



**ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER**

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**Dear Parents, Students and Friends,**

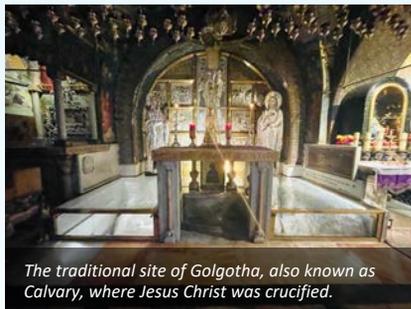
During the March holiday I was fortunate enough to be able to visit Israel and the West Bank. I spent five days visiting the areas that Jesus spent time in including Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea Maritima, the Sea of Galilee, and Jerusalem. As I visited each of these places, I took the time to pause, read passages from the Bible that were based in those locations and reflect upon the impact of these events in Jesus' time and the impact they have now.

One of the many highlights of the trip was to be able to walk the Via Dolorosa or as it is sometimes referred to "The Way of The Cross". I commenced in the Mount of Olives, walked through the Garden of Gethsemane, and then into Jerusalem's Old City through the Lion's Gate. Upon entry I joined a group who carried a cross and followed the route that Jesus took as he headed towards Golgotha, the crucifixion site. Along the way we stopped at significant moments in the crucifixion story such as Jesus being mocked, beaten, and stumbling under the weight of the cross. At the end of the procession, we entered the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which is built upon the site which is believed to be Golgotha. At this site, I was able to stop and take some personal time to pray for all that God has done for me and His creation.

As we head towards Easter it is timely to be reminded of the Good News of the Gospel. Perhaps the most well-known verse of the Bible, John 3:16, tells us: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

This is a message that our students have had highlighted to them through Religious Emphasis Week (REW) and one that is good for all of us to be reminded of. As I read this passage of Scripture and think back to when I knelt and prayed at the 'foot of the cross', I am amazed that despite all our failings, God made it possible for each of us to know Him through the death and resurrection of His son Jesus. As you celebrate this Easter, take time to remember all that God has done for you and thank Him for the sacrifice He made through Jesus so that we can be redeemed.

**Gavin Kinch**  
Principal



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**STAFF NEWS****New Staff**

New Staff	Department	Designation
Mr Rajendran Elanchelivan	IT	ICT Administrator

**AHA Heartsaver CPR+AED 2023**

Teachers of ACS (International) and staff of Holland Village Methodist Church recently underwent training to be properly equipped for emergencies. This training was conducted on 28 February and 1 March, after Founder's Day, as most of the staff would later be going on overseas or service trips.

The training covered essential skills such as first aid, how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED), and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). These skills are critical in providing lifesaving assistance to skills, we can be sure that we are prepared to handle emergencies that may arise during our overseas trips.

The training was conducted by experienced trainers from International SOS, who guided us through each step. Some of us were totally new to training, while others were previously trained and wanted to learn current and new first aid practices in order to renew our certifications. Despite the differences in our experience levels, the training was a great learning experience for all of us.

The training was interactive and engaging, with hands-on activities that allowed us to practice the skills we learnt. We were taught how to identify and respond to various emergency situations, such as choking, bleeding, poisoning, and cardiac arrest. We also learnt how to use an AED, which can be crucial in saving a life during a sudden cardiac arrest. The process was positive, and we had an enjoyable session.

We recognise the importance of being equipped with these skills and are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students. This training will prepare us to handle emergencies that may arise during our trips. We are now equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide immediate assistance to those in need. We hope to never have to use these skills, but we are glad that we have them in our toolkit in case of an emergency.

We look forward to seeing you for the exciting upcoming overseas/service trips.

Ms Jasmine Lee  
Service Coordinator



## ACS (International) Christian Fellowship “Reading Buddy” Outreach

On 24 March 2023, ACS (International) Christian Fellowship (CF) visited the void deck of Blk 2 Holland Avenue, which is the location of the Holland Avenue Community Library. There, 13 students and 5 staff spent an hour interacting with the Principal, teachers and about 30 preschoolers from the nearby Sparkle Tots Pre-School. We read to them using letters of the Alphabet to inculcate kindness in them. This was followed by a colouring activity which many students enjoyed. The most exciting time was during the song and dance session, and the students sang loudly with enthusiasm. It was a wonderful time and a good opportunity to bless the young kindergarten children.

I am thankful to God for His provision and opportunity to bless the kindergarten children. By serving these little children, many of our students are heartened and encouraged to serve in future. The first step is always the hardest, and I am very glad ACS (International) CF can make a small impact to the community through this act of service.

*Hong Ching Chong, Christian Fellowship CCA Teacher*



I am so encouraged by and am so very proud of the CFers. Despite their reservations about interacting with the pre-schoolers, they stepped out of their comfort zones to bless the pre-schoolers with a happy time of befriending. One month prior to the outreach, Ms Wong Kae Chee was invited to our CF meeting to share about ‘Serving Our Community’.

As we heard her sharing about how God had multiplied her own efforts to serve her community, we were spurred on as a CF community to do this outreach in dependence upon God. Hearing of the outreach, the Parent Support Partners Exco pooled together 2 boxes of pre-loved children’s books to bless the children at Sparkle Tots. Our CFers’ gave all they had — their five loaves and 2 fishes. As they did so, they saw God multiplying their efforts with an excellent outcome. My prayer is that they continue in this mind-set of saying “yes” to serving God, doing the best with what they have, going in faith that God is with them, and trusting God to multiply their efforts.

To God be the glory. The best is yet to be.

*Wee Lian Kuanh, Christian Ministry Staff*



I was nervous as we commenced the outreach, as I wasn’t sure if I could engage well with the children. However the initial start was good as the children were mostly all attentive and responsive. It gave me encouragement to continue on but the mood died down halfway and the children began to get restless. So we adapted and quickly finished the book and moved on to colouring. All of the children began colouring happily and sharing the pencils.

To my surprise, the children were really talkative and continued to talk to me as they coloured. It gave me a confidence boost as it showed that they were engaged in our outreach which allowed me to push on.

When Kaela Ng led in the songs, the children sang with gusto. All the children enjoyed the “if you’re happy and you know it” song and they were jumping up and down, clapping and singing together. I was proud to also see some of the CFers dancing or clapping along too.

Overall I felt that the outreach was a success through the high engagement with the kids through the activities done. The CFers were also committed and heeded to the leaders’ instructions. Many stepped out of their comfort zones to accompany the kids and overall it was heart-warming to see all their hard efforts pay off as the children walked away jovial and gleeful.

*Luke Lai (5 GHK), Christian Fellowship CCA Captain*



## Term 1 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	BONO JAKUB GAJDEK	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	MOON DAYOUN	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	LIM JUN LE WAINE	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	TOMOMASA MASUDA	3	GOH HOOD KENG
5	ZEE YUET YI AUDREY	4	GOH HOOD KENG
6	HUANG YONG SHIN	3	LEE SENG GEE
7	LEE YULWON	3	LEE SENG GEE
8	NISHYA SUBASH PRABU	3	LEE SENG GEE
9	KAYLEE VICTORIA NG	4	LEE SENG GEE
10	HECTOR CHIA YI TAO	6	LEE SENG GEE
11	EKEESHA ATRÉ	2	OLDHAM
12	PARK YEON A	2	OLDHAM
13	PARK YOONHA	2	SHAW VEE MENG
14	NATHAN ALEXANDRO TJHE	3	SHAW VEE MENG
15	WAN HOI YAN	4	SHAW VEE MENG
16	NATHAN KEENAN WIDJAJA	4	SHAW VEE MENG
17	MOK HO YI	4	SHAW VEE MENG
18	JUNG EUNWOO	6	SHAW VEE MENG
19	LARISSA CHAN MEI HUEN	6	SHAW VEE MENG
20	SOONG JAE SHIEN	6	SHAW VEE MENG
21	SUE-ANN NG	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
22	KHAIR SIYA KETAN	2	THOBURN
23	CONRAD TREY INDRADJAJA	6	THOBURN
24	ETHELYN HUANG MEICI	6	THOBURN
25	CHYE SHU LIN LAUREN	6	THOBURN
26	VERA YONG YING XUAN	6	THOBURN
27	NAISSHA MAKHLIA	2	TAN KAH KEE
28	CHUNG DAYON	3	TAN KAH KEE
29	JIN ZIXUAN	3	TAN KAH KEE
30	CHENG TIN WING	3	TAN KAH KEE
31	WU YOU	FOUNDATION IB	TAN KAH KEE
32	BHAGWANI SANDHYA	6	TAN KAH KEE

Distinction for Effort and Achievement			
NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	HARSHNI SIVASUBRAMANIAN	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	KIMBERLY ANN HENDROFF	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	KIM CHAEWON	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	ZHOU YIXUAN	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	CLAYTON OLIVER WIBOWO	2	GOH HOOD KENG
6	KAITLYN WONG QIYI	2	GOH HOOD KENG
7	LEE JAEHOON	3	GOH HOOD KENG
8	RIN MIYASAKA	3	GOH HOOD KENG
9	TEO ZIPING PAMELYN	3	GOH HOOD KENG
10	SEO YUNA	3	GOH HOOD KENG
11	KELLY NG	4	GOH HOOD KENG
12	SAW YONE SHOU @ KHIN LIN HTET	6	GOH HOOD KENG
13	SERAPHINA DJAJA	6	GOH HOOD KENG
14	HUANG YONG ROU	3	LEE SENG GEE
15	GOVIND ANURUPA AJEET WAGLE	4	LEE SENG GEE
16	JASPER SIM JIAN WEI	6	LEE SENG GEE
17	NG HEI LAM	6	LEE SENG GEE
18	CARTESIA CHO JIA WEN	1	OLDHAM
19	LEE WOOCHAN	2	OLDHAM
20	HYUN MINSUNG	3	OLDHAM
21	BENJAMIN DARMAWAN	3	OLDHAM
22	LEE YESEO	4	OLDHAM
23	NATASHA TAN RAE	4	OLDHAM
24	KWAK JOONSEONG	6	OLDHAM
25	HON PEI YU RAYNA	6	OLDHAM
26	MUHTASIN FIYAZ RAYAN	6	OLDHAM
27	JAYDEN CHRISTIAN BUDIMAN	3	SHAW VEE MENG
28	SOPHIE BEH JIAXUAN	3	SHAW VEE MENG
29	RISHI KAMARAJ	3	SHAW VEE MENG
30	LEE XUE EN AERIEL	4	SHAW VEE MENG
31	MAREK HASHIMOTO	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
34	JOANN MARIA JACOB	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
35	MICHAEL CHEUNG	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
36	LO CHEUK CHUN	2	THOBURN
37	KAZUKI TSUKAMOTO	3	THOBURN
38	KENSEI TSUKAMOTO	3	THOBURN
39	YUN SEQJIN	4	THOBURN
40	SARA KWOK	6	THOBURN
41	ZOE SUPRAPTO	1	TAN KAH KEE
42	AUBREY ROSE MC CLUNG JIANZI MEISHI	2	TAN KAH KEE
43	WU SIYU	PRE IB	TAN KAH KEE



**Commendation for Effort and Achievement**

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	ROHAN KUMAR	1B	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	MEJA YI XIAN LEMASTER	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	WEE KANG QING	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	ZHOU CHENGYI	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	PHOEBE NG EN HWEE	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	HIROAKI SATOH	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	LIN ZITING	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	WU YUFEI	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	LEE TSUNG MENG MARK	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	ARYAV BHESANIA	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	YUM SONGEUN	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	SONG YU	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
13	VALENTINA VALDERAS FUSTER	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
14	LI YIZHEN	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
15	HE SUJIA	PRE IGCSE	GOH HOOD KENG
16	LEE KANGMIN	2	GOH HOOD KENG
17	AMELIA SHI-MIN ADETOLO OLOPADE	2	GOH HOOD KENG
18	HUGH KANDIAWAN	3	GOH HOOD KENG
19	TEJASWINI JAYAKUMAR	4	GOH HOOD KENG
20	IYAKARN KANNSOOT	4	GOH HOOD KENG
21	DHAR YUTIKA	4	GOH HOOD KENG
22	CHONG HANNAH	6	GOH HOOD KENG
23	JEONG HYUKCHUL	6	GOH HOOD KENG
24	NOH HAJU	1B	LEE SENG GEE
25	REBECCA LIM SIYU	2	LEE SENG GEE
26	SEONG YUMIN	3	LEE SENG GEE
27	SUNG GEONWOO	3	LEE SENG GEE
28	LEE HYEONJOON	3	LEE SENG GEE
29	YU HAOXUAN	3	LEE SENG GEE
30	SONG YUHAN	3	LEE SENG GEE
31	ONG ZIYI	4	LEE SENG GEE
32	DU YINGJIA	4	LEE SENG GEE
33	ETHAN KEE KAI EN	6	LEE SENG GEE
34	NGUYEN AN MINH	6	LEE SENG GEE
35	ABRIEZ MARIE-ROSE WONG	3	OLDHAM
36	TANG ZIYI	PRE IB	OLDHAM
37	YUTO SAKAMOTO	PRE IB	OLDHAM
38	AJAY KARTHIKEYAN	6	OLDHAM
39	JACOB CHRISTOPHER BUDIMAN	2	SHAW VEE MENG
40	YANG BINGYI	3	SHAW VEE MENG
41	RORY NOELLE PETRUS	3	SHAW VEE MENG
42	REN ZIMING	4	SHAW VEE MENG
43	RHENA GAN PEI YING	6	SHAW VEE MENG
44	LAI HONG CHANG JAYDEN	6	SHAW VEE MENG
45	NANDITHA VITHANALA	6	SHAW VEE MENG
46	VANYA GUPTA	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
47	REIKA NARENDRAN	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
48	MIA MIDORI SHANNON	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
49	WANG ANQI	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
50	ASHTON MIKAEL GOZALI	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
51	JIN DUI	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
52	WU YOUCHEN	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
53	LIU WEIZHENG	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
54	KEIJI YAMAMOTO	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
55	MASUVATHI RAMESH CHANDER SAMSTHEETHA	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
56	MUHAMMAD IRFAAN S/O EUSUFF ALI	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
57	KIM YEWON	1	THOBURN
58	PARIYAKORN SHAVALIKUL	1	THOBURN
59	YOO HAEUN	3	THOBURN
60	AMANDA LIM HUIMIN	3	THOBURN

61	AIRI NARITA	6	THOBURN
62	ANDERSON TAN	1	TAN KAH KEE
63	SOSUKE KOZUMI	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
64	COLEEN YOW KA KAY	3	TAN KAH KEE
65	YUGO ENDO	3	TAN KAH KEE
66	CHENG SHIZHAO	4	TAN KAH KEE
67	ATHENA PEH	4	TAN KAH KEE
68	LEE SOLHEE	FOUNDATION IB	TAN KAH KEE
69	ABHAY MALIK	6	TAN KAH KEE

**Commendation for Effort**

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	ABE TOH ZE HAN	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	AOI HASEGAWA	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	NICOLE LIEN	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	ISHAAN YUSUF SIDDIQI	1	GOH HOOD KENG
5	EMILY TIAN GETTEN	1	GOH HOOD KENG
6	CHOI SEONGWON	1	GOH HOOD KENG
7	JEON MINSOL	3	LEE SENG GEE
8	AYSHA MINHAS	FOUNDATION IB	LEE SENG GEE
9	CHOW YU YING	1	OLDHAM
10	AYANA KAPOOR	1	SHAW VEE MENG
11	AANYA KAPOOR	1	SHAW VEE MENG
12	KIM YEJIN	2	SHAW VEE MENG
13	JENNIFER MAY UTAMA	3	SHAW VEE MENG
14	ALESSI LEE LE CIER	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
15	CHARLOTTE ANG RUOXUAN	1	THOBURN
16	YANG HONG	1	THOBURN
17	WEN YIFAN	2	THOBURN
18	QIAN HANWEN	2	THOBURN
19	MELODY LEE YUN SHYAN	4	THOBURN
20	KATE ONG EE PIN	FOUNDATION IB	THOBURN
21	LEE CHIA-WEI	FOUNDATION IB	THOBURN
22	YOHANN K THAVENDRAN	1	TAN KAH KEE
23	CHOI YANGCHAE	3	TAN KAH KEE
24	EMMA SIU-LIN CAYFORD	FOUNDATION IB	TAN KAH KEE

**IGNITE Award Winners**

**CKS**

Tay Yi Xiang  
Leung Cheuk Hin

**SVM**

David Kim  
Kristy Lim

**GHK**

Aaryan Sidiqqi  
Tomomasa Masuda

**TCT**

Nicole Molenberg  
Muhammad Irfaan Eusuff Ali

**LSG**

Li Tengyi  
Chia Hector Yi Tao

**Thoburn**

Lo Cheuk Chun  
Yeong Wook Ahn

**Oldham**

Danelle Ong Keng Yee  
Natasha Rae Tan

**TKK**

Declan Loh  
Daiki Kashiwagi

## ACS OBA Award Winners

The ACS 137th Founder's Day Dinner held at Shangri-La Hotel on 1 March 2023 was a time of great celebration as ACS alumni, staff and their loved ones gathered to celebrate the founding of ACS in 1886. From one small shophouse in Amoy Street with 13 students, the ACS Family has since grown to include 2 primary schools, two secondary schools, an international school, a campus in Jakarta, and a junior college — no mean feat indeed.

The dinner was also a great moment for ACS (International) as five of our students received ACS OBA Awards that day as well.

The award winners are as follows:

### Year 6

GOLD – Zheng Jiayi (6 THO)

SILVER – Kim Yerin (6 SVM)

### Year 4

GOLD – Daiki Kashiwagi (5 TTK)

SILVER – Ashley Mya Gozali (5 TCT)

### Year 6

INTEGRITY AWARD – Chia Yi Tao, Hector (6 LSG)

Daiki's parents, Mr Shigeki Kashiwagi and Mrs Nami Kashiwagi said: "Congratulations on OBA Award win Daiki! We know you worked hard and put in huge efforts. We are really proud of you. Keep it up!"

Ashley's parents, Mr Alvin Gozali and Ms Leah Widjaja Gozali, said: "Congratulations Ashley! We want to let you know that we are so elated and proud that you won the OBA award. You surprise and impress us constantly with your maturity, tenaciousness, persistence and grit. Sometimes you are a little stubborn; like your father, but any successful person needs to be a little headstrong I guess.

You are such a compassionate person and a self-starter. You represent the best of us and we believe your future will be nothing but radiant. But whatever happens in the future, we will love you anyways will always be there for you. Remember to always cherish and enjoy your time as a student in school; stop slowdown and smell the flowers sometimes. We are so privileged to have you as our daughter and meeting you 17 years ago added so much colours to our life. As Theodore Roosevelt said, 'Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground.'

Thank you Ashley  
 Congratulations again...  
 The Best is Yet to be.  
 Love Daddy and Mommy''

Congratulations to the award winners and we pray that their achievements be an inspiration to the other students to spur them to greater heights.

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



*Daiki Kashiwagi, Kim Yerin, Ashley Mya Gozali & Zheng Jiayi*



*Kim Yerin, Ashley Mia Gozali, Zheng Jiayi, Daiki Kashiwagi & Hector Chia.*



## Podium Finish at National Chemistry Olympiad

Conrad Trey Indradjaja (6 THO) was awarded a bronze certificate for the 34th Singapore Chemistry Olympiad (SChO) held in November 2022.

The SChO is jointly organised by the Singapore National Institute of Chemistry (SNIC), the Chemistry Department of the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the Ministry of Education (MOE). It is open to Year 5 students or their equivalent (e.g. JC 1). The SChO has been revised to a theory-only competition in 2022.

Congratulations to Conrad and may this accolade spur others to greater heights this year!



## Meeting with IB Leaders

On 13 March, Dr Amy Parker Dixon, IB Communications and Marketing Director, and Dr Michele Rice, IB Head of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, visited ACS (International) and met with some of the staff and students.

There was a meaningful interaction on IBDP matters including responses of parents and students to IBDP and students' engagement with community and global issues.



## Founder's Day

ACS (International) celebrated the 137<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day in the Sports Hall on 1 March as an entire cohort. The celebrations began with Purcell's Trumpet Voluntary played by the school Wind Band. The staff and students then stood up to watch students holding up the flags of the various countries and houses represented in ACS (International), as well as the ACS flags. The Singapore National Anthem was then sung, and the Pledge taken, followed by the singing of the well-loved hymn "To God Be The Glory".

Mr Gavin Kinch, Principal of ACS (International), gave a welcome speech to talk about ACS's long legacy, as well as last year's IGCSE and IB results.

The Contemporary Singers then made their way onto the stage with their song, "You Raise Me Up". Rev Jeremy Ong, Pastor-in-Charge of Holland Village Methodist Church (HVMC) then delivered the greetings. Rev Dr Gordon Wong, Bishop, Methodist Church in Singapore. He was followed by Mr Andrew Kam, who delivered the greetings from the ACSOBA.

The audience was then treated to a performance of "Havana" by the Wind Band, after which the Guest of Honour, former ACS (International) Principal Mr Rob Burrough, delivered a stirring speech on the characteristics of an ACS Education, the legacy of its founder Bishop William Oldham, and the importance of being true to yourself and forging your own path instead of following the crowd.

After Mr Burrough's speech, the String Orchestra performed "Africa", after which awards were presented to students for their school performance. The awardees of OBA Gold and Silver Awards (Y4 and Y6 2022) and Tan Chin Tuan Integrity Award received their trophies on such a special day.

The finale was the String Orchestra playing the chords of The ACS Anthem, accompanied by the voices of The Contemporary Singers. The celebrations ended with Rev Ong delivering the benediction.

It was a memorable Founder's Day celebrations, and we look forward to Founder's Day 2024.

The Best Is Yet To Be!

To God Be The Glory!



## ACSpirit De Corps 2023

On 1 March, ACS (International) celebrated the 137<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day for the ACS family of schools. After the celebrations for the Founder's Day were over, the 5<sup>th</sup> Student Affairs organised a spectacular ACSpirit de Corps event.

The event started off with the audience in the sports hall playing an online game in their tutor groups, blissfully unaware that something even more exciting was coming their way. While the emcees of the event were announcing the game scores, the Year 5 prefect nominees distributed packets of light sticks to all the students. The significance of this action only made sense when all the lights of the sports hall went off. This marked the start of the 5th Student Affairs ACS Got Talent programme with amazing dance and singing performances by our school's talented students. The audience present in the sports hall were cheering loudly for their friends and waving the colourful light sticks in the ACS school colours of red, blue, and yellow, to the rhythm of the music. Some even held their mobile phones with bright torch lights illuminating the dark venue, making for a wonderful sight to behold. It was as though we were in a concert with the flashing lights complete with the smoke machine and revolving floor lights! After the breathtaking ACSpirit de Corps, students were invited to a sumptuous spread of food prepared by our Parents Support Partners (PSP) who had set up different food stalls with the theme of Carnival in the school canteen and student activity centre.

There were also games stalls to complement the Carnival mood. Students tucked into plates of pizza, nuggets, spaghetti, Ramly burgers, nachos and popcorn while engaging in many carnival games. After the long hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, this year's 1st in-person ACSpirit de Corps turned out to be a huge success.



## Back With A Vengeance!

Traditionally, ACSpirit de Corps is a celebration which fosters the unique ACS school spirit and takes place after Founder's Day. After the long 3-year COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the school community celebrated ACSpirit de Corps physically on Wednesday 1 March with great gusto and exhilaration! It was a long-awaited event which entailed months of meticulous planning and preparation by the 5th Student Affairs. This year's Carnival theme alluded to the merrymaking and feasting in celebration of the return to post-pandemic normalcy. It also allowed for much creativity and imagination, including a gigantic Carnival themed photo booth which served as a fabulous backdrop for students to take photos.

The festivities kicked off with a mass Broken Telephone game in the Sports Hall which involved the entire school community relaying sentences which were related to the history of ACS. At the end of the game, emcees Hector Chia (6 LSG) and Saw Yone Shou (6 GHK) read out some of the answers submitted by the Year Groups which certainly did not come close to the original sentences given! The winning Year Group, 1 SVM, was ecstatic to learn that their prize was early admission to the Carnival food and game fair! After 1200 glow sticks in ACS colours were quickly distributed to the audience, the entire Sports Hall was suddenly plunged into darkness, setting the scene for the amazing transformation that came next.

An opening video created by Rowan Cumming (6 TCT) was then screened on both giant projector panels as the venue was transformed into a giant concert hall, complete with red, blue, and yellow glow sticks flickering to heart-thumping music, and shouts and screams of excitement and astonishment from the crowd. The grandest ACS Got Talent ever got off to a roaring start as emcees Rikomei Suzuki (6 THO) and Vera Yong (6 THO) announced the first performance - an energetic mass dance by the Dance CCA, choreographed by Sara Kwok (6 THO). The talented dancers moved in unison to the upbeat tempo of the song "Now or Never" as the audience cheered and clapped along. This was followed by two breath-taking singing acts, "Scars To Your Beautiful" performed by Summer Yew (6 GHK), Diya Biswas (6 CKS) and Chelsea Sin (6 LSG) and "My Future" by Yeon Hu (2 TCT), Ashley Rao (2 THO) and Aubrey McClung (2 TKK). The singers' melodic voices filled the hall as the audience sang and waved their light sticks to the rhythm of the soothing songs. A lively K-pop dance number turned up the heat again as Ashley Chan (4 CKS), Athena Peh (4 TKK), Seojin Yun (4 LSG), Zi Yi Ong (4 LSG), Haeram Choi (4 SVM) and Mao Akihara (guest), pranced and strutted their best moves to the funky tune of "Hype Boy".

By the time guest performer Kris Wang (4 TKK) appeared, the audience was more than ready to welcome her with ear deafening cheers and screams! Kris's stage presence electrified the hall as she danced to "Mmmh" by KAI on a stage bathed in changing coloured spotlights and billows of smoke to the delight of the appreciative audience.

As her performance ended, the lights went on as twenty huge confetti cannons popped, showering the audience with fluttering multi-coloured confetti. It was the perfect way to end such a spectacular concert! The festivities continued as students and teachers proceeded to the canteen and student centre where delectable Carnival food items such as cotton candy, popcorn, hotdogs, waffles, churros, nachos, pizza, fries, nuggets, ice cream and Ramly burgers, were served from live stations manned by the PSP and food vendors.

Exciting Carnival games were also organised by the House Captains and students took part in them with much enthusiasm. Students and teachers also let their hair down as they grooved to the thumping music in the Sports Hall which was turned into a massive dance club after the concert. We hope that we created some wonderful memories of ACSpirit de Corps 2023 for the school community and that we "inspired love and invoked harmony" through this event!

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

*Larissa Chan (6 SVM)*



## Mentoring Training Session

On 13 and 17 February, three houses — Oldham, Thoburn, and Tan Kah Kee — organised a combined Mentoring Training session for their student mentors. The Mentoring Programme provided opportunities for juniors and seniors to connect and build meaningful relationships with one another. The mentees would benefit from the peer mentors' guidance, knowledge about the school, and social network. The mentors would learn to listen, problem-solve, and walk alongside the juniors.

The first session, led by school counsellor Ms Dorothea Yeo, provided mentors with an overview of mentoring. She shared tips and strategies for the student mentors, most of whom were first-time mentors. The second session, led by school counsellor Ms Charlina Gozali, focused on Active Listening skills. Mentors were taught how to listen effectively using techniques such as paraphrasing, asking open-ended questions, and showing empathy. More than 60 student mentors attended each training session.



By developing my active listening skills and my emotional intelligence, the mentoring workshop helped me tremendously! Ms Charlina Gozali and Ms Dorothea Yeo prepared detailed booklets informing us about how we can benefit our mentees through encouraging them to be engaged with their environment.

They thoroughly explained each step to being a model mentor, essentially assisted me with how I can build relationships with my juniors! Their expertise allowed me to visualise myself as a helping hand in the success of another individual. I can't wait to meet my mentee!

*Gurmehr Dhanoa (5 THO)*

The mentoring programme was a good opportunity to learn how to interact with others. Even though the training is for the Mentoring Programme, I thought the skills I learnt were instrumental in daily communication. For example, active listening skills or skills to catch the point of conversation will be useful in everyday life. I believe we will be able to communicate more efficiently and respectfully based on the communication methods we learnt at the peer mentoring session.

Besides daily communication skills, I also learnt the skills to make mentoring more efficient and productive. We learnt how to make meaningful conversation and find out the needs of the mentees. As mentoring is clearly purposed to help the mentee's school life, I will be able to help the mentee more effectively based on the skills I learnt in the session.

*Roe Sooyeon (5 TKK)*

"In the Mentoring Programme, each mentor would be assigned one mentee and the mentors shared their experience and knowledge through the programme. To better prepare the mentors, two training sessions were organised by the school counsellors.

"In the first part of the programme, the mentors were introduced to the concept of mentoring by the school counsellors. The students were informed about what to expect when interacting with their mentees for the first time and guided on how to react in different scenarios. All of the information provided was condensed into a pamphlet which mentors could refer to anytime they had issues. During the second part of the programme, mentors role played and simulated being mentors and mentees in different scenarios. Personally, I felt this part of the programme was the most exciting as it allowed me to have a first-hand glimpse of what I was getting myself into. Overall, the whole programme was very engaging and interactive and helped me to be more prepared as a mentor for my mentee."

*Adel Lee (5 OLD)*

## Puppetry Workshop and Theatre Performance

The IB Theatre and Music students attended a puppetry workshop and *The Puppets Are Alright*, a triple-bill theatre performance by The Finger Players. As the students were learning to be intentional theatre and music-makers, they also inquired into the 'creation' of the puppetry performance. Elizabeth Teo and Tara Wen Shi Keh reviewed their learning experiences on both the workshop and the performance as theatre students.

One thing I observed in the theatre performance and during which I had the chance to practically manipulate the rod puppets during the workshop is this: The puppets differ greatly from human actors. Using puppets in theatre is like adjusting the dimension of an actor you see on stage; the story and message are the same, but its feel has changed.

The puppeteers have the difficult job of ensuring daily mundane gestures are clearly translated and interpreted by their otherwise lifeless colleagues. We had the opportunity to interact with these inanimate actors at our workshop, where we learnt to control them. I learnt that a puppeteer could take on two roles as both the actor and the puppets' manipulator, and must match their co-star's energy in order to deliver a convincing and effective performance. As we watched the play, the puppeteers executed this double role wonderfully-- the transition between human actor and puppet was seamless and the difference clear. This created a thoroughly engaging and impressive performance where the skills of the actors shined through.

*Elizabeth Hean Teo (5 OLD)*

I asked what the overall theme was, if there was any? I found the use of the same major set important in highlighting the idea that all three plays were about domestic struggles. Each aspect explored in wildly different ways to correspond with the intensity of the theme. I greatly enjoyed this sense of connection despite the great differences between each piece.

I would highlight the 2nd play where the actors and the puppet were equal in this creation. A chorus of 3 actors had created a supernatural atmosphere, largely through costumes, make-up and sound. They experimented with their voices, using garbled noises and hiss-like cries with distortions. Their gestures and body movement were in low squats. They reminded me of mischievous demoneatures from East Asian and Southeast Asian myths.

*Tara Wen Shi Keh (5 LSG)*

Recently, my classmates and I attended *The Puppets Are Alright*, a concert by The Finger Players. The concert featured a triple bill of puppetry-led works, including "My Father The AI Machine", "Parting", and "The Bench". Of the three acts, "Parting" stood out for me the most. What impressed me was how the act relied solely on the actor's emotions to convey the story, with no dialogue. The use of amplified microphones allowed the audience to hear every sound, such as the scraping of cardboard boxes and the heavy breathing of the actor. The use of singing also added to the haunting and eerie atmosphere.

One of the highlights of the concert was the use of lighting to create different moods and tones. During emotional scenes, the cold-coloured lights created a sombre and melancholic atmosphere. In one particular scene from "The Bench", the father and son had a falling out, and the father stood by the door looking at his son. The red-lit shadow among the teal-coloured atmosphere symbolized the father's good intentions, which still caused pain for his son.

Overall, *The Puppets Are Alright* concert was a well-executed performance. The use of puppetry amplified sound, and lighting worked together seamlessly to bring the stories to life and leave a lasting impression on the audience.

*Violet Ong (5 LSG)*



## Interact Club Service Outreach

March was a very busy but fulfilling month for our Interactors as we organised several Service Campaigns for our different beneficiaries.

### Needy Homes Outreach

On 9 March, 30 Interactors visited 8 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, encouragement cards, vitamin C, and masks for hospital visits.

Seeing the smile on our families' faces as we delivered the Care Packages was the highlight of our day!



## Zoo Outreach with Holland Village Methodist Church

On 11 March, 30 Interactors participated in a Zoo Outreach, our first joint collaboration with the Outreach and Social Concerns Ministry of Holland Village Methodist Church.

This Zoo Outreach was organised for the underprivileged families living in the Commonwealth Crescent and Tanglin Halt area, and 37 families joined us for this delightful excursion.

Our families and Interactors had a meaningful time bonding and engaging with one another, while learning about the different species of animals in our wonderful Singapore Zoo.



## Arts & Crafts Outreach

### – Interact Co-ordinating Committee Programme

During the March holidays, our Interactors volunteered at the New Life Children & Student Care @Teck Whye and FaithActs's Childcare Centre at Queenstown. This was part of a joint Interact Project with Catholic Junior College, and the outreach was part of the Interact Co-ordinating Committee Programme for 2023.

With a focus on artistic literacy, our Interactors organised two Arts & Crafts Workshops to educate children from Primary 1 to Primary 4.

It was fun helping the children to create their own arts and crafts projects made from a variety of materials from construction paper to popsicle sticks. It was an interactive and engaging experience that stimulated the creativity of all the children.



Interact Club Student EXCO & Teachers

## CKS House Camp

This year's CKS camp could be adequately described with one word – WOW! This was the first year since the COVID-19 pandemic that we were able to have the whole house taking part in the event.

We kicked off the camp with 2 pre-camp sessions, which helped get the initial awkward interactions out of the way, thereby enabling us to have a closer bond as a house and have a really great time together. The main goal of our Head of House, Mr Rajan, was for everyone to know at least one person from every year group. So we split the whole house in a way that every group had students from Year 1 to Year 6, enabling everyone to make connections beyond their usual circles.

On the actual camp day, we started off the morning with dry games and went on to wet games. The Year 5 students and senior prefects ran around to buy water balloons and carry buckets of water to the various locations. To make sure that our groups were together and that no one gets lost, we had at least 2 group leaders in each group so that there would always be someone with the group.

Throughout the day we saw many more smiles and many more interactions with each other. We ended the camp with a prata party and also carried on the tradition of splashing water on Mr. Rajan! At the end of the day, we all had full stomachs and closer connections to one another. 5 CKS tutor group was an absolute dream to work with – everyone did their parts efficiently and every event was well organised such that we didn't have any mishaps. We fulfilled our main objective and all the members of CKS as a whole are now closer to one another.

*Abirami Murti and Natsuko Kawasumi (both of 5 CKS)*



## Volunteering at Willing Hearts

This year, Oldham House has been volunteering at Willing Hearts for the fourth year.

Willing Hearts is a soup kitchen that prepares and delivers 7,000 meals daily to families in need. The charity organisation is a unique enterprise run mostly with the help of volunteers and guided by a few full-time staff. Each time we visit Willing Hearts, we see old and new volunteers joining and assimilating themselves seamlessly into the workflow. We are always energetic when we start at the kitchen, and dog tired when we leave. Despite that, some of us keep returning to help as much as we can.

"In my opinion, more people should join this kind of volunteer work. It is also a great opportunity for us to know other students in Oldham. When we were working in the kitchen, all the participants were actively doing their tasks. In my heart, I feel good as I have an opportunity to give back to the community as it has nurtured me in many ways. I feel blessed to take part in this project and wish to do it again in the next session."

*Ethan Phua (1 OLD)*

"We went to volunteer at Willing Hearts last week to help in the soup kitchen. When we reached there, we had to separate the different types of meats. It is amazing how much meat is used in one day. After sorting the meat, we stored some of it back in the freezer which is a very big room in negative temperature. The room temperature was under -5C, so I thought I was in Japan!

Volunteering was very fun, and I will definitely join again next time. Then my teacher told me about NYAA (National Youth Achievement Award Council). I didn't know what it was at first, but afterwards, I signed up for it because I thought that it would be useful in the future. Volunteering does sometimes open more doors."

*Saku Yamada (3 OLD)*



## SIMUN Conference

Last month, Aurelia Lim (5 OLD), Hannah Lim (5 THO), Lorraine Tan (5 THO), Seohyun Lee (5 TKK), Aryav Bhensenia (4 CKS), Morgan Toon (4 CKS), Shiyue Zhang (3 THO) and Lumi Lee (3 TKK) attended the annual SIMUN conference held at the French School, Singapore from 16 February to 18 February.

They were delegates representing France, Germany, Morocco, Nigeria, and Somalia, and made a total of 133 contributions. The eight students were in different committees such as the UN Women, World Health Organisation, United Nations International Children and Education Fund, the Environment and Development committee and the Security Council, and tackled issues such as combatting future vaccine nationalism, eliminating child labour and closing the gender gap in social protection.

Throughout the conference, they enhanced their knowledge about our world and global issues, honed their socialisation and public speaking skills, challenged their creativity and critical thinking abilities and came up with solutions to combat these real-world global issues. With this experience, the students gained more knowledge about MUN procedures and broadened their perspectives about the world around them.



## Tengyi Li Showcases Her Art At The Louvre!

Tengyi Li (Emma) of 2LSG managed to showcase her art at the prestigious Louvre museum as the result of a competition based on the theme of "Parallel World". Tengyi's artwork was selected to be exhibited out of dozens of entries chosen by hundreds of people.

The Louvre is one of the world's most visited museums. It was founded in 1793 in Paris, France, and has a significant collection of artworks from many eras and civilizations. It has approximately 860 galleries of paintings, sculptures, and sketches.

Tengyi first received the news of her artwork being selected in December 2022, and it was a great honour for her as she had accomplished one of her life's dreams of having her artwork exhibited at the Louvre Museum. It is an incredible achievement for her.

Dr Achter, Vice-Principal, Junior Division expressed his wish for Tengyi's name and artwork to be showcased on Christmas cards at the end of the year, an honour which she graciously accepted.

One of Tengyi's artworks includes raven dark drapes that unveil a girl peering down into pearly white snow fields, heaps of presents, and a cathedral standing tall among the fields. The fireworks provide stars and hope to the overall image, as well as warmth and faith to the landscape. The fireworks and the black background and drapes both depict light amid darkness.

The other image she drew demonstrated the same person living in two different worlds, one where the character was in despair due to the pressure of expectations, and the other a golden world that would only be in her dreams. The latter image expanded her creative opportunities to show how the same person in two different worlds could be so different. This image sends a message of living freely and not letting strain and depression overwhelm you in real life.

These are magnificent works of art, and we convey our sincere congratulations to Tengyi, and also thank the teachers who have encouraged her in order for her to accomplish such a fantastic feat.

Ziyuan Zou & Tengyi Li (2 LSG)



## THIMUN 2023

On 21 January this year, nine students from ACS (International) set off to Amsterdam for a week to attend THIMUN 2023, an annual debate conference held from 23 January to 26 January. The conference involved more than 3,000 delegates from more than 100 countries.

Following a lengthy 20-hour journey, we landed in the Netherlands and checked into our lodging for the trip. Our teachers, Mr James Cope and Ms Alicia Chan, were familiar with the city, and introduced us to local cuisine, such as Frieten, or Dutch fries, a rich and flavourful dish, especially in tandem with the menagerie of condiments offered to us. Everything from the architecture of the buildings to the unique public transport was a sight to behold, ranging from historical buildings to features such as integrated bicycle lanes. It was a welcome change from the asphalt jungles of Singapore and made the whole experience that much more unique.

On our second day, we spent part of our morning reviewing our pre-conference preparations, before heading out to Amsterdam by train, to the famous Rijksmuseum. There we journeyed through the history of the arts, looking at intricately crafted paintings by the finest artists of the Dutch Golden Age, such as Rembrandt. Other paintings and artworks from around the world were a feast for the eyes, and we were particularly enthralled by the ambient setting of a traditional Dutch library.

On our third day in the Netherlands, we headed to the World Convention Centre for THIMUN. After the strict limitations that were placed on the previous three conferences arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, THIMUN 2023 was advertised as the first Model United Nation to be running at full capacity, and it did not disappoint. We then split off into our individual councils for a day of lobbying, during which time we met our fellow council members, discussed our views on the main topics of debate for the coming days and combined certain policies we agreed on into resolutions that we would submit. The day then ended with a passionate opening speech by the Secretary General of the conference, our very own Saw Yone Shou who, after many years of hard work and many different positions, was returning to THIMUN in the top position having last been there 3 years before as a delegate.

Tuesday saw a shift from lobbying to open debate, where delegates took turns presenting and discussing the fruits of the previous day's preparations. We were able to voice our support or objections for the topics at the table, and everyone felt like their voices were heard. This continued for the next 3 days, where we met more and more delegates, including new friends from Italy, Uzbekistan, Ethiopia, and many other countries. Each delegate brought unique and interesting stories and made the council a melting pot of culture and lifestyle, enriched by our shared interest in global politics.

This camaraderie continued until the last day of the conference, when we bade farewell to our new friends. Yone Shou capped off the conference with another emotional speech, and there was an electrifying drum performance that received a well-deserved standing ovation.

We wish to record our most sincere thanks to Mr Cope and Ms Chan, who made our trip such a special one with their knowledge of the Netherlands, immaculate planning, and good-natured humour.

*Joseph Kai Yang Yap (6 TCT)*



## Ski & Snowboard Trip at Verbier, Switzerland

We went for the abovementioned ski trip from 10 March to 19 March and we had a lot of fun. There were 50 students in our group, and 7 teachers accompanied us, including Ms Laura Blunt, Assistant Head of PE of ACS (International).

The ski trip was a lot of fun, and it was a great way for us to enjoy time with our friends in a stunning location, all while simultaneously learning and improving our skiing skills.

Complete beginners learnt how to ski from scratch, and the few of us who knew how to ski saw and experienced the truly unique and amazing time skiing through the Swiss mountains. We had many amazing instructors who helped guide us through the mountains and they taught me how to ski very well. Our instructors helped us feel right at home, although we were more than 10,000km away, as they taught us and enjoyed skiing alongside us. My instructor was very welcoming and fun, he often played music as we were going up and down the gondola and tried to get to know everyone in our group.

One of my favourite moments was watching Mr Enrique Pascual fall, or having a snowball fight with Ms Emma Harris at the top of the mountain.

*Shannen Choong (5 TKK)*



# Methodist Walk 2023

On 25 March, students from the 16 Methodist schools in Singapore took part in the Methodist Walk 2023 held at ACS Independent. The Methodist Walk is an event organised by the Methodist Schools Foundation and supported by The Methodist Church in Singapore.

Each student in Methodist schools who participated in the event pledged to walk for 2km per day for 25 days, with the aim of having "A Million KM for A Million Dollars" from the event. Participants and non-participants could donate for the cause at the Giving SG website.

Every dollar raised from the event will go into supporting the financial needs of about 22,000 students in Methodist schools. All Year 2 and Pre-IGCSE students from ACS (International) took part in the Methodist Walk 2023, and they arrived clad in school PE kit at the venue by 7am. After all the students from the 16 Methodist schools had arrived, as well as board members and the Guest of Honour, Minister of Education Chan Chun Sing, the worship service started. After the worship service, the flag-off by Mr Chan signalled the start of the walk and the contingent from ACS (Independent) led all the other contingents in the walk.

The weather was clear and all the students including those from ACS (International) walked the route, which covered about 4km. After the event, students rushed to the foyer to get snacks, ice cream, and water that was provided to those who finished the course. There was also a sustainability bazaar where the students could buy various items, and the money would be donated to charity.

All too soon, Methodist Walk 2023 came to an end, and the students left the school with the proud thought of having participated to help support a good cause.



## Helping Your Young Adult Thrive in College

On 2 March, it was a privilege to have Dr Barry Corey, President of Biola University, speak to the parents after our regular Parent Prayer Group (PPG) meeting that day. Dr Corey, who is also the author of "Make the Most of It! A Guide to Loving Your College Years", shared from his book about the top 10 ways students can thrive in their college years.

### Campus environment

What you learn can be profoundly shaped by where you learn.

### Ask questions and think deeply

You should be building skill sets not to last just 3 years, but 30.

### Pursue your passion

Be well rounded. A faith integrated education lays the groundwork for you to flourish in your chosen major and beyond.

### The virtuous life

View your university years as formative, not just informative. Seek to form both habits of mind and heart.

### Life together

Seek a vibrant, diverse community where you can form lasting friendships and experience a sense of belonging

### A safe place to learn

Campus safety contributes to a thriving college experience.

### Location matters

Choose the ideal place to explore your calling and step into a successful future.

### Professors as mentors

Strive to be mentored by caring, brilliant professors who are experts in their academic disciplines

### A common bond

Join a vibrant, authentic community of Christ followers.

### Cohesive curriculum

Dr Corey strongly advises that students connect their faith with their studies, career and every sphere of life.

We appreciated him and his team for sharing their insights with us and wish them all good success.

Our next PPG meeting will be on 6 April, from 8am to 10am at the John Wesley Hall, Level 6, Sports Block. We will have a special extended worship time as well.

See you soon!



## Friendship Day

On 14 February, the 18<sup>th</sup> Student Council organised Friendship Day for ACS (International), a special occasion celebrated to promote the value of friendship among students. This was done through activities designed to help students develop better friendships and appreciate the importance of friendship in their lives.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Student Council introduced a selection of exciting gifts for students to purchase for their friends. These gifts included Roses and Chocograms (Chocolates and cards). A friendship-themed photo booth was also set up and decorated with maroon hearts and a wreath made of bears and roses. The booth was placed at the student centre stage, and students could use it to capture memorable moments of camaraderie that day as they took pictures with their friends. We prepared 2 competitions for the students to participate in, one of which was the “Cheesiest line competition” where students submitted the most awkward, silliest, and most original pick-up lines. We had a quick laugh at the goofy and creative pick-up lines students sent us. The winners for this year’s pick-up line competition were as follows:

- 1st – Matthew Tay (6 SVM)
- 2nd – Denise Chua (4 GHK)
- 3rd – Lauren Lim (2 OLD)

We organised a new game titled “Find your Friend” where each student was assigned to a group of 5 cartoon characters. Their task is to find the other 5 members with the same character. The first team to successfully send a selfie with 5 of their newfound friends would win the competition!

I am glad we were able to make 14<sup>th</sup> February a memorable day for the students and the Student Councillors. On behalf of the 18<sup>th</sup> Student council, I can say that the experience of planning Friendship Day was a pleasant and joyous one!

“In camaraderie we thrive, with solidarity we survive”  
– 18<sup>th</sup> Student Council

*Jordan Basry (6 LSG)*



## Birthday Celebration & Games Day at Oldham Hall

At 5.30pm on 9 March 2023, I volunteered to help Madam Chin Siew Lin with the Term 1 birthday celebrations (January – March) among the Oldham Hall boarders. It was an excellent opportunity to gather and have fun and indulge in some delicious pizza!

One of the games we played was “Pass The Balloon”. The last person holding the balloon after the music stopped playing would then have to dance in front of everyone as a forfeit. If one of the players accidentally popped the balloon, they would also have to do a forfeit.

We also played a futsal table soccer game. I divided everyone into teams and made them compete for extra pizzas. Each team member was only allowed to spin the stick twice. The limited options available meant that they had to devise ways to score goals quickly, and the different combinations that people devised led to some friendly competition.

Overall, the pizza party with games was a huge success – a great way to spend time with friends, have fun, and enjoy pizza.

*Nathan Alexandro The (3 SVM)*



## HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

### Job Shadowing Programme (13–17 March 2023)

The March holidays marked a new milestone for the Higher Education department when 47 of our IB students experienced working life at various organisations in fields ranging from Accounting to Veterinary Services.

During the 3 to 5 days of Job Shadowing attachment, the students were able to work alongside industry experts and to gain insight into the roles and responsibilities of their prospective professions.

The students completed their Job Shadowing attachments with a good exposure to the working environment and were now clearer of their future educational and career goals.

#### Student Reflection

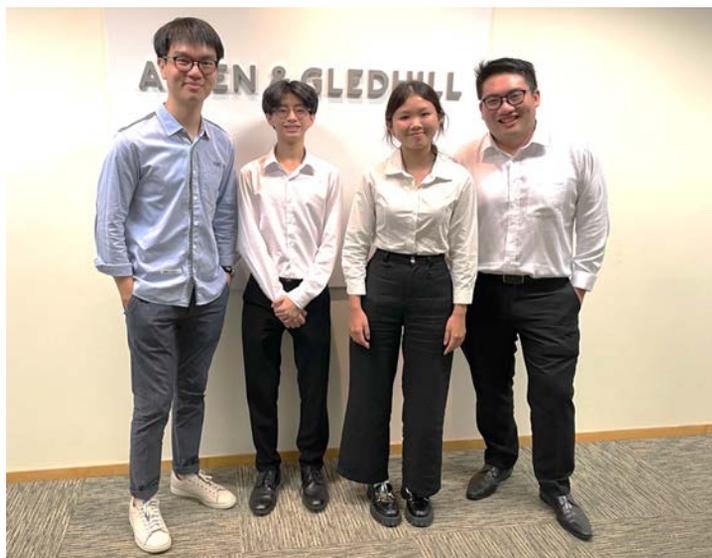
“My short stint at Activiste for business consultancy afforded me with rich hands-on experiences as well as insights. I was given opportunities such as meeting a wide range of clients to work on improving their business strategies, which helped me to learn about unique aspects to running a business. The staff and higher management were very helpful to answer my questions and provided useful advice. This experience was inspirational and affirming in my career choice.”

*Einna Parekh (5 LSG)*

“I enjoyed learning more about what lawyers do daily and how they apply the law in their work. Job shadowing at Allen & Gledhill was truly an amazing experience for me. I was able to sit in for court hearings and even attend workshops at NUS. Allen & Gledhill has given me a much clearer idea of law as a career and taught me many things about dispute resolution.

“I aspire to become a great lawyer one day and I strongly encourage anyone and everyone to try a job shadowing experience. Now, I believe I have a better idea of what I want to do in university.”

*Isaac Lim Tai Xi (5 SVM)*



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L–R: Mr. Justin William Jeremiah, Isaac Lim Tai Xi (5 SVM),  
Low Ai Xuan (5 TCT) and Mr. Mark Lim*

“Being attached to International Eye Cataract Retina Centre has been a fruitful experience. It gave me a great insight into the life of a doctor and how efficient teamwork between nurses and doctors help make the consultations and procedures of the patients comfortable. I also had the chance to witness a laser eye cataract surgery which was a new experience for me. This job shadowing has deepened my respect for doctors and nurses as they work diligently and selflessly to cure patients.

I am truly thankful and grateful that I got this opportunity and would highly recommend other students to go for job shadowing.”

*Sanvi (5 GHK)*



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Ms. Yufina Senohady and Einna Parekh (5 LSG)*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April	Event
5	Gauses Maths Competition
6	Leadership Recruitment Camp
7	Good Friday
13	IB May Languages Prelims
14	Inter-House Music
24	Hari Raya Puasa
26	Student Leader Investiture IGCSE Chinese 2 <sup>nd</sup> Language Paper 1
28	IGCSE Chinese 2 <sup>nd</sup> Language Paper 2



**ACS(International)  
Higher Education Fair 2023  
Monday, April 3  
3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.  
Sports Hall**

Explore your tertiary education options, get vital information on undergraduate courses and entry requirements, and insider tips on applications from admissions officers/representatives of the many institutions present. Participating Institutions/Organizations will have booths in the **Sports Hall**.

- 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
- King's College London
- The University of Glasgow
- The University of Warwick
- 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 & Gilson 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 Higher Education Events**

**Higher Education Fair 2023**

**3 April 2023  
3.00pm to 5.00pm  
Sports Hall**



**University of British Columbia**

**19 April 2023  
12.00pm to 12.40pm  
Chapel**



**University of Chicago**

**19 April 2023  
3.00pm – 3.40pm  
Library Exchange**



**Boston University**

**20 April 2023  
12.00pm to 12.40pm  
Chapel**





# ACS (International)



## OPEN HOUSE

*1 April 2023*

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

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#### Information Sessions

##### Session 1

*9am – 11am*

##### Session 2

*11am – 1pm*

#### Oldham Chapel, ACS (International)

*61 Jalan Hitam Manis,  
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*Visitors only need to attend one session*

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