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ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

Happy Easter everyone, I hope that you will have an enjoyable long weekend with your family.

In the lead up to Easter the school held three services which had a focus on the Easter message. The school invited guest speakers who shared their faith with our students. The speakers included Annette Lee who is a filmmaker and Instagram content creator, and Wayne Sim worked for Youth With A Mission, and prior to that was a Physical Training Instructor with SAF. After their gospel messages were shared, students were invited them to respond if they wanted to find out more about the Christian faith. After Easter, the Christian Ministry Staff will meet and work with these students as they seek to know God more personally.

The school's PSP also helped the school to celebrate by organizing a fun Easter 'Egg' hunt for our students which was enjoyed by all. In addition to this, the PSP wrote individual cards to every student in the school! Yes, you read that correctly! Members of the PSP, supported by Holland Village Methodist Church, wrote close to 1,100 individual letters with messages of support and encouragement to all of our students. These letters were delivered to them in assembly, where each student opened and read the messages. It was wonderful to sit at the front of the assembly and watch students open these messages, read them, and see them thinking about what was written to them. This was a huge effort by all involved, and was a wonderful demonstration of the love, care, and support that the school provides to each of our students. Thank you to everyone who was involved in this initiative.

As we remember what Jesus did for us on the cross on Good Friday and His resurrection this Easter, let us also remember our response to His sacrifice. Our faith should make a difference in our lives and in turn a difference to the lives of those around us. I pray that as we head into the rest of the year that we would remember God's loving sacrifice of His son for us, as we seek to develop a faith that has an impact on the world. I would also ask, that over the next few weeks to keep the students who responded to our Easter messages in your prayers.

**Gavin Kinch
Principal**



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Drop Off and Pick Up from School

For the safety of all, we seek the co-operation of all parents driving to school to exercise care and consideration by adhering to the following:

- Turn off your engines when waiting to pick up your child from school. With many cars waiting outside the school, the noise of car engines can be quite disturbing to the residents.
- Drive at a safe speed that is below the legal speed limit along the roads near school. The pavements are narrow and often blocked which results in pedestrians, including young children, having to walk on the road. Drivers should be mindful of this and reduce their speed.
- Reduce speed when it is raining in order not to spray puddles of water at students and members of the public who are walking close by.
- Refrain from waiting/parking illegally. It is an offence to park/wait on either side of a road demarcated by a continuous white line or double yellow lines.
- Please do not beep your horn to get your child's attention; this is a noise nuisance to our neighbours.
- Plan your pick-up time with your child to reduce the queuing/waiting time along the road.
- Avoid arriving earlier than the scheduled school dismissal time.
- Do not park in front of the access of any residential unit.
- Be considerate and allow cars from side roads access into the car queue waiting to exit to Holland Village.
- Parents are encouraged to make use of the back gate (Gate C) via Holland Close as a much less congested alternative to drop off your child (see below map for details).



Term 1 Commendation Awards

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

Principal's List for Effort and Achievement			
NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	CHO HYOBIN	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	AOI HASEGAWA	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	ACHAREKAR OM NITIN	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	TOMOMASA MASUDA	4	GOH HOOD KENG
5	RIN MIYASAKA	4	GOH HOOD KENG
6	TIFFANY RUSLI	6	GOH HOOD KENG
7	SEONG YUMIN	4	LEE SENG GEE
8	HUANG YONG SHIN	4	LEE SENG GEE
9	LEE YULWON	4	LEE SENG GEE
10	YU HAOXUAN	4	LEE SENG GEE
11	LEE WU	PRE IGCSE	OLDHAM
12	YANG BINGYI	4	SHAW VEE MENG
13	JAYDEN CHRISTIAN BUDIMAN	4	SHAW VEE MENG
14	SOPHIE BEH JIAXUAN	4	SHAW VEE MENG
15	KIM SUNBIN	6	SHAW VEE MENG
16	JU SIHYUN	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
17	KAZUKI TSUKAMOTO	4	THOBURN
18	KENSEI TSUKAMOTO	4	THOBURN
19	ZHANG QINGYAN	6	THOBURN
20	HE YIFAN	6	THOBURN
21	NAISSHA MAKHJJA	3	TAN KAH KEE
22	CHENG TIN WING	4	TAN KAH KEE
23	CHUNG DAYON	4	TAN KAH KEE
24	JIN ZXUAN	4	TAN KAH KEE
25	MAXIMUS HARTANTO	4	TAN KAH KEE
26	LOH KIN-SHIN DECLAN	6	TAN KAH KEE
27	DAKI KASHIWAGI	6	TAN KAH KEE

Distinction for Effort and Achievement			
NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	AARUSH ANANDANI	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	KIMBERLY ANN HENDROFF	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	HARSHNI SIVASUBRAMANIAN	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	KANSINEE WONGTREENATRKOON	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	PHOEBE NG EN HWEE	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	KIM CHAEWON	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	JOY NG KAI XIN	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	LIN ZITING	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	ADVIKA KARTHIK IYER	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	KIM BIAH	2	GOH HOOD KENG
11	LIM SEE XUAN	2	GOH HOOD KENG
12	ERNEST LOH WEI QIAN	6	GOH HOOD KENG
13	LUKE LAI WEN LE	6	GOH HOOD KENG
14	LEE SEOHYUN	1	LEE SENG GEE
15	SUNG GEONWOO	4	LEE SENG GEE
16	NISHYA SUBASH PRABU	4	LEE SENG GEE
17	LEE SEUNGHAH	PRE IB	LEE SENG GEE
18	LIM ZHI-YU LIESEL	6	LEE SENG GEE
19	ARUNIMA JAITAWAT	1	OLDHAM
20	CHOW YU YING	2	OLDHAM
21	EKEESHA ATRE	3	OLDHAM
22	KIM KYUNGEUN	3	OLDHAM
23	BENJAMIN DARMAWAN	4	OLDHAM
24	RENEE CHAN	FOUNDATION IB	OLDHAM
25	LINDA CHEW CHIEN RU	2	SHAW VEE MENG
26	PARK YOONHA	3	SHAW VEE MENG
27	NATHAN ALEXANDRO TJHE	4	SHAW VEE MENG
28	NEILSON ALEXANDRO TJHE	6	SHAW VEE MENG
29	LAU SIN CHING JOSIE	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
30	MIA MIDORI SHANNON	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
31	KIM DOYEON	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
32	ASHTON MIKAEL GOZALI	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
33	LIM KAY AN	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
34	JOANN MARIA JACOB	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
35	WU YOUCHEN	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
36	KIM YEYON	2	THOBURN
37	LO CHEUK CHUN	3	THOBURN
38	AMANDA LIM HUIMIN	4	THOBURN
39	HANNAH LIM YI WEN	6	THOBURN
40	LAURA KOSAREV	1	TAN KAH KEE
41	KIM SEOHA	1	TAN KAH KEE
42	EVIE CHO CHUAN CHI	1	TAN KAH KEE
43	CHENG NUO	1B	TAN KAH KEE
44	CHUN JAEMIN	1B	TAN KAH KEE
45	YUMIKO MIYATA	1B	TAN KAH KEE
46	WONG JULES TSU	2	TAN KAH KEE
47	KARTHIKEYA VETSA	6	TAN KAH KEE
48	YU YAT TIN BENETTA	6	TAN KAH KEE
49	XING YUXIN	6	TAN KAH KEE



Commendation for Effort and Achievement

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	HIKOHITO YANAGIDA	1B	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	LUKE LIM YI KAI	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	WEE KANG QING	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	ENA WATANABE	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	ZHOU CHENGYI	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	NICOLE NG SI YU	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	GUO ZITIAN	FOUNDATION IB	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	NATSUKO KAWASUMI	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	VICTOR SEAT YONG SIM	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	JUNG DOHYEON	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	ZHANG YUNAN	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	HO JING-MEI	1B	GOH HOOD KENG
13	ZHANG CHENQI	3	GOH HOOD KENG
14	ZHEN JINGTONG	3	GOH HOOD KENG
15	SEO YUNA	4	GOH HOOD KENG
16	CHARLESTON TAN	4	GOH HOOD KENG
17	TIAN RUOMENG	4	GOH HOOD KENG
18	JADON REMIEL JONATHAN	4	GOH HOOD KENG
19	LOH JUNYAN JERRY	6	GOH HOOD KENG
20	YURI MASUDA	6	GOH HOOD KENG
21	SANVI	6	GOH HOOD KENG
22	KIM YE RHAM	1	LEE SENG GEE
23	NATASHA NASYA GANDHI	1	LEE SENG GEE
24	ERIN NAKAMURA	1B	LEE SENG GEE
25	KWAK TAEHUN	1B	LEE SENG GEE
26	NOH HAJU	2	LEE SENG GEE
27	ZHANG YUHAN	2	LEE SENG GEE
28	ROBERT ELIOT MING-YU SMITH	2	LEE SENG GEE
29	MOE THEINT WATHAN	PRE IGCSE	LEE SENG GEE
30	NG QI ZHEN TAMMY	3	LEE SENG GEE
31	KANON TAMIYA	3	LEE SENG GEE
32	LEE HYEONJOON	4	LEE SENG GEE
33	PATCHARAMED ONKCHAREON	4	LEE SENG GEE
34	CHO YEEUN	6	LEE SENG GEE
35	MIKAYLA ALYSON TOH	6	LEE SENG GEE
36	ALYSSA REI LO WING SZE	1	OLDHAM
37	CARTESIA CHO JIA WEN	2	OLDHAM
38	HAN QIRUI	PRE ICSE	OLDHAM
39	KIM JEEYOO	PRE ICSE	OLDHAM
40	QIN XUAN	4	OLDHAM
41	GAO RUI	FOUNDATION IB	OLDHAM
42	LEE ADEL	6	OLDHAM
43	RENEE MARLEY PETRUS	1	SHAW VEE MENG
44	SARA FUJII	1B	SHAW VEE MENG
45	SOTARO INOUE	1B	SHAW VEE MENG
46	KIM TAEYEON	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
47	ZHAO YUANPENG	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
48	KO YENA	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
49	JACOB CHRISTOPHER BUDIMAN	3	SHAW VEE MENG
50	THAN JUN HAO	3	SHAW VEE MENG
51	UNO KATAYAMA	4	SHAW VEE MENG
52	KHOO KAH YING BELLE	4	SHAW VEE MENG
53	VIHAAN NANDRAJOG	4	SHAW VEE MENG
54	LEE SEOYUL	4	SHAW VEE MENG
55	AMELIE FAITH CHEONG WEN QI	6	SHAW VEE MENG
56	KIM NAKYUNG	6	SHAW VEE MENG
57	SAHIBA ARORA	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
58	LIEW ZEN XIYN	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
59	CASSY HARUMI SHANNON	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
60	ZOU LUXI	1B	TAN CHIN TUAN
61	LIANG TINGYU	PRE IGCSE	TAN CHIN TUAN
62	MAREK HASHIMOTO	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
63	LIU WEIZHENG	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
64	RYOJI YAMAMOTO	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
65	AFIA GUPTA	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
66	LAU SIN KIU SHERYL	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
67	TETSUSHI AOYAMA	FOUNDATION IB	TAN CHIN TUAN
68	ZHANG JIAHE	PRE IB	TAN CHIN TUAN
69	ASHLEY MYA GOZALI	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
70	SAYORI SHIMADA	6	TAN CHIN TUAN

71	KIM AMIN	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
72	RACHEL ANNE DORAMUS	1	THOBURN
73	PAULINA GORELIK	1	THOBURN
74	PARIYAKORN SHAVALIKUL	2	THOBURN
75	CHARLOTTE ANG RUOXUAN	2	THOBURN
76	SEONG YEONWOO	2	THOBURN
77	KHAIR SIYA KETAN	3	THOBURN
78	RIANNE NG	3	THOBURN
79	CHEN YANYI	6	THOBURN
80	KIM HAECHAN	6	THOBURN
81	MEHR BHATIA	1	TAN KAH KEE
82	ANANYA GUPTA	2	TAN KAH KEE
83	LI LEQI	2	TAN KAH KEE
84	HYVELLI JINGYI WANGSA	2	TAN KAH KEE
85	WU JIAYU	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
86	AUBREY ROSE MC CLUNG JIANZI MEISHI	3	TAN KAH KEE
87	CHOI YANGCHAE	4	TAN KAH KEE
88	YUGO ENDO	4	TAN KAH KEE
89	TEO KAI XUAN HECTOR	4	TAN KAH KEE
90	ZHOU SUXI	FOUNDATION IB	TAN KAH KEE
91	CELINE LESTARI BONGSO	6	TAN KAH KEE
92	ELOISE LAETITIA LAKSMONO	6	TAN KAH KEE
93	ZHENG YIQIAN	6	TAN KAH KEE
94	ZHANG HANYI	6	TAN KAH KEE
95	ZHANG QINGYANG	6	TAN KAH KEE
96	LAVANYA AGGARWAL	6	TAN KAH KEE

Commendation for Effort

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	LIM RUIKAI KIERAN	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	KAO LI-HSUAN	1B	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	SHIN SEOHEE	1B	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	VICTORIA WANG NINI	1	GOH HOOD KENG
5	JOSEPH TAN ZI EN	1	GOH HOOD KENG
6	LI YUECEN	PRE IGCSE	GOH HOOD KENG
7	KAITLYN WONG QIYI	3	GOH HOOD KENG
8	CLAYTON OLIVER WIBOWO	3	GOH HOOD KENG
9	NIYATI HIRANANDANI BHANDARI	1	LEE SENG GEE
10	TARA WEI HUIYING	1	OLDHAM
11	FARHAN FIYAZ DIYAN	1	OLDHAM
12	ETHAN CHEE	1	OLDHAM
13	NOBUHITO NAKAMURA	1B	OLDHAM
14	ZHANG ZHIHAN	1B	OLDHAM
15	LEE WOOCHAN	3	OLDHAM
16	WONG WEI ZHE	4	OLDHAM
17	CHAN WEN XIN ALYCIA	4	OLDHAM
18	BRANDON CHIN LIXIAN	1	SHAW VEE MENG
19	KAELYN LIM JIA XIN	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
20	ANYA YEO YA XUAN	1	THOBURN
21	SUMMER FAITH LOH	1	THOBURN
22	PARK JOOHO	1B	THOBURN
23	HUNG YU NING ZOE	1	TAN KAH KEE
24	SOPHIA ANNE PEREIRA	FOUNDATION IB	TAN KAH KEE

ACS OBA Award Winners

During the 138th ACS Founder's Day celebrations at ACS (International) on 1 March 2024, Mr Andrew Kam, ACSOBA representative presented the ACS OBA Awards for 2024 to the following students.

ACS OBA Gold Award

Year 4

Gajdek Bono Jakub (5 CKS)

Year 6

Ethelyn Huang Meici (6 THO in 2023)

ACS OBA Silver Award

Year 4

Natasha Rae Tan (5 OLD)

Year 6

Michael Cheung (6 TCT in 2023)

Tan Chin Tuan Integrity Award

Ethan Kai Lim (6 TTK in 2023) was unable to receive the award that day as he was serving his National Service. He collected his award from Mr Gavin Kinch, Principal of ACS (International) on 7 March 2024.



Ethelyn Huang Meici



Gajdek Bono Jakub



Michael Cheung



Natasha Rae Tan



Ethan Kai Lim



Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival Celebration Activities

As we celebrated the Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival this year, several Chinese classes immersed themselves in Chinese Traditional Festival food-making and food-tasting activities, including both Tang Yuan and Chinese-style dumplings in February. The students shared their thoughts about their experiences.

During the Chinese New Year Celebration, our Chinese class prepared Chinese dumplings. Besides tasting the scrumptious food, it was also a wonderful time for us to learn more about Chinese cuisine and culture as we all come from foreign countries and rarely have the chance to eat and learn about this type of food.

For instance, we discovered that the pronunciation of “饺” (jiǎo) in 饺子 (jiǎo zi) sounds like “交”(jiāo) which represented the transition between the old and the new year. People in China usually eat dumplings in order to achieve good fortune in the coming year as their shapes resembles a gold “元宝” (yuánbǎo, ingot), which is an Ancient Chinese currency. I am looking forward to next year's Chinese New Year celebrations!

Budiman Jacob Christopher (3 SVM)

Tsang Wen Hei Oswen (3 GHK)

This year, our Chinese class had the delightful opportunity to celebrate the Lantern Festival, also known as 元宵节 (yuán xiāo jié), to conclude the Chinese New Year festivities. We gathered to make 元宵 (yuán xiāo), sweet glutinous rice balls also commonly known as ‘tāng yuán’. One of my classmates prepared the dough, and together we eagerly shaped and cooked the tang yuan. The collaborative effort enabled us to build memories and deepen our understanding of Chinese traditions and culture, symbolising 团团圆圆 (tuán tuán yuán yuán) – family reunion and togetherness. Overall, our class had a memorable experience making and eating these delectable tang yuan.

Sarah Kim Seoha (1TKK)

During Chinese New Year, we cooked and enjoyed tang yuan in our Chinese class. I really enjoyed the lesson because it was a great experience eating tang yuan for the first time. During the lesson, we were introduced to the history of the Lantern Festival and why Chinese people eat tang yuan on that day, as well as how it is cooked. Eventually, we had a chance to try out three different flavours: black sesame, peanuts, and purple sweet potato.

I also learnt the basics of making and cooking tang yuan, and how different parts of China make and cook it differently. The one with black sesame paste was my favourite because of its sweetness. It was one of the most memorable experiences in my Chinese learning journey! I am glad to have the opportunity to learn about the Lantern Festival and its importance to people who celebrate it while enjoying tang yuan with classmates.

Seong Yeonwoo Brian (2THO)



138th ACS Founder’s Day

On the auspicious occasion of the 138th birthday of ACS and the 19th birthday of ACS (International), we gathered once again on 1 March 2024 to commemorate our rich heritage and achievements on Founder’s Day.

The day commenced with a performance of “Hydrangea” by Yukiko Nishimura, rendered by the ACS (International) Philharmonic Orchestra, followed by the Orchestra’s lively rendition of “Orpheus in the Underworld”. This was followed by a flag march-in with students carrying flags representing the school’s academic Houses and nationalities. The entire school then joined together to sing the national anthem and recite pledge, then sing the timeless hymn “To God Be The Glory”, an ACS (International) tradition for the annual Founder’s Day.

ACS (International) Principal Mr Gavin Kinch then extended a warm welcome to all, and reflected on the remarkable achievements and legacy of ACS (International) over the past 138 years, particularly highlighting the outstanding IGCSE and IB results of our students. Following his address, the Contemporary Singers moved hearts with the contemporary Christian song “Goodness of God”. Rev Jeremy Ong, pastor-in-charge of Holland Village Methodist Church, subsequently delivered heartfelt greetings from the Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore, followed by warm wishes from Mr Andrew Kam, representing the ACS Old Boys Association, reflecting on the enduring bonds of camaraderie and support among ACS alumni worldwide. The Contemporary Singers then serenaded the audience with “When You Believe” from Prince of Egypt. This was followed by the highlight of the event, an inspiring speech by our Guest of Honour, Mr. Choe Peng Sum, Chief Executive Officer of Pan Pacific Hotels Group. With wisdom and humility, he shared anecdotes of resilience amidst the challenges of the pandemic, while sharing his favourite bible verses and urging us to seek strength from God.

The OBA Gold and Silver Awards, as well as the Tan Chin Tuan Integrity Award, which celebrate individuals embodying the values of excellence, integrity, and service that define the ACS ethos, were then presented.

The spirit of celebration continued with a dynamic performance by the Contemporary Dancers of “Wall to Wall” by Chris Brown. This was followed by a heartfelt video message from our overseas alumni as they shared fond memories of their time at ACS (International), reaffirming the enduring bonds that unite us as a community. As the assembly drew to a close, the hall reverberated with the singing of the ACS Anthem, accompanied by the Philharmonic Orchestra, and led by the Contemporary Singers, followed by a benediction from Rev Ong.

Founder’s Day 2024 was a celebration of tradition, excellence, and the indomitable spirit of the ACS community. As we look ahead to the future, let us carry forth the values and principles that have defined us for generations, knowing that the best is yet to be. To God Be The Glory!



ACSprit de Corps

After 138th ACS Founder's Day celebrations ended on 1 March, ACS (International) then headed straight to the ACSprit de Corps celebrations. The Junior Division students took part in the ACartriders! event, where each of the eight Houses competed to make the best cart.

The eight participants from each House had to make use of the materials provided to make their best-looking cart within an hour. They then had to parade their cart round the sports hall displaying their creative moods, as the panel of judges evaluated their handiwork. The students from each House worked hard on their carts and came up with unique and innovative designs. Many of their peers stood by to cheer them on! House spirit was indeed high!

After the competition was over, the parade began, and all the extraordinary carts were shown to the audience. The crowd's favourite was the TTK cart, while CKS House took third spot with LSG taking second place and Thoburn being the champion. Meanwhile, the Middle Division students (Years 3 and 4) took part in a cake decorating competition named CakeBoss. Two representatives from each level in the House and one tutor from each House were to decorate their cake within one hour according to allocated themes. This year's theme was "ACS," and the participants had to decorate cakes in ways that reflected the organisation. Each team adorned their cake beautifully and worked dedicatedly to decorate their cake to their best ability. The panel of judges then walked around asking participants to provide their insights on their cake decoration. The crowd's favourite was the cake from TCT House, while Thoburn's took third spot with their ACS crest cake. The cake from CKS emerged second and the top cake boss went to SVM!

The Senior Division took part in a tense MasterChef battle. Each House in the Division had a team of 3-5 participants and each team had to concoct a delightful dish to be judged by the panel of judges.

Soon after the Founder's day assembly, the participants gathered at the canteen, donning their colourful House shirts and hair nets. Ingredients had been purchased the day before and had to be assembled on the school site. TTK House produced a mouth-watering steak from scratch – not a task for the faint-hearted.

As finely chopped garlic, onions and vegetables were tossed into searing pans, the competition intensified. Each House rushed to secure its place at the top by refining their sauces, sides, or cuts. Soon, it was time for each House to present their dishes to a panel of judges in the student centre. Crowds of students also scanned the QR codes available to vote for the winning Houses. The crowd's favourite was the dish from CKS House! The third runner-up for ACS MasterChef was TTK with Thoburn in second place and TCT was declared the MasterChef 2024!

This year's ACSprit de Corps was unique and intriguing as well as exciting and everyone enjoyed themselves as they competed against one another in the competitions. They enjoyed themselves fully and all the competition made for a memorable ACSprit de Corps 2024!



ACSprit de Corps 2024

This year's ACSprit de Corps took ACS (International) by storm! The ACS spirit in everyone was overflowing while celebrating ACS's 138th birthday on 1 March 2024 with a range of exciting activities and competitions. From creatively decorated carts for ACartriderS to eye-catching cakes for ACS Cake Boss, all the way to the introduction of culinary masterpieces in ACS's very own Master Chef event, the day was certainly a celebration worthy of ACS's birthday.

During ACartriderS the Sports Hall was brimming with excitement, with our juniors unleashing their hidden creativity, each cart showcasing House and school spirit! The Middle Division attracted the attention of many with their beautiful cake pieces adorned with red, blue, and gold, sculpted to perfection. This year's Cake Boss was a sweet success for sure! The canteen was transformed into a culinary battlefield, where our talented student-staff teams and our honorary Parent School Partners (PSP) team faced off in the highly anticipated ACS Master Chef! The fierce competition took an unexpected turn, with the surprise ingredient component. Contestants chose their competitors' secret ingredients for them, challenging these aspiring chef connoisseurs to infuse ingredients that start with A, C and S in their dishes. All the teams displayed remarkable creativity and adaptability, cooking up mouth-watering and aesthetically pleasing dishes!

A very hearty congratulations to all of the following winners for all ACSprit de Corps competitions:

ACartriderS	Cake Boss	Master Chef
1 st – Thoburn	1 st – SVM	1 st – TCT
2 nd – LSG	2 nd – CKS	2 nd – Thoburn
3 rd – CKS	3 rd – Oldham	3 rd – TTK
Crowd favourite: Oldham	Crowd favourite: TKK	Crowd favourite: CKS

Special award for Exemplary Culinary Skills and Presentation – PSP

Additionally, the PSP food stalls that boasted a variety of mouth-watering finger foods, drinks, and desserts, in addition to the rave party in the Sports Hall only bolstered the exciting atmosphere further. All in all, ACS International's ACSprit de Corps was a smashing success, one that inspired school spirit and brightened the school's atmosphere. A belated happy birthday, ACS. The best is yet to be!

*Hannah Lim and Yuri Masuda,
on the behalf of the 6th Student Affairs and the 13th Student
Ambassadors*



Parent School Partners (PSP) Reflections on ACSprit de Corps 2024

I am a new parent to ACS (International), so I promised myself to get involved at my youngest son's school this year. There I was, volunteering at the school's first and biggest event of 2024, ACSprit de Corps. All the parent volunteers I encountered were very enthusiastic, agile, and deft. Despite our station being under the hot sun at the Science Terrace, the students were all in good spirits especially as our hot dog team decided to approach the students. I was pleased that the students were polite which provided me reassurance of the values and teachings that I encourage with my son including be confident; meet new friends; smile and be kind. Thank you, PSP, for having me on the team. I am looking forward to volunteering again.

Maria B, Year 1 Parent

March 1 2024 was truly an unforgettable day. Founder's Day was an opportunity for the ACS community to reflect on its history, values, and to honour its founders. The students, alumni, faculty and parents were brought together through several activities and a range of 14 different food and drink stalls that included things like delicious pizza and bubble tea. The parents worked hard and began arriving from 7am onwards to prepare the food and drink stalls for everybody. This year's ACSprit de Corps was especially spectacular due to the interesting Senior Division Master Chef event which included 3 parents in the fun-filled activities!

Congratulations, ACS (International) for this proud and remarkable day, and thank you to all the faculty and parents that worked tirelessly to provide such a memorable experience.

Weiling Wong, Year 4 Parent

The recent ACS (International) Master Chef competition was more than a culinary challenge: it was a heartwarming opportunity for me, as a parent, to connect with the vibrant spirit of the school. The energy in the canteen was buzzing with the collective creativity of all the participants, united by a love and passion for food. The unique twist of having our opponents choose the secret ingredients ("A", "C", and "S") added a whole new layer of excitement. My heart raced both in anticipation and with the thrill of imagining the possibilities — an "A" could bring sweetness and crispness of Apple or the earthy taste of Asparagus, while "C" could introduce the creamy indulgence of Cheese or the tropical touch of Coconut! And would "S" be long strands of Spaghetti or the bold flavour of Sardines?

More than the competition itself, I cherished the sense of belonging and connection I experienced. As I chatted with fellow parents, sharing stories and exchanging recipes, I felt a deep appreciation for the diversity of culture and traditions that form the fabric of ACS (International). As I reflect on the experience, I am left with a warm smile and a heart full of gratitude, knowing that the true victories lies in the spirit of collaboration and joy of sharing fun and excitement.

In Joo Kim, Year 5 Parent



Job Shadowing Programme

(11 to 15 March 2024)

The recent March holidays saw 53 of our International Baccalaureate (IB) students actively engaged in the Job Shadowing programme. They immersed themselves in real-world work experiences, which enabled them to glean insights from professionals across diverse fields, ranging from Architecture to Veterinary Services. The participants gained a clearer vision of future academic and professional paths. This hands-on exposure provided them with an understanding of the duties and expectations associated with their desired careers, making it a gratifying and enlightening experience.

Physiotherapy

Doing Job Shadowing with Rapid Physiocare was definitely an insightful experience. I learnt many things about physiotherapy and have a clearer idea in mind of what I want to do in the future. Throughout the 5 days, I followed several physiotherapists to meet their patients and observed them as they treated the patients. With the background information given, I knew more about the patients and the reasons for their treatments. I also learnt about how to become a physiotherapist, and what is required for me to become a physiotherapist. If I'm allowed to, I'll be more than happy to do the job shadowing again to see more cases and grow my knowledge in this field.

Lee Chia-wei (5 THO)



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L-R: Lee Chia-wei (5 THO), Ms. Amanda Tham

Technology

Job shadowing at Assure IT was an illuminating experience that provided invaluable insights into the dynamic world of information technology, especially in cybersecurity. Observing the working environment and the way of interacting with each worker was such a wonderful experience for me to visualise what the job was about. Assure IT's commitment to excellence and fostering a collaborative environment left an indelible mark on me, reinforcing my passion for pursuing a career in IT. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow alongside such talented professionals.

Rintaro Sugimoto (5 SVM)



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L-R: Mr. Eugene Cheong, Rintaro Sugimoto (5 SVM)

Medicine

This was an extremely fruitful and eye-opening job shadowing experience that has ascertained my passion for Medicine. Through a plethora of varying activities planned for me, from being able to witness procedures and clinics to being able to see a beating heart on the ECHO, I was truly mesmerised each step of the way. I am also extremely grateful to the school and especially the Higher Education Department for being able to organise such a memorable Job Shadowing Experience for me.

Natasha Rae Tan (5 OLD)
Job shadowing at Tan Tock Seng Hospital



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L-R: Dr. David Foo, Natasha Tan Rae (5OLD), Ashley Chan Jia En (5CKS)

Law

My five-day job shadowing experience at law firm Mayer Brown PK Wong & Nair Pte. Ltd was truly enjoyable and enriching. Throughout the week, I had the invaluable opportunity to observe seasoned lawyers in action, witnessing first-hand their expertise in dealing with complex legal matters with such precision and finesse. Moreover, my supervisor and colleagues not only generously shared their knowledge and experiences but also took the time to answer my questions and provide valuable advice on pursuing a career in law. This experience has helped me to deepen my understanding of the legal world and helped me in my process of deciding the career path I wish to pursue.

Sharmaine Loh Yiting (5 GHK)



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L-R: Kelly Ng (5 GHK), Sharmaine Loh Yiting (5 GHK), Ms. Jennifer Chih

Singapore Cultural Orientation Trip

On 27 January, the International Student Committee (ISC) organised a cultural orientation for the new international students. The orientation introduced multiculturalism in Singapore to new students and provided them with opportunities to make new friends. We started with an exciting activity of Amazing Race in Chinatown, followed by a visit to the Indian Heritage Centre, and ended our trip at Kampung Glam to visit the golden dome Sultan Mosque. The whole trip is meaningful and instructive, allowing all students including the ISC leaders to have a better understanding of Singapore's culture.

Du Yingjia (5LSG)



Reflections from participants

It was a very good experience. I saw a lot of traditional stuff in Chinatown. The activity we did was also very good!

Ma Qihao

I learnt that Singapore is a multicultural country, and many Chinese people live in this country. I also have a good time with my friends.

Hong Qiwei

Even though I had to walk for almost a whole day, it was a good experience to feel and see other cultures. During the tour, I could meet new friends too.

Jeeyoo Kim

It's an enjoyable event. The student leaders are very conscientious and hardworking.

Li Xiuyuan

Visiting the cultural areas was an interesting and meaningful experience. I got to know more about other cultures and also made many friends.

Lee Seungah

It's an amazing activity. I gained a lot of knowledge about India during the visit to the museum at the Indian Heritage Centre and had fun when we completed the tasks assigned.

Zhao Yuanpeng

It was amazing activity. I learned a lot about Chinatown and Little India. I got to see a lot about traditional and cultural stuff and had a lot of fun.

Kim Beomjin

The activities were fun and we explored and walked around in Chinatown. The Indian Heritage Centre visit was interesting. I learnt a lot of new things here.

Wongtreatrakoon Kansinee

I liked experiencing Singapore's culture. The museum we visited was amazing. I loved seeing India's history and artifacts. I also enjoyed Chinatown too. It was a very enjoyable trip.

Lee Ain

When I went to Chinatown, I was amazed that it was so similar that it reminded me of China, which I had visited before. It was very fancy, and the atmosphere was lively and nice. Little India had a calmer atmosphere than Chinatown, and the Indian Heritage Museum was interesting, and I learned quite a lot, so I thought it was a good experience.

Heejin Kim

Throughout the trip, I was able to learn more about the aspects of the lives of different people. I discovered different facts about the Indian community and their story of migration to Singapore as well as the popular cultural food eaten within the Chinese community.

Pereira Sophia Anne

The outing was very good. I learnt so much about Chinatown. I also walked around Kampung Gelam which is very nice. I will visit these places again.

Cally Riola Gozal

Visit of Professor Shanton Chang to ACS (International)

In February, the Higher Education & Careers Department of ACS (International) had the privilege of welcoming Professor Shanton Chang from the University of Melbourne to address our Year 6 students. The focal point of his presentation was "Identifying skills needed to thrive in the upcoming Green economy." In an era of rapid global transformation, the dynamics of the job market are evolving swiftly, rendering numerous 20th-century professions obsolete by the year 2025. The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated these changes. Most industries are also having to adjust to the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and accommodate major changes in the world environment. These changes have direct impacts on the future jobs of graduates, regardless of industry. In addressing the challenge of preparing students for an ever-evolving future, Professor Chang illuminated key strategies during his session. The insights gleaned from his presentation are outlined below.

- 1 in 5 jobs today will be obsolete when the current Year 6 students graduate.
- Critical question: How do we prepare for a future marked by constant change?

Tips:

- Clearly define and explore desired opportunities.
- Cultivate curiosity and build networks.
- Soft skills such as adaptability, creativity, persuasion, collaboration, and emotional intelligence are increasingly valued by organisations.

The University Education Reimagined

- Technical competence results from dedicated study. However, future job landscapes demand more than just technical skills.
- Preparation beyond technical knowledge is vital.
- Preparing for Multiple Careers: We have to teach students skills for not just one job but multiple careers. E.g., Journalism requires questioning, interrogation, clear communication etc. These are transferable skills which open doors to diverse career options.
- Connect with industry professionals to understand employer expectations – Universities like Uni of Melbourne bring employers and major companies on to campus to provide such opportunities – students need to take advantage of such opportunities.



How can university students improve their employability?

Academic Excellence:

- Do well in their degree studies for technical and content competence.

Strategic Networking:

- Network beyond comfort zones for increased confidence and adaptability.
- Connect with industry professionals to understand employer expectations.

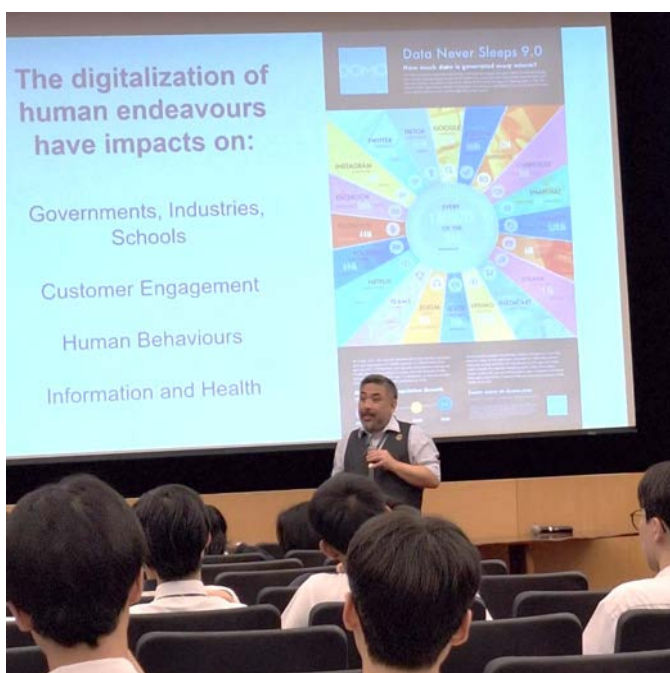
Communication and Team Building:

- Enhance Communication, Collaboration, and Persuasion skills.
- Develop strong team-building skills for effective collaboration.

Cultural Interaction:

- Interact across cultures for a deeper understanding of global perspectives.
- Engage in social networking to build emotional intelligence.

Prof. Shanton Chang is a Professor and Associate Dean (International) at the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology. His research interests include young people's online behaviour and its impact on education, mental wellbeing and social networking, health informatics and information needs, and information systems security. He has been involved in more than 100 academic articles internationally. He has published in areas such as digital health, young people's information behaviour, and cybersecurity behaviour. Prof. Chang is also the recipient of numerous teaching awards at the University of Melbourne, an Australian National Citation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning in 2011, and ICT Educator of the Year 2017 by the Australian Computer Society (ACS).



Term 1 Birthday Celebration & Games Day at Oldham Hall

On the evening of 5 March, the atmosphere at Oldham Hall was filled with excitement as we gathered to celebrate birthdays. Amid the spread of Old Chang Kee curry puffs, fish balls, and nuggets, fellow boarders came together to socialise and bond. The shared laughter and camaraderie during this special occasion created unforgettable memories, fostering a sense of community among us all.

This event was a delightful escape from the daily routine. The delicious food and engaging games created a vibrant atmosphere filled with laughter. It was heartwarming to see residents from diverse backgrounds come together, bonding over friendly competition and shared enjoyment. The event not only provided a much-needed break from studies but also fostered a sense of community within the hall. We were reminded of the importance of building connections and creating opportunities for collective enjoyment, which contribute significantly to our overall well-being and sense of belonging.

If any boarders were unable to join us for this Term 1 Birthday Celebration, there is no need to be crestfallen as the birthday celebration is hosted every term, in the week before the school term break. The invitation is extended to all borders in Oldham Hall with delicious food prepared every time. We look forward to meeting you all again!

Nathan Alexandro Tjhe (4 SVM), Haruna Imayoshi (5 GHK) & Sumiyo Ishikai (5 TCT)



A wonderful night when we had many interesting games! The Games Day gave us new boarders an opportunity to know more about our "neighbours" at Oldham Hall and make friends with them. Now, the boarders that I have teamed up with have become my good friends!

Hong Qiwei (4 CKS)

The birthday celebration at Oldham Hall was a blast! Connecting with fellow boarders over delicious Old Chang Kee snacks made for an unforgettable evening.

Lee Hyeonjoon (4 LSG)

The mix of curry puffs, fish balls and nuggets at Oldham Hall's birthday celebration was fire! It was nice to see students from around the world bonding and forming connections."

Jay Choi (4 TKK)

Oldham Hall's birthday festivities were a highlight of the term. Sharing laughter and stories over yummy snacks strengthened the sense of community among boarders."

Kim Rian (4 TKK)



Interact Club Service Outreach

March 2024 was a very busy but fulfilling month for our ACS Interactors as we organised several Service Campaigns for our different beneficiaries.

Needy Homes Outreach

On 1 March, our group of 50 enthusiastic Interactors visited seven 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, hand written encouragement cards, biscuits and Milo.

The items in the Care Package were all put into a hand-sewn, recycled bag that our Interactors dedicated time into creating. Seeing the smile on our families' faces as we delivered the Care Packages was the highlight of our day!



Bird Paradise Outreach with Holland Village Methodist Church

On 9 March, 36 Interactors participated in our second joint collaboration with the Outreach and Social Concerns Ministry of Holland Village Methodist Church (HVMC).

The Bird Paradise Outreach was organised for the underprivileged families living in the Commonwealth Crescent and Tanglin Halt area.

A group of 80 beneficiaries, HVMC staff, church volunteers and our ACS Interactors and Teachers joined in for this delightful excursion.

Our families and Interactors had a meaningful time bonding and engaging with each other, while learning about the different species of birds in our award-winning Singapore Bird Paradise.

Interact Club Student EXCO & Teachers



Sports Day 2024

ACS (International) held its annual Inter-House Sports Day at Anglo-Chinese Junior College (ACJC) on 22 February 2024. Students from all Year groups and Houses gathered at the ACJC stands, eagerly awaiting the start of the races and competitions. Students and teachers showed their House spirit by wearing their coloured House shirts, some even painting their faces and bodies with their respective House colours! The parents of some of the competitors also came along to root for their children.

Everyone cheered as loudly as they could, standing at the edge of the platform which separated the racetrack and the stands, as they waved their House flags and yelled out their competing friends' names. The events included track and field events; long distance (1500m and 800m) and short distance races (400m, 200m, 100m), as well as high jump and long jump, as well as javelin and shot putt. As the day went on, Head of the Physical Education Department Mrs Kerry Lakhani announced and gave out the trophies and medals to the winners of every event, for all 3 divisions. As the awards were given out by the Vice-Principals of each Division, the students and teachers applauded their House representatives as the top 3 winners of each category went up to receive their prizes. Some students did not only place 1st in their events, but even managed to better the previous years' school records!

The last event was the much-awaited 4x100m relay. Students participating in this event gathered in the middle of the field, patiently waiting for their turn to run. This event showed the teamwork within each house, as all 4 participants had to work as a team to achieve their placings. Despite being exhausted from the eventful day, everyone went home with a smile on their faces as they reminisced the fun times they had during Sports Day.

We look forward to seeing everyone participating and cheering on their friends again next year for Sports Day 2025!



UPCOMING EVENTS

April	Event
1	IGCSE May Prelim 1 st /2 nd Language Chinese/Mandarin
2	Year 5 TOK Exhibition Launch
3	SASMO Maths Competition
4	IB May Language Prelim Paper 1
6	Open House
8	Higher Education Fair
10	Hari Raya Puasa
15 – 18	PISA Testing
19	Inter-House Music
24	School Assembly (Investiture)
26	IGCSE Chinese 2 nd Language Paper 1, Mandarin Papers 4
	IB Japanese/Korean IOs
29	Mandarin Paper 1, IGCSE 1 st Language Chinese Paper 2
30	1 st Language Chinese Paper 1, 2 nd Language Chinese Paper 2



EARTH DAY TRASH TO TREASURE

Bring your own items to exchange for new items!

Books
Toys and soft/toys
Sports equipment
Board games
Art supplies/ stationery
Any used items

22-23 April, 2024

Exchange items or buy Items for \$1 each

@ Student Centre

See you during **lunch time** for this amazing event!!!

The poster features a blue sky background with a green hill at the bottom. It includes illustrations of a white rabbit, a brown teddy bear, a pink rabbit, and several white daisies. A circular logo in the top right corner reads 'ACS INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY 100%'.





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Information Sessions

Session 1	9am – 11am
Session 2	11am – 1pm

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