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ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Celebrating Student Agency

Student agency is a key focus for the future of education envisioned by the OECD Learning Compass 2030. Student agency refers to the students having the disposition and competence to take ownership of their learning, and effect change responsibly in their life and community.

Since the school's inception, 'Nurturing global citizens and future leaders' is our compelling mission. Additionally, the school IGNITE values guide and motivate our attitudes and actions – to be Inspirational and Impactful by following the example of Jesus Christ who came to serve humbly and sacrificially.

It has been an exciting journey for me and my colleagues who mentor and closely journey with our student leaders and watch how they aspire for new heights and try to soar higher than those who have gone before them. Student agency has been very evident when they collaborate to plan and organise events and community experiences to enliven and enrich school life.

Journeying with the 'Emblazing Eighteenth' (18th Prefect Board) in the last 12 months, I have often been awed by their pioneering spirit driven by innovation, risk taking, and energy. They had forged new projects within the school that strengthened the community and added fun and excitement throughout the year. They have raised the bar of service and good works!

I wish them the very best wishes and God's rich blessings for their outstanding dedication of love and commitment to our school.

Tan-Lim Siew Hoon
Vice Principal
(Senior Division)

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ACS (International) 19th Prefectorial Board

Prefect EXCO

Head Boy	Kim Sunbin	5-SVM
Head Girl	Ashley Mya Gozali	5-TCT
Board Secretary/Deputy Head Student [i/c House]	Daiki Kashiwagi	5-TKK
Deputy Head Student [i/c Ambassadors]	Yuri Masuda	5-GHK
Deputy Head Student [i/c Student Affairs]	Hannah Lim Yi Wen	5-THO
Deputy Head Student [i/c Student Council]	Einna Parekh	5-LSG

Ambassadors

Ariel Wong Su Ann	5-CKS
Natsuko Kawasumi	5-CKS
Luke Lai Wen Le	5-GHK
Aarna Sanjay Singh	5-GHK
Minju Kim	5-LSG
Aditi Bhardwaj	5-OLD
Sophia Sng Yen Lyn	5-OLD
Aurelia Claribel Lim	5-OLD
Johannes Wong Wei Zhi	5-OLD
Kamaraj Mohit	5-SVM
He Yifan	5-THO
Choi Jiwoo	5-THO

Student Affairs

Acharekar Om Nitin	5-CKS
Zhang Yunan	5-CKS
Sophia Kan Sam Yi	5-CKS
Ariel Ku Chin-En	5-GHK
Chua Si Rei	5-OLD
David Zhang Jiahao	5-SVM
Kim Nakyung (Corrine)	5-SVM
Han Seo Hee (Chloe)	5-SVM
Amit Kochackan Chacko	5-THO
Zhang Qingyan	5-THO
Loh Kin-Shin Declan	5-TKK
Choong hui Yu Shannen	5-TKK

Student Council

Teo Yu Ning Aglaia	5-CKS
Adel Lee	5-OLD
Chiang Yee	5-OLD
Darnesh Ramu	5-SVM
Isaac Lim Tai Xi	5-SVM
Aeryn Lee Rui En	5-SVM
Neilson Alexandro Tjhe	5-SVM
Tan Wan Shih Bethany	5-TCT
Kaitlyn Tan Su Yi	5-TCT
Katherine Madagi	5-TCT
Tan Li En Lorraine	5-THO
Evan Lim En Yew	5-THO

House Captains

Advika Karthik Iyer	5-CKS
Sanjita Parashar	5-GHK
Chun Sijun (Charlotte)	5-LSG
Heo Youngjune	5-OLD
Kristy Ann Lim Shue Wen	5-SVM
Aryan Asri	5-TCT
Gurmehr Kaur Dhanoa (Mehr)	5-THO
Karthikeya Vetsa	5-TKK

Student Leaders Investiture

After a hiatus of three years, we were glad that we could have the whole school and invited guests such as parents and student leaders of other schools to join our student leaders in this special event on 26 April.

We extended our appreciation to the outgoing student leaders such as the 18th Prefect Board, House Prefects and Peer Leaders who had served the school well. They were presented with commendation certificates and Mrs Tan Siew Hoon, Vice Principal (Senior Division), recognised their significant contributions to the school in her message.

The newly appointed student leaders — the 19th Prefect Board, House Prefects, Peer Leaders and CCA Captains — were formally invested at the ceremony. In his address to them, the Principal, Mr Gavin Kinch, shared how he looked forward to them achieving their mission of "Igniting spirits, uniting minds, empowering voices; for a new chapter in our story."

They were then presented with their leadership badges by the Senior Leadership Team.

Indeed, 'The Best is Yet to Be!' as we look forward to a new chapter of exciting school events led by "Novel Nineteenth" Prefect Board to enrich our community.



Visit by IB Representative to ACS (International)

On 17 April, Mr Stephen Casterton, Curriculum Manager for Science for the International Baccalaureate (IB) visited ACS (International).

Mr Casterton met with Principal Mr Gavin Kinch, IB Coordinator Carol Ling, Head Science Faculty Susan Ong, Deputy Head Science Faculty Kent Kor, and Junior Science Coordinator Antonio Inigo to understand how the IB Science curriculum is approached in our context.

Once the initial meeting was concluded, Mr Casterton was interested in seeing our Science teachers in action and so he observed the following lessons from our teachers:

- Madam Ong conduct a lesson on electrolysis
- Ms Low teaching gel electrophoresis.
- Dr Rana teaching his students how to make nitrobenzene.
- Ms Manjari teaching a lesson on optics.

Head of PE Kerry Lekhani, who is the lead teacher for Sports, Exercise and Health Science, then gave Mr Casterton a tour of the school.

We thank Mr Casterton for his visit and we look forward to meeting again when he is next in Singapore.



Interact Club – Service Project 2023

SG Beach Warriors is a CAS project led by Year 5 students with a focus on beach conservation and sustainability. Our goal is to raise awareness about the impact of plastic waste on the environment and encourage students to volunteer for beach cleaning activities. By joining our project, students can gain valuable experience in waste management and also develop teamwork skills. We welcome all students who are interested in making a positive impact on the environment and contributing to their community.

Our beach cleaning activities take place regularly and provide a great opportunity for Year 5 students to fulfil their CAS Experience requirements. Keep an eye out for our posters and tutor group messages to stay informed about upcoming events.

Join us in making a difference and protecting our beaches for future generations. Together, we can create a sustainable and clean environment for all. Scan the QR Code in the Poster below to participate.

JOIN THE
SG BEACH WARRIORS!
 PARTNERED WITH: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY

Concerned about the environment but don't know how to help?
 Join our beach cleaning event, sign up today!

Date: 14 May 2023 (Time TBC)
Location: Pasir Ris Beach Park (Area 1)

SIGN UP HERE!!!!

ACS (International) Open House

Open House is that one day of the when students bear the face of school especially prominently, with both the honour and responsibility of representing the school resting on our shoulders. Our annual Open House took place on Saturday, 1 April, and more than 300 families visited the school premises. As this was our last Prefectorial Board event, we were determined to make this event a great success.

Both current prefects and the 19th Prefectorial Board nominees collaborated to create a student leadership board for display. After hours spent brainstorming, debating ideas, and drafting designs together, the result was a large exhibition proudly displaying the reflections and photographs of our various events hosted by the different subcommittees. The summary of our memories, achievements, and insights over the past year were presented for parents and students alike to view – thereby emblazing the 18th Prefectorial Board's mark in history. Prefects and peer leaders were also actively sharing their experiences in detail with the visitors.

On the day itself, the hard work and dedication of both the 18th Prefectorial Board and 19th Prefectorial Board nominees paid off. After having stayed back after school on multiple occasions to pack over 800 goodie bags and set up decorations in the foyer and sports hall, the prefects were prepared to deliver. Stationed throughout the school, the prefect nominees greeted parents with wide smiles, answered inquiries, registered parents, directed parents to various locations and even gave full school tours. It was incredible to see how diligent and conscientious they were, even while standing under the hot sun.

This event turned out to be a brilliant success and a fruitful opportunity for prefect nominees to represent the school and demonstrate their work ethic and abilities. Our prefects' capabilities were looked upon favourably by parents and visitors, who gave great feedback on their kind and helpful behaviour. As our last event as the 18th Prefectorial Board, it went incredibly well and was a great way to end our term. We would like to sincerely thank our teachers, Mdm Koh Leng Leng, Mdm Koh Leng Khim, Ms Phoebe Tan, as well as Ms Carmen Choong, for their unwavering support that made this Open House a success and a true reflection of our school.

Luke Carter (6 OLD) and Ethelyn Huang (6 THO)



Prefectorial Nominees' Leadership Camp

The Prefectorial Nominees' Leadership Camp was held after school on 6 April. All 76 prefect nominees of the 19th Prefectorial Board went through two stages of the leadership camp, an interview, and a Game Creation.

The interview provided further insights about the personalities and working styles of every prefect nominee for the betterment of senior prefects' understanding. During the intermission, light snacks were served, and the prefect nominees headed down to the student centre, anticipating the second activity.

The second activity was Game Creation which required nominees to display their creativity and collaboration skills. They were tasked to create games based on the limited equipment given to them. The nominees had a fun time as they set up the games, excitedly anticipating the teachers who went around to observe and try the games and listen to the nominees' explanations for each game. The nominees then cleaned up their respective areas, thereby demonstrating their responsibility.

This Nominees' Leadership Camp marked the end of probation for the prefect nominees. On behalf of the Prefect Recruitment Committee, we hope that all nominees have taken away valuable lessons and memorable experiences from this period of time, and we wish the 19th Prefectorial Board all the best.

Alarice Teo (6 CKS)



Oldham House Camp

Our Oldham House camp on 24 March was definitely a fun and very memorable one! We were finally able to hold a House camp that included Y1 – Y6 after COVID-19, and it certainly did not disappoint.

Everyone, from Y1s to Y6s got to bond over games, but I think the activities that everyone enjoyed the most were the ones that involved the water balloons. The teachers looked like they were enjoying themselves too, and it most definitely was satisfying to finally, successfully, ambush Mr Scurr (who hid in the PE office)!!

The Y5s, who helped to organise and run this House camp, did an exceptional job, and it was an amazing opportunity to bond and cultivate our House spirit! Special shoutout to the ICs of this event organising; the Y6s who attended absolutely loved our last Oldham House camp!

Danelle Ong Keng Yee (6 OLD)



Since the start of the school year, I've been looking forward to House Camp, and the day finally came on 24 March. House Camp is when everyone in our House spends time playing games and having fun after school, building House spirit and bonding.

First, we had a blast playing Charades and trying the Newspaper challenge in our teams. After these games, we set out on a schoolwide scavenger hunt, solving riddles and taking team selfies. As soon as we finished the scavenger hunt, we hastily changed our footwear and headed to the most anticipated activity – the wet games. The teams switched between playing Red and Green light, where if you got out, you would get soaked with water, and a dodgeball-style water-balloon fight. After the games finished, the leadership team brought out the rest of the balloons, and soon everyone was having a good time throwing and dumping water at each other. The rain that fell lightly during the fun added to our excitement and wetness. We then dried off and had delicious pizza and refreshments, and ended the day with the announcements of the winners of the activities. House Camp this year has been a superb learning experience, and a fun time with friends.

Pasquale Wong Wei Zhe (3 OLD)



The Oldham House camp was wonderfully planned, the games were immaculately explained and demonstrated by the House prefects! I had a lot of fun working with my group to win each game such as Red Light, Green Light, or Water Balloon Dodgeball. Even when we were cleaning up the balloon residue after the House camp, I had a lot of fun laughing in the rain and being soaked by balloons, pails filled with ice cold water or the rain itself. I loved the thrill of solving the puzzles and finding the items in the search hunt game too, and although it was exhausting and tiring going up and down stairs, I had a lot of fun doing it. During the water balloon fiesta towards the end of the house camp, I had a lot of fun picking up stray balloons and throwing them straight at my friends, rendering them completely soaked from head to toe. Overall, the House camp was extremely fun and exciting, and I would love to do it again!

Elizabeth Howe (1 OLD)

Year 3 Art

– Palm Sunday Installation

Palmsonntag (Palm Sunday) refers to the Biblical story of Christ's journey into Jerusalem shortly before his arrest and execution, when worshippers laid palm leaves in his path. German artist Anselm Kiefer created an installation work of the same title, which comprised of between 30 and 44 paintings featuring palm fronds and stems, alongside a palm tree cast in resin. As the prelude towards Christ's eventual death, the story symbolises the moment between triumph and destruction for the artist.

Laid on the gallery floor, the fallen tree echo the body of Christ before his resurrection, suggesting both mortality and eventual renewal.



Palmsonntag [Palm Sunday]. National Galleries of Scotland, National Galleries of Scotland, www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/94670.



Kiefer, Anselm. Palmsonntag. Installation art. 2006. ARTIST ROOMS Tate and National Galleries of Scotland.

As a foundation creative project launched by Mr Peter Talbot in 2022, the current Year 3 IGCSE cohort of Art students responded to Anselm Kiefer's installation art "Palmsonntag" by first researching on the artwork to acquire an understanding of its context and meaning.

They replicated one of the more than 40 composite artworks in the installation using acrylic paints, paper clay and found natural objects to explore mark-making and textures. They then responded creatively to Anselm Kiefer's "Palmsonntag", by making connections to the artist's concepts, formal qualities, painting techniques or the use of materials to create an artwork based on their interpretations of the theme of "Viewpoints". Some of the students' works convey messages about their own culture, personal interests, and viewpoints about religion, politics, war, and life.

Click [here](#) to view selected students' works.

Higher Education Fair 2023

Choices! Choices! Choices!

Continue studying in Singapore or explore unknown territories around the world?

The afternoon of 3 April 2023 had an air of excitement as young minds stopped at the Higher Education booths and spoke in detail with the respective Admissions representatives. This was the scene from the Higher Education Fair, where 37 Institutions took part. Included in this eager mix were parents seen helping their children with relevant admissions and course materials while speaking with Admissions representatives.

The university representatives all felt that it was most beneficial meeting students face to face to clarify any doubts, get detailed information on courses offered, exchange opportunities etc. Parents and guardians found this opportunity very useful as well as they were able to speak directly to the Institution representatives and their questions were answered immediately. Many students were happy with the Institutions being under one roof as it enabled the students, and their parents to better understand the overall application and timeline process.

Here are some quotes from the students:

This university fair experience was eye-opening as I got to find out more about the courses offered by universities and some tips to stand out as an applicant!

Darnesh Ramu (5 SVM)

It was great to know more about universities. It was really helpful since I am not sure about my future.

Choi Haeram (4 SVM)

The Higher Education fair was a fruitful experience for me, and I am sure it was the same for everyone else who attended. Each booth provided helpful advice on the various courses and schools represented, along with small pieces of merchandise for us to enjoy. I particularly enjoyed learning more about applications to universities in America and how to stand out. Overall, it was a great experience for learning more about higher education!

Luke Carter (6 OLD)



The Participating Institutions were as follows:

- National University of Singapore
- Nanyang Technological University
- Singapore Management University
- Singapore University of Technology and Design
- Singapore Institute of Technology
- Singapore University of Social Sciences
- SIM Global Education
- Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts
- LaSalle College of the Arts Singapore
- British Council Singapore
- King's College London
- The University of Glasgow
- The University of Warwick
- The University of Liverpool
- IDP Singapore (Study in Australia and New Zealand)
- Curtin Singapore
- James Cook University Singapore
- The University of Melbourne
- The University of Western Australia
- DAAD (Study in Germany)
- TUM Asia (German Institute of Science and Technology)
- Study in France
- Essec Business School Asia Pacific
- IE University (Spain)
- Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL)
- Les Roches & Glion School of Hospitality
- Swiss Education Group
- Ecole Ducasse
- Education USA (Study in the USA)
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Asia
- University of San Francisco
- LIM College
- DigiPen Institute of Technology, Singapore
- Kaplan
- Testtakers Singapore (SAT, ACT)
- Brightsparks (Singapore Scholarships)
- ICON Education (Entrance test preparation)



UPCOMING EVENTS

May	Event
1	Labour Day
2	Monday Timetable
	Year 6 HE
9	IB Hindi Papers 1 & 2 (Reading)
	Year 5 HE
10	IB Hindi Papers 1 & 2 (Listening)
11	IGCSE Chinese 1 st Language Paper 1
18	IGCSE Chinese 1 st Language Paper 2
19	Inter-House Sports (Netball, Football)
22	IGCSE Mandarin Chinese Paper 1 & 4
22–24	HE Writing Effective Personal Statements and Essays
23–24	Drama CCA Showcase
24	IGCSE Mandarin Chinese Paper 2
	School Assembly (Commendation)
25	PTM (Year 3, Year 5, PIB & FIB) No classes
26	HE Writing Effective Personal Statements and Essays
27	5 July Back to classes after Term Break
29	O-level Chinese/Malay/Tamil Paper 1 & 2

SATURDAY
29 JULY 2023
Darren Loh Cup VIII

REGISTRATION & RULES

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

QR CODE

CAS Project Thrive

WHAT IS OUR PROJECT ABOUT?
We are a group of Year 5 IB students who are doing a CAS project to improve students' mental health.

VISION
To increase awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health among teenage boys, so they feel comfortable seeking help when they need it.

GOAL
To improve the mental health and well-being of everyone in the community.

POSTERS
We are making posters which raise awareness of different mental health issues we may face. Visit our social media outreach!

TALK
We are hosting a talk by the mental health NGO Silver Ribbon soon. Come and join our talk!

RESOURCES
We are making posters and hosting talks by the mental health organization Silver Ribbon. We don't promote feminism or masculinity. We're promoting equality and solutions so everyone in our school could benefit.

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH
We are making an Instagram account and our website to promote mental health. Check us out!!!

OUR INSTAGRAM

OUR WEBSITE

https://www.instagram.com/project.thrive2023/

https://www.asia.com.sg/mental-health/ib-students