



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It is the end of the Academic year! Congratulations to all our students for making it through 2023.

This year has felt like the first year that the school has been fully up and running since COVID subsided. The resumption of our international trips, something that students and parents were both desperate for, was something that we really celebrated this year. Throughout the year our students have visited The Hague, Switzerland, Bali, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Australia, Indonesia and in the coming weeks some of our Physics students are going to the CERN facility in Geneva and our Orchestra travels to Italy to perform throughout Tuscany and Verona. Thank you to all of our staff who have helped organise, lead and attend these trips that have added so much to the student experience.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Parents Survey back in Term 3. The results and analysis have been posted on the school website and can be found [here](#). The actions that have been identified will be used to plan the school's objectives for 2024.

I would like to wish our graduates and those students who are leaving ACS (International) all the very best in their future pursuits. Many of our Year 6 graduates are commencing university or National Service. We pray for them as they undertake these endeavours and ask that they would remember the values and ACS spirit they have learnt during their time at school. For those students returning next year, we hope that they will have an enjoyable rest, will make good use of the break and will be excited about resuming their studies in 2024.

At the end of the year, it is also important to recognise and thank all the Academic and Support staff who, despite the challenges, have continued to work hard with dedication and integrity. The school is very grateful to our staff for all they have achieved this year and the constant support they have shown to our students. We wish all of our staff a restful break.

This year our Parent Support Partners (PSP) have been very active and involved in many of the school's marquee events. These parents volunteer significant portions of their time to help assist the school and provide memorable experiences for our students. I would like to thank each of them for their amazing service to the school over the past year.

We thank God for his protection and oversight this year and continue to look to Him for wisdom and discernment as we serve ACS (International) in 2024.

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

Gavin Kinch
Principal

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2023 Leadership Colours Awards

Heartiest Congratulations to Year 2, FIB and PIB recipients of 2023 Leadership Colours Awards. The awards will be presented during Speech Day.

GOLD

Kaitlyn Wong Qiyi (2-GHK)
Lo Cheuk Chun Amina (2-THO)
Naissha Makhija (2-TKK)

SILVER

Khair Siya Ketan (2-THO)
Chua Yun Yu (FIB-OLD)
Lee Chia-Wei Sophie (FIB-THO)
Yuto Sakamoto (PIB-OLD)

BRONZE

Clayton Oliver Wibowo (2-GHK)
Aiden Sun (2-THO)
Aysha Minhas (FIB-LSG)

UPCOMING EVENTS

November	Event
20	School Break begins
January 2024	Event
3 – 4	New Student Orientation
3	IB results release
5	First Day for Students
	Year 5 IB induction
18	IGCSE results release
22	First Day for non-DSA Students
26	ACS Dedication Service
27	International Students Singapore Cultural Excursion

Drama Masterclass Workshop

The Drama department organised a masterclass workshop by Frantic Assembly for our Drama students on 31 October. Frantic Assembly is a professional theatre group specializing in Physical & movement-based theatre. They are based in London and flew in Singapore for a week. ACS (International) secured a training slot, and our drama students had an exciting afternoon learning. The students shared their reflections below.

The Year 3 drama class thoroughly enjoyed the Frantic Assembly workshop, which provided us with valuable skills to enhance our drama education. Our session began with an invigorating warmup activity involving three chairs. We lined up and ran around the chairs, calling out our friends' names as they joined the line to run. This exercise was designed to increase our heart rates and prepare us for the next activity.

We next participated in icebreakers. Standing in a circle, we walked, ran, and danced towards each other, making sure to remember everyone's name as they approached us. It allowed us to be comfortable work with each other for the upcoming activities. We learnt to balance our body weight. We were prepared to design and sequence our movements in an exercise "rounds -shifts- through" and also "lifting" of each other. We also learnt how to loop the sequence to create a continuous and captivating performance.

One particularly noteworthy activity was the finale, where we were given a stimulus. In our case, the stimulus was something scary on the ceiling, and we created four positions to take on chairs. Incorporating emotions into stylised movements prompted us to explore various ideas that could be incorporated into our scripted piece.

Overall, we thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and hope to have similar experiences in the future. We believe that it will greatly assist us in developing the necessary skills for our IGCSE.

2023 Year 3 Drama students

Jai Asthana, Chow Li Tong, Rayna Intekhab, Lin Ziting, Tan Shi Ning Meredith, Denise Wee



Study Nights 2023

The exams are finally over, and we will soon see the fruits of many hours and efforts students, parents and teachers have put in. But before this either eagerly anticipated or perhaps dreaded day, I thought I would take the time to reflect on the hard work our ACS (International) community has put in.

For seven weeks from September to November, our Year 4 and Year 6 students earnestly attended Parent Support Partners (PSP) study nights. Serving them with thoughtfully chosen dinner and dessert was our way of supporting their diligent study efforts for the upcoming examinations. It was heartening to see students gathering in the library, sharing tables and silent laughter which seemed to lighten the tension of exam stress and helped make the challenging journey a little smoother. We were moved by their respectful demeanour and gratitude which made the study nights experience all the more pleasant and rewarding.

We would also like to acknowledge the behind-the-scenes, often quiet staff that we owe much to. Our school librarians led by Ms Many collected food orders from students to make sure that every student who signed up got their food. Without them consistently patrolling the library, we would not have had the conducive and peaceful atmosphere that students much needed. Some of our teachers stayed long after school hours to assist and support in any way.

Special thanks to Holland Village Methodist Church's (HVMC) School Ministry staff Benjamin Quek and his prayer team for providing moral support to our students and giving bookmarks and cards filled with inspiring bible verses. We are truly appreciative of their prayers and time spent to empathise and allay their fears. The church's comforting presence and words of encouragement meant a lot during this period.

Lastly we would like to thank parents who joined for the first time to offer support to our students. Thank you for volunteering your time generously! Studying can sometimes feel like a heavy and solitary activity, but with team support comprised of parents, teachers/ staff and the church, our students feel lighter, lifted by the whole community and better able to do their best for the IGCSE and IB exams!

Cherry Bodestyne Seow
PSP



Year 6 Prom

On 11 November, the ACS (International) graduating Class of 2023 experienced a night of glamour, excitement, and camaraderie at the much-anticipated Celestial prom held at the Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre. From the mesmerising decorations to the lively activities, every detail was carefully planned to create a memorable evening for our graduating seniors.

The evening kicked off with a captivating speech by Mrs Tan Siew Hoon, Vice-Principal Senior Division, setting the tone for the celestial journey that was to come. Three carefully curated games engaged the crowd, fostering an atmosphere of laughter and affinity. The excitement heightened at our lucky draw which added an element of suspense and surprise that kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

The awards segment honoured outstanding achievements of the cohort and contributions by our students. However, the true surprise of the night lay in the announcement of not one, but two sets of prom kings and queens, defying tradition and spreading the crown of celestial glory. Amidst the excitement, guests indulged in a sumptuous Western course meal.

While the journey to this Celestial Soiree was fruitful, it was not without its challenges, with the Council facing unexpected adaptations. However, resilience as well as a commitment to delivering an unforgettable experience prevailed.

As the night concluded, it was evident that the celestial-themed prom had surpassed all expectations, having created for our Year 6s memories that would forever linger in their hearts. As we bid farewell to the Class of 2023, we celebrate not solely their achievements but also the bonds of friendship and the joyous moments that were shared at Celestial Soiree.

*19th Student Council,
Prefectorial Board*





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Vice-Principal



Dr Kristopher Achter
Vice-Principal



ACS (International) Admissions Seminars for 2024

Post PSLE Seminars

22 November 2023	2pm
23 November 2023	10am
	2pm
24 November 2023	10am
	2pm

RSVP admissions@acsinternational.edu.sg

Seminars will be held on Campus with school tours where possible.

Attendance by reservations only

Venue: Oldham Chapel, ACS (International)
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ACS (International) Admissions Seminars for 2024

Post O-Level Seminars

11 January 2024	2pm
12 January 2024	10am
	2pm

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