gregory Goh	26 June, 27 June, 28 June	6AAHL2	Revision	2pm – 4pm	Google Meet
Chang Hung Tho	26 June – 27 June	Year 6 Visual Arts	Exhibition Work	10am – 5pm	IB Studio
Koh Leng Khim	27 June	6CBSL	Chinese Revision	9am – 11am	LB409
David Fillary	27 June	4AM6	Revision	1.30pm – 3.30pm	OB2-1
Diana See	27 June	4Ma9	Revision	10am – 12pm	OB3-7
Ong Teck Hoon	28 June	4MA3 & 4Ma5	Revision	9am – 12pm	Hybrid OB303/Google Meet
Claire Tan	28 June	IGCSE	History Revision	10am – 11.30am, 1pm – 3pm	SB303
Adina Wong	28 June	IB	Psychology – Paper 1 (Extension) & Paper 3 (HL only)	10am – 12pm	Library Seminar Room
Raghuraman Chandramani	29 June	6AAHL1	Consultation/Paper 3	2pm – 4pm	Google Meet
Ong Teck Hoon	30 June	4Ma3 & 4Ma5	Revision	9am – 11am	Google Meet
Gregory Goh	30 June	6AAHL2	Paper 3	10am – 12pm	OB4-8
Koh Leng Leng	30 June	4CE4	Chinese Listening Practice	10am – 11.30am	LB401
Arleen Teo	30 June	Year 4 Music	Revision on Listening Paper	10am – 11.30am	Zoom
Carol Ling	–	Year 6 Music	Consultation	–	By appointment
Chang Hung Tho	–	Year 6 Visual Art	Consultation	–	By appointment

The 34th National Calligraphy Competition

In April, seven members of Chinese Calligraphy CCA had the honour of representing ACS (International) in the 34th National Schools Chinese Calligraphy Competition organised by the Chinese Calligraphy Society of Singapore and Lianhe Zaobao. It was open to all schools nationwide and featured 1,242 participants this year. Out of these participants, less than 30 made it to the finals, and five members from our CCA reached the final round, which took place on May 1, 2023.

This year, Song Yuhan (3 LSG) and Wang Xuandi (1 GHK) showcased their talents and exemplary calligraphy skills, securing 4th place in the Secondary categories. It is noteworthy that this year is the third consecutive year in which students from our school have achieved top 4 rankings. Song Yuhan also received the Merit Award (Secondary School Category) in the Ngee Ann National Students' Calligraphy Competition 2023. These remarkable accomplishments by our students not only reflect their dedication but serve to inspire their fellow students to cultivate an appreciation for Chinese Calligraphy. Our sincerest congratulations to both students.

This was my first time participating in a national-level Calligraphy Competition, and I feel honoured to have secured fourth place, bringing pride to ACS (International). I have been learning calligraphy since I was 10 years old, and throughout the years, practicing calligraphy has instilled patience within me. As I carefully place each stroke on paper, I am more mindful of how I treat those around me. I am grateful to the school for providing me with this invaluable opportunity to participate in the competition and share my love for calligraphy with others. This recognition serves as motivation for me to further refine my calligraphy skills and increases my confidence in showcasing this beautiful art form to others.

Wang Xuandi (1 GHK)

I am honoured to have secured fourth place in the 34th National Calligraphy Competition once again. I am grateful for the unwavering support of my tutor and CCA coach. Within three years of participation in this competition, I have become familiar with the rules, and processes and this has significantly improved my competition mindset. This CCA has not only provided me with high-quality materials but also deepened my knowledge of Chinese traditional art. As a passionate Chinese student of Calligraphy, I will strive to inspire more people around me to appreciate this beautiful art form.

Song Yuhan (3 LSG)



Yuhan and Xuandi at the Award presentation ceremony



Yuhan and Xuandi

SMIC Model United Nations (SMICMUN) VII 2023

On 15 April this year, Aurelia Claribel Lim (5 OLD), Choi Jiwoo (5 THO), Katherine Gabriel Mandagi (5 TCT), Naina Kumari Giri (5 SVM), Hannah Lim (5 THO), Gurmehr Kaur Dhanoa (5 THO), Lorraine Tan (5 THO), Aryav Bhesania (4 CKS), Gabriel Loh Seck Chuan (4 THO), Jayden Christian Budiman (3 SVM), Nathan Alexandro Tjhe (3 SVM), Hyunsuh Lee (3 TKK), Afia Gupta (3 TCT), Clayton Oliver Wibowo (2 GHK), Zou Ziyuan (2 LSG), Jacob Christopher Budiman (2 SVM), Naissha Makhija (2 TKK), Simran Rakesh (1 TKK) of the Envoy Club attended the Shanghai SMIC Private School Model United Nations (SMICMUN) VII conference, a MUN conference hosted by the SMIC school.

This conference served as a big steppingstone for the Envoy Club, with members Aryav Bhesania, Aurelia Claribel Lim and Hannah Lim receiving chairing opportunities. Hannah Lim was appointed Head Chair for the Historical Security Council while Aryav Bhesania and Aurelia Claribel Lim were Co-Deputy Chairs of the Security Council.

Leading to the conference, our newly appointed Envoy Club junior leader, Aryav Bhesania did an outstanding job in training the juniors through mock MUN conferences and forums during CCA time. Paired with his diligence, the excitement and eagerness of our juniors not only allowed them to actively participate and grasp an understanding of MUN procedures, but also aided in creating an engaging and encouraging learning environment. With this conference being the first for many of our juniors, we expected the process to be the early stages of a learning journey. To our surprise (and delight), however, all the awards for the best delegates in the three existing committees came from our first-time juniors, Afia Gupta, Nathan Alexander Thje, and Jayden Budiman. While the seniors were glad to be part of another conference, our enthusiastic juniors could not wait for their next conference to come, as evident from the thousands of messages they sent after the conference ended.

Later, all the conference participants met up on Google Meet for a feedback and picture-taking session. Throughout the short session, there were passionate discussions and conversations among Envoy Club members, making it hard to calm them down even for a quick picture. Yet, despite the excitement and joy, our juniors did not fail to show their gratitude towards the Envoy leaders: Saw Yone Shou (6 GHK), Aurelia Claribel Lim, and Aryav Bhesania. Although Saw Yone Shou did not attend the conference herself, we hope to have given her an enjoyable experience in her time in the Envoy Club. On behalf of all the Envoy Club members, we would like to wish her well as she steps down from being the Envoy Club leader of 2022. From being an inspiring and cheerful spirit during CCA time to becoming Secretary General for two THIMUN conferences, Saw Yone Shou has left many marks and achieved many successes within her time in the Envoy Club. With her drive and discipline, we are sure to witness more great accomplishments from her.

Aurelia Claribel Lim will now step up to be Envoy Club leader for 2023. With her dedication and the support of her club members and teachers, she hopes to further develop the lively atmosphere of the Envoy Club and allow her members to experience the fun of MUN conferences alongside other projects.

Following this conference, the Envoy leaders are now working hard in organising more MUN opportunities and projects for our club members. We have two upcoming conferences taking place over the summer holidays for our club members to look forward to!



Music Experiences at Singapore Bible College

We are privileged to have an IB Music curriculum that introduces us to a variety of art forms, creative processes and musical performances. We attended Canticorum, the Singapore Bible College (SBC) choral performance that featured a 50-member dynamic choir and a 12-member music ensemble. The performance was conducted by Associate Professor Dr Eudenice Palaruan, and the choral performance displayed the talents and gifts of students and faculty members through a series of baroque and contemporary church music pieces. Prominent works included Mozart's "Laudate Dominum, KV 339 no. 5" from the late 1700s, which was inspired by Psalm 117 and accompanied to the richness of contemporary choral work by Dan Forrest. The chosen theme for the concert revolves around the greatness of God's love to us is great, and that the Lord's faithfulness endures forever. Praise be to God!

Following the performance, we had the opportunity to examine the electric harpsichord and organ, as well as other modified traditional instruments, used in the concert. These instruments may not be utilised conventionally in the contemporary music setting yet they establish firmly and beautiful with church music.

The highlights of this concert was when we were able to speak with the collaborators. Associate Professor Dr Myrleene Yap discussed the difficulties she faced in finding the appropriate visual to accompany each selected musical work. Ms Pauline Ang, a member of the SBC board of directors, discussed the processes of coordinating with so many components for the performance. These invaluable insights have provided us with a clearer direction for our own collaborative project for the IB Music Contemporary Music Maker next year, where I am looking forward to create my own collaborative piece with other artists.

I am blessed to have had the opportunity to attend the music and arts-related performances, exhibitions and workshops in the last 5 months here at ACS (International). All these external exposures have shown me an incredible and expansive world of music and embrace other arts forms. This is an exciting platform that has brought out the curious and open-minded thinking of our IB learners' profile.

Wesley Ding Wei Xin (5 CKS)



The students with Ms Arleen Teo & Ms Pauline Ang



Violet and Haining with modified traditional music instruments



Past arts and music activities participated

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Project Green

We share the heartwarming and successful volunteering initiative led by 18 compassionate and dedicated students at Geylang East Home for the Aged. These individuals embarked on a meaningful journey to bring joy, connection, and a touch of creativity to the lives of the elderly residents through a series of engaging activities.

Over the course of their visit, the students organised four different activities, each designed to create memorable experiences and foster a sense of community among the elderly residents. The first activity, terrarium making, allowed the residents to unleash their creativity by crafting beautiful miniature gardens. With the brilliant design and skillful dexterity of our design group (headed by Yuri Masuda and Natsuko Kawasumi), the elderly eagerly embraced the task with gleaming smiles on their faces.

Continuing our mission to inspire joy and hope amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we organised an arts and crafts session combined with Easter egg painting. The room was filled with laughter and excitement as the residents adorned the eggs with vibrant colours and intricate designs. The simple act of painting eggs ignited a sense of playfulness and sparked conversations, bridging generational gaps and creating a profound connection.

To celebrate cultural heritage and promote traditional games, the students arranged a session featuring nostalgic pastimes and the art of calligraphy. Traditional games such as 发明年份 (date of invention activity) and 照片拼图赛跑 (puzzle) brought back cherished memories for the elderly residents. Laughter filled the air as they rediscovered their youthful enthusiasm, engaged in friendly competitions and shared stories of their favourite childhood games. The introduction of calligraphy also allowed the residents to express their creativity through elegant strokes, boasting their innate talents.

Lastly, the students organised a special event centred around Tang Yuan making. The aroma of sweet ginger broth and freshly cooked Tang Yuan filled the home. The residents enthusiastically participated in the process, enjoying both forming the Tang Yuan Balls and talking with our volunteers. The event culminated in a Tang Yuan tasting session, where the students and residents came together to enjoy the fruits of their labours.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the students for their commitment and passion in organising these remarkable activities, especially Yuri (5 GHK), Max (5 LSG), Natsuko (5 CKS) and Hannah (5 THO), who led with the utmost compassion as leaders of this project.

Adel Lee (5 OLD)

Project Leaders: Max Lee (5 LSG), Hannah Lim Yi Wen (5 THO), Yuri Masuda (5 GHK), Natsuko Kawasumi (5 CKS), Adel Lee (5 OLD)



Project Limitless and Needy Homes Outreach

Project Limitless

Dreams are supposed to be limitless. Project Limitless Singapore is one of three Project Limitless branches worldwide that aims to shine a spotlight on the systemic issues surrounding education globally, and break free of the traditional values set by society today.

Through working with children from different cultural backgrounds, we aim to build a passionate community to fight for quality holistic education for children all around the world.

We work with FaithActs to bring engaging and educational lessons to children at their learning centres weekly and teach a range of topics such as cultural awareness, mental health, and creativity. We enjoy seeing the children enjoy and learn from these lessons every week and are excited to continue our project throughout the year!



Needy Homes Outreach

This term, our team of passionate Interactors continued with our monthly Needy Homes Outreach. We visited our regular eight Needy Families under our care in the wider Commonwealth community.

Prior to our outreach, our Interactors packed individual Care Packages for our families. Each Care Package contained \$100 NTUC vouchers, handmade origami crafts, encouragement cards, and masks for hospital visits.

Seeing the smile on our families' faces as they received the Care Packages from us is the highlight of our day!

Interact Club EXCO Committee



TKK House Charity Initiative

As part of 2023 Tan Kah Kee House charity initiative, we held a collection drive for the Non-Profit Organisation, Go With The Flow (GWTF), which aims to raise awareness and combat period poverty in Singapore. It is a cause that we strongly support, and we were excited to play a significant role in the process. Over the course of 2022, the organising team was in frequent contact with GWTF to gain a better understanding of what we were supporting, and how we could best support the initiative. We decided on a collection drive of sanitary products, along with collecting donations that would directly to GWTF.

Thereafter, a group of TKK students also volunteered down at the GWTF warehouse to help pack the sanitary pads so that they could be delivered conveniently. This was a great hands-on learning experience to teach about the importance of collaboration as well as help us understand the level of organisation present within a large scale charity. However, just being involved in the community work was a rewarding and valuable insight. We truly thank GWTF for partnering with the TKK House Charity to provide us with such an incredible opportunity and expand our school's community outreach.



Throughout the whole process, we were proud about the progress we were involved and realised that no matter the amount of sanitary products or donations we collected, what was more important was the level of awareness we were able to raise for such an important issue, in Singapore and around the world. Through the initiative, we were able to make announcements, not just within the House, but to the entire school as well during assembly. This was really meaningful to us as we were given a platform to talk about something that is often overlooked and considered taboo by a large part of society, which we feel is something that should change. Period poverty is a significant issue, and we are glad to be given the opportunity to make a difference and support a cause that means a lot to us.

Overall, we hope we helped GWTF provide to women in need in Singapore as well as change mindsets and raise awareness on this prominent issue so many women face. Lastly, we want to mention that GWTF sell stickers for fundraising and are open to receiving any fun and interactive designs you may have for their donation boxes so should anyone be interested in designing or expanding their sticker collection, visit their website and find out more!

*Project Leader: Reis Poh, Sandhya Bhagwani (6 TKK)
Project Supervisor: Ms Jasmine Lee*

Inter-House Music Competition

The annual Inter-House Music competition on 14 April 2023 included musicians from Year 1–6 from each of the eight houses who played a range of different instruments, and singers with different styles and unique voices.

The instruments played included the violin, cello, drums, electric guitar, piano, and the joy of each performer as he or she revealed their musical talents could be felt by the audience. Many students who were not participating in the competition came to Oldham Chapel after school and stayed until 5pm to support their peers and indulge in the euphonious sounds of different genres of music being played.

This year, the school invited specialists in the music industry to be guest judges for the Inter-house Music competition. The genres of music being played ranged from Jazz, Pop, and even songs from musical movies such as "Beauty and the beast" and "Mamma Mia!" Our talented musicians spent weeks preparing for and rehearsing the songs and their performances. Some houses did their own versions of mash-ups between different songs which included "Until I found you" by Stephen Sanchez and "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran, which was played by LSG, and multiple songs from "Beauty and the Beast" played by GHK. The students did a great job on playing their instruments together flawlessly, and the singers harmonised well with one another and with the musicians too!

The judges deliberated based on two main criteria — Musicianship, which included clarity of pronunciation, tone quality, and musical arrangement; and Overall Performance, which comprised Interpretation and Innovation of Presentation. The quality of some of the performances impressed the judges, as could be seen by some of their comments.

For TCT's performance, the judges were impressed by the "good performance etiquette, communication between singers". They even added that they had "goosebumps while listening to the performance".

For LSG's performance, the judges were blown away by the "very expressive singing" and "great stage manners", while TTK's lead singer was "very expressive" and CKS's performance was well-rehearsed.

After much deliberation by the judges, LSG emerged as the winning House, while TCT and CKS took runner-up and third spot respectively.

Ranking

1. LSG
2. TCT
3. CKS
4. OLD
5. TKK
6. SVM
7. THO
8. GHK

Congratulations to all the performers, and we look forward to seeing more musicians in the competition next year!



Artsy CCA

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Artsy is a popular culture and arts-based magazine run by students passionate about the arts, and who aim to infect this love of aesthetics to the wider student body. In it, you will find articles about fashion designers, tips on photography, reviews on exhibitions and films and even teacher interviews.

LaSalle's Graduation Exhibition

On 26 April, an oppressively hot day, the Artistry CCA made its way to LaSalle's graduation exhibition. The arts college hosts its annual showcase of its graduating student's final artworks, open to the public between 21 April and 3 May. Housed within the geometric arches of the building's galleries, each exhibition explored themes significant to the artist, such as race and the concept of space. An overwhelming majority enjoyed an exhibition where gauzy, pearly fabrics were suspended over a large area of space, twisting elegantly at the edges. After having spoken to the artist, the meaning of the piece was revealed as illuminating how extensive amounts of time and space correlate with feelings of serenity and peace. In a separate gallery, the polished floor was gritty with powdered coffee stencilled to form the words 'Stay still'. The swathes of dispersed granules emulated how tangible our inability to remain motionless is. Overall, the exhibition is not for those who hold a distaste for abstract art. But for anyone who simply wishes to experience more of Singapore's arts culture, the visit is worth it even for the building itself.

Violeta Valderas Fuster (5 CKS)



LaSalle Exhibition



'OBJECTIFS', a Centre for Photography & Film

Another 'Arts Trip' for the Artistry CCA in April. Outside the gallery was a church that displayed an ongoing project called 'A Land Of The Sea' by Irene Barlian. The project documents the devastating impacts of climate change on various aspects of life in Central and West Java, Indonesia. Inside the gallery building is the story, through pictures and captions, of how a 22-year-old Singaporean student diagnosed with depression and anxiety in 2019, slowly overcame her depression and anxiety, and accepts her friends as family as she does herself. I personally loved this photographic journey, which was illustrated by journalist Yong Li Xuan. This trip has taught me how photography is much more than just an art form but also a very interesting way to tell a story.

Patcharamed Onkchareon (3 LSG)



The Van Gogh Exhibition

On 3 May, we visited the Van Gogh Exhibition at Sentosa Resorts World. This exhibition brought a modern point of view to the classic works of the late painter Vincent Van Gogh. The 360 visuals surrounding the seats were outstanding, fused with the perfect balance of light and sounds. The floors to ceilings were covered with Van Gogh's paintings like 'Irises', 'almond blossoms', and the most well-known 'The Starry Night' accompanied by the serene 'Reverie' by Claude Debussy playing along with it. Van Gogh's artworks came to life as the narrator guided us through his journey through art. We learnt that Van Gogh drew his inspiration from Japanese art, and his fascination with Japanese prints started during a visit to Antwerp in 1885-1886. He became very fond of 'Ukiyo-e', a style of woodblock prints, which he then applied to his work, 'Courtesan'.

Rebecca Toh (4 TKK)

PSP NEWS

PSP Parent Bonding Session

Parent Support Partners (PSP) of ACS (International) recently held an exhilarating parent bonding event on 4 May 2023, featuring an energetic kickboxing session followed by a lively Zumba dance taught by Erica, our enthusiastic parent-cum-professional instructor.

As the parents gathered in the Oldham Chapel foyer on level 2, they were ready to unleash their inner fighters. They laced up their sneakers and donned their workout gear, eager to punch and kick their way to fitness.

Erica led the group in a series of kickboxing moves that had everyone sweating and shouting with excitement. The high-energy music and dynamic moves made for an invigorating and empowering workout. Even the most hesitant parents were soon throwing punches and kicking their way to a great workout.

After the kickboxing session, Erica seamlessly transitioned into a Zumba dance routine, and the parents flowed into the groove. The lively music and upbeat dance moves got everyone moving and laughing together, making it the perfect way to loosen up after an intense kickboxing workout.



After the workout, parents enjoyed light refreshments and mingled with one another. Many of them were interested in having more regular exercise sessions where they could connect with other parents and stay healthy.

One parent said, "This was such a fantastic event! Not only did we get a great workout, but we also got to bond with other parents in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. I can't wait for the next one!"

Another parent added, "It's so wonderful to be part of a community where parents are so supportive and enthusiastic. We always learn from one another and get useful information and tips for parenting, school issues, and everything in between."

Overall, Zumba and kickboxing parent bonding event was a great success. The school plans to continue organising similar events to bring parents together and promote their well-being. We look forward to seeing you at the next one!



Parenting Workshop on Cyberbullying

On 18 April, I attended a parenting workshop on Cyberbullying at John Wesley Hall at ACS (International), conducted by Mr Galvin Sng, Senior Family Life Educator at Touch Parenting.

When Parent Support Partners sent out this invite to parents, my initial thoughts were that it would be informative but not an urgent need given our kids' safe circle of friends in ACS and the previous schools and centres they attended. But as Galvin engagingly talked about social and gaming platforms where anyone, anonymous or otherwise, can post a question and comment, my mind expanded as I realised the pervasiveness of cyberbullying. Statistics show that in Singapore, 3 in 4 teenagers who participated in the study experienced some form of cyberbullying. And definitely less than half of them shared it with their parents. Without family support, this hurtful, repetitive experience can be traumatic. Compared to physical bullying where there is a break by distancing from the bully, cyberbullying is 24/7 with new people chipping in with more hurtful comments.

How do we protect and support our children without taking away their phones and computers? We have to go back to basics. To be proactive about cyberbullying, we have to engage our children's hearts before we can enrich their minds. It means stepping up in building good relationships with our children so that they in turn can be more receptive to our suggestions. When these are in place, we can effectively suggest putting in safeguards to prevent them from actually meeting strangers they befriend online.

Teaching our children to be mindful about the person on the receiving end is equally important so they don't unwittingly become bullies themselves.

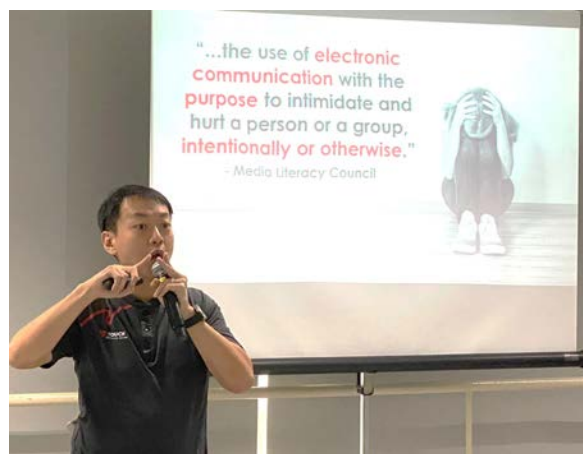
Parents also have to continuously teach resilience to their children. With a watchful eye, letting them experience setbacks and getting up again will help them overcome future cyberbullying incidents. Should cyberbullying, blackmail or extortion occur, those affected should also keep evidence by taking screenshots, photos or videos in case action needs to be taken later.



Perhaps the most important takeaway is to tell our kids that they should never be too ashamed to confide in their parents should they ever find themselves in cyberbullying and related compromising situations. We will support them, overcome it as a family and rebuild again.

I'm so glad I attended this fun and engaging talk, and look forward to more sessions! I hope more parents can join us to catch up, bond and encourage our children by being involved in school initiatives.

*Cherry Bodestyne Siow
Parent of Ashriel (6 GHK) and
Asha (5 GHK) Bodestyne Siow*



Year 1 Casual Coffee Meet

The date of 27 April 2023 marked a delightful Parent Support Partners (PSP) coffee session at Baker & Cook, located in the charming Chip Bee Gardens, for all Year 1 parents with children joining ACS (International). It was an opportunity to take a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life and connect with other parents in a relaxed setting. From 8.15am to 11am that day, all of us gathered for warm conversations, delicious treats, and the chance to share experiences and support one another.

This first coffee session was a tremendous success, with laughter filling the air as friendships were forged. We discussed various topics ranging from navigating the challenges of parenthood to how well our kids were adapting in school! It was heart-warming to witness the support and empathy among the group.

I hope upcoming sessions will be equally rewarding. Let us continue to strengthen our community and build lasting connections. Thank you, PSP, for organising this event for all of us. Let's keep our fingers crossed for more sessions in the future!

Melissa Ong
(Parent of Jerald Yow Ka Kay 1TKK)



Guardians & Homestay Providers Get Together Session

ACS (International) conducted its first guardians/homestay providers get-together in person on 16 May 2023. The session was attended by about 40 guardians and homestay providers. We were happy to have representatives from Oldham Hall Boarding Hall (Hall mistress Li-Sa Wang and Deputy Hall Master Kenneth Ko) and ACS Independent Boarding Hall staff-in-charge (Alicia Chan, Carmen Choong, Chris Ong, Phoebe Lim and Stacey Low) to join us as well.

This get-together session had provided the opportunity for the guardians and homestay providers to interact with our Pastoral team (Mr Christopher Hayward, Vice Principal in-charge of International Students, School Counsellors Dorothea Teo and Charlina Gozali, International Student Coordinator Madam Chin Siew Lin, and Assistant International Student Coordinator Madam Goh Wei Li) to share any concerns of their wards or homestayees and how we could strengthen our partnership and work collaboratively to support them.

We had a relaxing afternoon meeting and chatting with our team of dedicated, responsible, and passionate guardians and homestay providers who have been taking good care of our international students in the absence of their parents in Singapore. Well done and thank you for your care and commitment for our international students!

Madam Chin Siew Lin and Madam Goh Wei Li



UPCOMING EVENTS / NOTICES

July	Event
4	New Student Orientation
	O level Express Listening Exam (Chinese/Malay/Tamil)
3 – 14	Year 4 and 6 Prelims
6	Release of IB May results
7	Vanda International Science Competition
7 – 14	O level Oral Exams (Chinese /Malay/Tamil)
15	Year 6 University Application Session
18	Year 6 Exit Briefing
19	PSP Parent Workshop
21	IBDP Information Day for 2024 Intake
25	Inter-House Chess
26	PSP/SOS Workshop
26 – 28	Yearbook Photo Sessions
29	Darren Loh Cup 8
31 July – 3 Aug	O Level Higher Chinese Oral Exams

SATURDAY
29 JULY 2023
Darren Loh Cup VIII

REGISTRATION & RULES

VETERANS: 8AM
OPEN: 10:30AM
U19: 1PM
MIXED: 3:30PM

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12TH AUGUST 2023 | 4:30PM
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In Collaboration with the Contemporary Singers Ensemble

New Bookstore at ACS (International)

Pacific Bookstores

will be taking over from Popular. The last day for Popular will be on 26 May.

We thank them for their service to our school. Pacific Bookstores will open at ACS (International) on 26 June with the same daily hours of 9am – 4pm.



GRADUATION CEREMONY



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

10 NOVEMBER
2023

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

at UNIVERSITY CULTURAL CENTRE, HO BEE AUDITORIUM,
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