



# 2023 ACS (International) CCA Fair Presentation



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The Arts CCAs



## What are the aims of the CCA programme?

At ACS (International) our Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) aims to **nurture all-round student development** by providing access to a broad range of sports, arts and interest group activities that help students to realise and fulfill their potential outside of the academic field.

We think that by providing a balanced CCA programme our students will graduate from ACS with a diverse CCA profile that;

- is appealing to universities and future employers.
- gives our students a strong foundation of skills across a range of contexts, equipping them with the tools to lead healthy, successful and active lifestyles.



## So what is different about the CCA programme at ACS (International)?

In contrast to a traditional CCA programme (typically offered in MOE schools), CCAs at ACS (Int) are scheduled in such a way that allows, and encourages, students to express themselves in variety of different contexts.

- Students are able to engage in multiple CCAs throughout the year and are free to change their CCAs each year if they wish.
- Some CCAs run continuously throughout the year, whereas other CCAs run on a seasonal/termly basis.
- All of our CCAs are free at the point of entry (students may need to purchase specific equipment/attire or pay for events such as trips or excursions).



# What are the expectations?

## School Expectations

- The school expects students to be punctual and maintain excellent levels of attendance (70%+)
- The school expects students to be proactive and enthusiastic about their CCA, giving their best effort at all times.
- The school expects students to take on leadership roles within their CCA.
- Students and families that feel the need for external tuition must ensure that this is scheduled outside of CCA time. Tuition is not a valid excuse for not attending a CCA and will be recorded as an absence.

## Student Expectations

- Students can expect CCAs to be fun, engaging, progressive and well planned.
- Students can expect to have access to high quality resources, support and external competition (fingers crossed for 2022!)
- Students can expect to have their achievements celebrated and recognised within the school.
- Students can expect opportunities for leadership within their CCAs.



## What else do I need to know?

- Students should actively participate in at least **one CCA during year** *(year 4 and year 6 students can be exempted from CCAs in Semester 2).*
- The school manages the CCA programme through the “SchoolsBuddy” platform. Students (and parents) can only sign-up for CCAs using their SchoolsBuddy account. Sign-up confirmation, allocation, attendance and CCA communications will all be done through this platform. *(more information on SchoolsBuddy will be provided at the end of this presentation)*
- A minimum of **70% attendance** is required in order for the CCA to be added to your school records and end of year report.
- Students that are invited to join school leadership groups such as **school prefects, student council** and **ambassadors** can use this commitment as a CCA equivalent *(please note that these groups are not available for CCA sign-ups)*



# What is a seasonal CCA?

## Traditional CCA

- Single sign-up at the start of Term 1
- CCA runs throughout the year on a weekly basis,
- Students can commit to long term projects and sustained improvement.
- At ACS, typically most of the **Arts and Interest Group CCAs** are scheduled in this way.

## Seasonal CCA

- Sign ups open prior to the start of each season. We will announce on schoolsbuddy when you need to sign up
- Seasons are split by age (14u/16u/19u) and align with local and international school sports competitions.
- Students can change CCA each season term and try something new.
- All **Competitive and Recreational Sport CCAs** run on a seasonal basis.
- For some CCAs, year long commitment is recommended



## Key Dates

- **Thursday 19th January:** Virtuals CCA Fair Presentation in House Tutor rooms. CCA sign-ups open on SchoolsBuddy at 3:30pm.
- **Friday 20th January 11:59am:** Arts and Interest Group CCA sign-ups close on SchoolsBuddy, students and parents should finalised their choices and submit before this deadline. Allocation process begins.
- **Thursday 26th January:** CCA allocation process is finalised. Confirmed CCA allocations sent out for Arts and Interest Groups
- **Monday 30th January:** CCAs begin for most Arts and Interest Groups CCAs
- **Monday 6th February:** Sports CCA sign ups open for ACSIS Season 3
- **Friday 10th February:** Sports CCA sign ups close for ACSIS Season 3
- **Monday 20th February:** Sports trials week for ACSIS Season 3



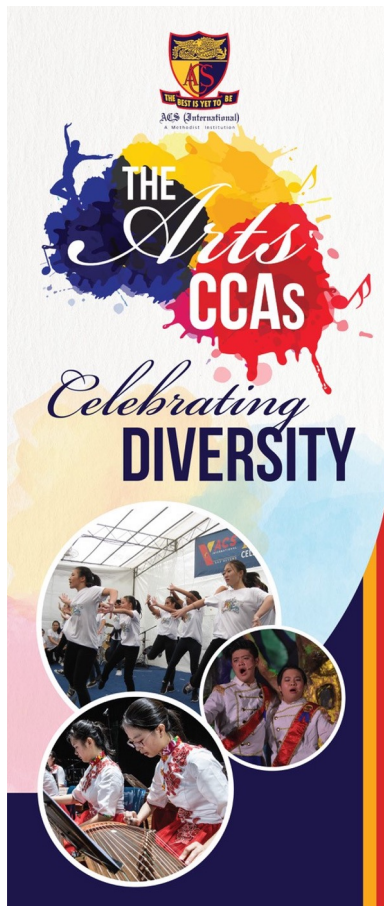


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- Students can “try out” any of the Arts & Interest group CCAs up until **Friday February 10th**. By Monday 13th February there will be no changing of CCAs for Arts or Interest Groups.
- Students can approach the relevant Head of CCAs to amend their selections.
- Subsequent sign-up date deadlines will be sent out through SchoolsBuddy for Recreational Sports CCAs and ACSIS Season 1 sign-ups.



# The Arts CCAs



# The Arts CCAs

Arts CCAs are a type of CCA that focus on the arts, including visual arts, music, dance, and theater.

Arts CCAs provide students with a unique opportunity to explore their creative interests and develop their skills in a specific art form.

Arts CCAs are often led by professional artists or teachers with expertise in the field, providing students with high-quality instruction and mentorship.

Arts CCAs can help students develop important skills such as creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving, which are valuable in many careers.

Arts CCAs can also help students build self-confidence and a sense of community, as they work together on projects and share their work with others.

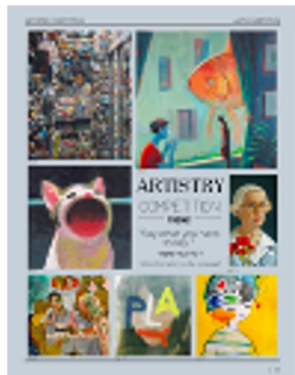
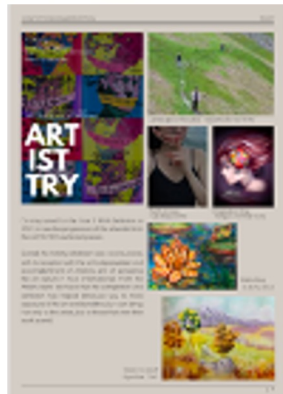
Arts CCAs are a valuable part of a well-rounded education, providing students with a chance to explore their passions and develop their talents.

Arts CCAs are often offered as part of a school's extracurricular program, providing students with a chance to participate in activities outside of the classroom.

Arts CCAs can be a fun and rewarding experience for students, helping them to develop their skills and passions in a supportive and creative environment.



# The Arts CCAs - Artistry (Editorial & Activities) Wednesday, LB505



**Artistry (Editorial & Activities):**  
Organising & writing about arts events towards  
producing an Arts Editorial. Visual art,  
theatre/film, music and literature are all included.



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# The Arts CCAs - Sewing

## Thursday, NB3-12

Working creatively with fabrics & sewing projects with a focus on sustainability; reusing old fabrics to produce new items for use or fundraising sales



**NEW!**



# DRAMA CCA 2023 ACS DRAMA FESTIVAL!

Create your own festival with Artist in Residence actor and director Kamil Haque

If you are interested in creating our very own festival! then come and join the drama CCA

Start: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January in The Blackbox.

Auditions will be held - 7<sup>th</sup> February

Production team also needed - See Miss Gordon for details.





## The Arts CCAs

String Orchestra	Mon and Thu 3:15 - 5:15pm	MS202, MS203, MS204, MS205 & MS208
Wind Band	Tue 3:45 - 5:45pm; Thu 3:30 - 5:30pm	MS202
Guitar Ensemble	Mon 3:15 - 5:15pm	Bio Lab 102, 103
Contemporary Band	Fri 3:15 - 4:45pm	MS203; MS206
Contemporary Singers	Wed 3:40 - 5:10pm	MS201
Dance	Mon 3:15 - 5:30pm	Blackbox
Gu Zheng (Not available, fully Subscribed)	Fri 3:15 - 5:30pm	MS202
Electro Acoustic Music	Tue 3:40 - 5:10pm	MS201
Ceramics - Handbuilding Ceramics - Throwing (Y5 & 6 only)	Wed 3:40 - 5:10pm Thu 3:05 - 4:35pm	Library Block level 5
Art club	Tue 3:40 - 5:40pm	LB506
Pro-Audio Visual (PAV)	Wed 3:40 - 5:10pm (Trainings in term 1; on the job for other terms)	Chapel
Drama	Tue 3:40 - 5:40pm	Blackbox
Sewing	Thu 3:15 - 5:15pm	NB3-12
Artistry (Editorial & Activities)	Wed 3:40 - 5:10pm	LB505



## Interest Group CCAs

Chess	Monday 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm	Ph101
Chinese Calligraphy & Paintings	Friday 3:15 pm to 4:45 pm	LB409
Christian Fellowship	Friday 3:15 pm	Wesley Hall (SB L6)
Cookery Club <sup>++</sup>	Thursday 3:10 pm to 5:00 pm	OB205
Creative Direction <sup>*</sup>	Friday 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm	NB201
Debate & Public Speaking	Tuesday 3:45 pm (Y1&2) / Thursday 3:15 pm (Y3+)	NB310 / CH105
Envoy Club <sup>*</sup>	Wednesday 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm	OB403
Interact <sup>*</sup>	Thursday 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm	Student Centre
Robotics	Tuesday 3:15 pm to 5:15 pm	Ph202
Science / Coding CCA	Thursday 3:10 pm to 5:10 pm	Bi201
Sustainability CCA <sup>*</sup>	Tuesday 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm	LB308
Chapel Worship Band	Tuesday 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm	MS2-6

<sup>++</sup>Cookery Club will run more than one session but only last 7-10 weeks, you will be assigned to **one** session

<sup>\*</sup>Check Schools Buddy for descriptions of these CCAs



## SIGN UPS FOR **SPORT** CCAS WILL ANNOUNCED ON SCHOOLSBUDDY - YOU DO NOT SIGN UP TODAY!

Sports CCA schedules will be emailed to all students and parents and a hard copy has been placed on the Sports Hall notice board. If you have any questions, head down to the PE Office (SB level 1) to discuss the 2023 Sports CCA programme.



# SPORTS CCAs



Competitive Sports CCAs



# Recreational Sports CCAs

Archery

Bodybuilding

Exercise Classes

Rock Climbing

Table Tennis

Taekwondo



Students who currently train regularly outside of school can register their activity as an External Sports CCA. The school can also enter you for the National School Games in sports such as; Swimming, Fencing, Wushu, Track & Field, Gymnastics, Golf and many more! Please complete and External Sports CCA registration form and return to Ms Kerry/Mr Alvin in the PE office. Students wanting to be registered for NSG should confirm this as soon as possible.



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# National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA)



Bronze



Silver



Gold



If you enjoy Community Leadership, Service Learning, Outdoor Appreciation the NYAA could be for you!

Please meet Mr Dominic in SB3-02 today after school if you are interested in signing up.





# Using SchoolsBuddy at ACS (International)



## A Student & Parent Guide



# What is SchoolsBuddy?

SchoolsBuddy is a comprehensive school activities management software for staff, students and parents.

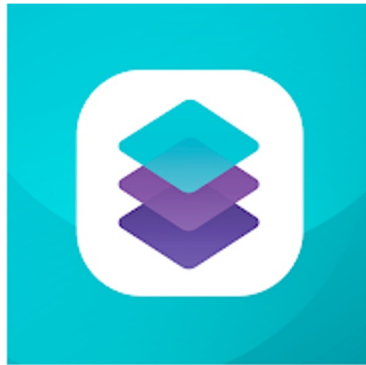
It is designed to help schools with the management and communication of a variety of administrative tasks for CCAs, Events, Trips and much more...





# How can I access SchoolsBuddy?

In order to access SchoolsBuddy you must first activate your account;



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SchoolsBuddy 2.0.

1. **Check your email-** Students check your school email/ Parents check the contact email address that you have provided to the school.
2. Follow the instructions within the email to activate your SchoolsBuddy account.
3. **Download the “SchoolsBuddy 2.0.” app** on either iOS or Android. Or visit <https://acsinternational.schoolsbuddy.net/>
4. Sign in with your newly created account details.
5. Remember to allow notifications.





# How to sign-up to CCAs using SchoolsBuddy ?

Students and parents who are new to SchoolsBuddy can refer to the [Parent Guide for Making After School Club Selections \(CCAs\)](#).

When students and parents access SchoolsBuddy the first thing you will see will be a “Welcome Message”, a short message outlining current status of the CCA programme.

SchoolsBuddy refers to “containers” when talking about activities and CCAs. A container is just a term for an area that holds all of the CCAs of a similar type in one place. Once the CCA Sign-ups are opened you will see multiple containers that are available for students and parents to make their CCA selections.

**Hint:** Where a CCA activity is not self-explanatory, check the ‘description’ on Schools Buddy to find out about what the CCA is about.



# How to sign-up to CCAs using SchoolsBuddy?

Container	Sign-Ups Open	Sign-Ups Close
<b>Arts and Interest Group CCAs</b>	Thursday 19th January Pastoral time 8:00am	Friday 20th January 11:59am
<b>Sports CCAs: ACSIS Season 2</b>	Thursday 19th January Pastoral time 8:00am	Friday 20th January 11:59am
<b>Sports CCAs: ACSIS Season 3, Recreational Sports, ACSIS Season 1</b>	Look out for messages on SchoolsBuddy. First opportunity will be after CNY on February 6th	Look out for messages on SchoolsBuddy



# How to sign-up to CCAs using SchoolsBuddy?

- Click the 'Activities & Clubs' tab
- Click on either “Sports CCAs” or “Art and Interest Group CCAs” containers by selecting the “Choose” button which will look similar to the image on the right
- From there, the CCAs that are available to a student will be shown by day of the week.
- Click the day of the week to expand the section.
- Select preferences for each club for the desired day of the week.

Available to book <b>Wed 11 Sep 19 - Fri 13 Sep 19</b>	<b>Demo School - After School Clubs - Parent Choices</b>  Demonstration of After School Club preference choices	<b>Current Selections</b> <hr/> Smith, Bobby 0  <div>Choose</div> <div>Review / Send</div>
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# How to sign-up to CCAs using SchoolsBuddy?

▼ Monday - 2 Available

> Tuesday - 2 Available

Details	Linked	Spaces	When	Location/Organiser	Cost		
Art Club Painting and Drawing		20	15:00 - 16:00	Room 217 / B. Artist	5.00		
	Smith, Bobby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Cricket Club This term we are working on batting		20	15:00 - 16:00	Main Pitch / G. Guard	Free		
	Smith, Bobby	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

▼ Wednesday - 2 Available

▼ Thursday - 2 Available

▼ Friday - 2 Available

- SchoolsBuddy uses a preference based system to fairly allocate CCA choices
- Within your container choose your top 3 preferences for your CCAs. Ranking 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
- You do not need to make a preference choice for every day.
- If you do not choose a 2nd or 3rd choice you risk not being allocated a CCA at all.



## How to sign-up to CCAs using SchoolsBuddy?

- Once preferences have been selected, students click the blue **'Review & Confirm'** button which can be found at the top right of the screen.



- After reviewing selections made students should click **'COMPLETE and Send ALL to School'**.
- Students will then receive an email confirming that the selections have been received.
- **When the School has the processed the CCA allocations, students will receive a further email communication showing which CCA each student has been allocated or not allocated.**
- The student's Diary will be automatically populated with the time and date of the events of the CCAs they have been allocated.
- The teacher's Diary will also automatically populate with all scheduled CCA slots



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