

## ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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### Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

As we bring the first half of the school year to a close, we do so with a deep sense of gratitude for all that has been achieved across our ACS (International) community. The energy, dedication, and commitment shown by students, staff, and families over these past six months have created a vibrant learning environment marked by academic growth, spiritual enrichment, and a continued focus on service.

At the start of the mid-year break, more than 150 students are setting out across the region to make a difference in communities beyond our own. In Bali, students will engage in marine conservation initiatives, working alongside local organisations to protect and restore coral reefs and marine life. In Vietnam, they will assist in sustainable development and community outreach programmes, learning from and with the people they serve. A group will travel to Perth, Australia, to support coastal restoration efforts and another group heads to Mongolia to learn more about that nation to better interact with its people. Each of these trips offers a chance for personal growth, cultural understanding, and genuine contribution to something larger than ourselves.

These experiences align closely with our school vision: "To develop future leaders with moral character, intellectual ability, international mindedness and a deep compassion for humanity based upon Christian beliefs and values." As our students travel to serve in diverse communities they are not only making a tangible difference in the world, but also growing in the qualities our vision seeks to nurture. These trips develop empathy, global awareness, and leadership allowing our students to act as thoughtful, faithful stewards in service of others. The words of 1 Peter 4:10 speak clearly to this: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Through service, our students live out their learning with humility, purpose, and heart.

We give thanks for a purposeful and productive first half of the year and look forward with hope and anticipation to what the second half will bring. May this school break be a time of rest and renewal for every member of our ACS (International) community. We wish you a safe, peaceful break, and we look forward to returning together, refreshed in spirit and ready to continue our shared journey of learning, service, and faith.

**Gavin Kinch**  
Principal

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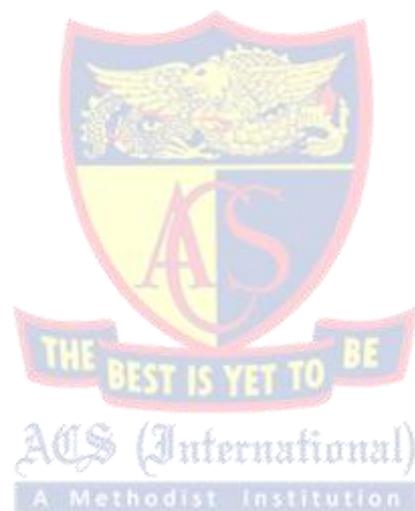
## Term 2 Commendation Awards

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	AAKASH GUPTA	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	MAHIRO YAMAMOTO	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	KIMBERLY ANN HENDROFF	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	CHA YOOJIN	FOUNDATION IB	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	KIM CHAEWON	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	PHOEBE NG EN HWEE	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	JOY NG KAI XIN	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	BONO JAKUB GAJDEK	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	ARYAV BHESANIA	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	WU YUFEI	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	RANIDA TRITRAKULCHAI	1	GOH HOOD KENG
12	SEO YUNHEE	PRE IGCSE	GOH HOOD KENG
13	KESLEY KAO ZI XUAN	2	GOH HOOD KENG
14	DIANA MARRAPODI	FOUNDATION IB	GOH HOOD KENG
15	KIM MINSEO	PRE IB	GOH HOOD KENG
16	CLAYTON OLIVER WIBOWO	4	GOH HOOD KENG
17	KAITLYN WONG QIYI	4	GOH HOOD KENG
18	TOMOMASA MASUDA	5	GOH HOOD KENG
19	TIAN RUOMENG	5	GOH HOOD KENG
20	TEJASWINI JAYAKUMAR	6	GOH HOOD KENG
21	KIM SUNYOON	1	LEE SENG GEE
22	NATASHA NASYA GANDHI	2	LEE SENG GEE
23	LEE SEOHYUN	2	LEE SENG GEE
24	KIM YE RHAM	2	LEE SENG GEE
25	ZHANG YUHAN	3	LEE SENG GEE
26	TANG JINGXUAN	PRE IB	LEE SENG GEE
27	ANNIE HUAIYU WANG	PRE IB	LEE SENG GEE
28	NG QI ZHEN TAMMY	4	LEE SENG GEE
29	KANON TAMIYA	4	LEE SENG GEE
30	HUANG YONG SHIN	5	LEE SENG GEE
31	LEE YULWON	5	LEE SENG GEE
32	LEE SEUNGAH	5	LEE SENG GEE
33	YU HAOXUAN	5	LEE SENG GEE
34	SONG YUHAN	5	LEE SENG GEE
35	SUNG GEONWOO	5	LEE SENG GEE
36	KAYLEE VICTORIA NG	6	LEE SENG GEE
37	KIM TAEKYUM	PRE IGCSE	OLDHAM
38	KIM JOONSOO	PRE IGCSE	OLDHAM
39	JANELLE NG YI LING	FOUNDATION IB	OLDHAM
40	EKEESHA ATRE	4	OLDHAM
41	LEE WOCHAN	4	OLDHAM
42	KIM KYUNGEUN	4	OLDHAM
43	LEE YESEO	6	OLDHAM
44	TANG ZIYI	6	OLDHAM
45	PARK HYORIN	1	SHAW VEE MENG
46	JUNG JAEIN	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
47	PARK YOONHA	4	SHAW VEE MENG
48	JACOB CHRISTOPHER BUDIMAN	4	SHAW VEE MENG
49	JAYDEN CHRISTIAN BUDIMAN	5	SHAW VEE MENG
50	SOPHIE BEH JIAXUAN	5	SHAW VEE MENG
51	MOK HO YI	6	SHAW VEE MENG
52	ORNAIYA JONGSITTHISATJAKUL	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
53	ISSEY TAKENOUCHE WEBB	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
54	AGNA RAHUL	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
55	KAITLYN SARA YONG YI-LIN	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
56	ZOU LUXI	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
57	CASSY HARUMI SHANNON	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
58	KIM TAEHEE	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
59	LAU SIN CHING JOSIE	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
60	ASHTON MIKAEL GOZALI	4	TAN CHIN TUAN

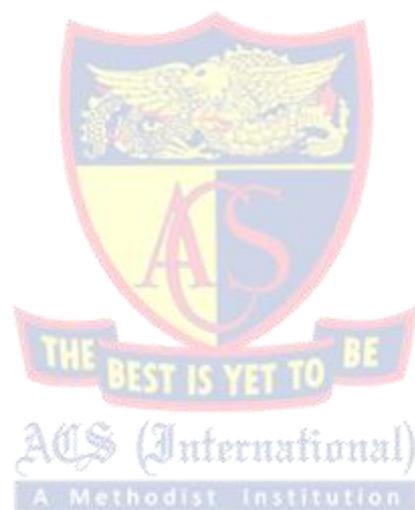
61	LI ZIZHENG	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
62	CHEN JIANING	1B	THOBURN
63	JEON JIYUN	2	THOBURN
64	SEONG YEONWOO	3	THOBURN
65	LI YIYI	3	THOBURN
66	JING BORUN	3	THOBURN
67	KHAIR SIYA KETAN	4	THOBURN
68	LO CHEUK CHUN	4	THOBURN
69	QIAN HANWEN	4	THOBURN
70	MARIA JOSE ARTAVIA GARCIA	5	THOBURN
71	KENSEI TSUKAMOTO	5	THOBURN
72	CHO INYOUNG	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
73	KIM SEOHA	2	TAN KAH KEE
74	EVIE CHO CHUAN CHI	2	TAN KAH KEE
75	LAURA KOSAREV	2	TAN KAH KEE
76	MEHR BHATIA	2	TAN KAH KEE
77	CHENG NUO	2	TAN KAH KEE
78	NAISSHA MAKHIJA	4	TAN KAH KEE
79	CHENG TIN WING	5	TAN KAH KEE
80	SU YUJING	5	TAN KAH KEE
81	CHUNG DAYON	5	TAN KAH KEE
82	JIN ZIXUAN	5	TAN KAH KEE
83	WU YOU	6	TAN KAH KEE



## Distinction for Effort and Achievement

NO	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	SEONG JIYOON	1B	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	VICTORIA GOH YAN MAY	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	CHO HYOBIN	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	LEIA LAM	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	LUKE LIM YI KAI	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	WEE KANG QING	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	TAN ZI YA	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	SIDNEY CHARLIZE CHONG	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	ZHOU CHENGYI	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	VERA NEO	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	SONG YU	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	ISHA GAUTAM	1	GOH HOOD KENG
13	ELOISE PENELOPE BRILLIANT	1	GOH HOOD KENG
14	JIN SEOJUN	PRE IGCSE	GOH HOOD KENG
15	CHOI SEONGWON	3	GOH HOOD KENG
16	AMELIA SHI-MIN ADETOLA OLOPADE	4	GOH HOOD KENG
17	ZHANG CHENQI	4	GOH HOOD KENG
18	KIM HYOYEON	FOUNDATION IB	GOH HOOD KENG
19	LI ZHANYI	PRE IB	GOH HOOD KENG
20	AUDREY NIU XIAO RAN	PRE IB	GOH HOOD KENG
21	HUANG JUN-JIA	1	LEE SENG GEE
22	KWAK TAEHUN	2	LEE SENG GEE
23	ERIN NAKAMURA	2	LEE SENG GEE
24	ARJUN SUBASHPRABU	2	LEE SENG GEE
25	NOH HAJU	3	LEE SENG GEE
26	ROBERT ELIOT MING-YU SMITH	3	LEE SENG GEE
27	SEONG YUMIN	5	LEE SENG GEE
28	JUNG EUNHO	1B	OLDHAM
29	CHARLENE PHUA XUAN NING	1	OLDHAM
30	LEE SEUNGBIN	1	OLDHAM
31	CHENG CHARMAINE WING KA	2	OLDHAM
32	NG HWEE MIN MIRANDA	2	OLDHAM
33	CHOW YU YING	3	OLDHAM
34	KIM JEEYOO	3	OLDHAM
35	AARAV ASHISH RANJAN	4	OLDHAM
36	RENEE CHAN	5	OLDHAM
37	WONG WEI ZHE	5	OLDHAM
38	NAOMI YUAN KANG MIN	5	OLDHAM
39	GAO RUI	5	OLDHAM
40	YUTO SAKAMOTO	6	OLDHAM
41	KIM YOOHYUN	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
42	NG WUI DI ELTON	2	SHAW VEE MENG
43	RENEE MARLEY PETRUS	2	SHAW VEE MENG
44	WILSON HO	2	SHAW VEE MENG
45	CHARLOTTE LOW JEN MIN	2	SHAW VEE MENG
46	KO YENA	3	SHAW VEE MENG
47	KIM YEJIN	4	SHAW VEE MENG
48	NATHAN ALEXANDRO TJHE	5	SHAW VEE MENG
49	YANG BINGYI	5	SHAW VEE MENG
50	FOO YU XI KENZIE	6	SHAW VEE MENG
51	LEE XUE EN AERIEL	6	SHAW VEE MENG
52	KAELYN LIM JIA XIN	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
53	SAHIBA ARORA	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
54	LIEW ZEN XIYN	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
55	VANYA GUPTA	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
56	LIANG TINGYU	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
57	KIM DOYEON	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
58	LU PO-HSUEH	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
59	DYLAN LIM ZUIE	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
60	KIM HEEJIN	PRE IB	TAN CHIN TUAN

61	LAU SIN KIU SHERYL	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
62	TETSUSHI AOYAMA	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
63	JOANN MARIA JACOB	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
64	WU YOUCHEN	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
65	XIE XINTONG	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
66	SIM AHJEONG	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
67	SHEHERZADE HASHMI	1	THOBURN
68	PAULINA GORELIK	2	THOBURN
69	CHIN JIA SYUEN	2	THOBURN
70	HUNG CYRIL WUN TING	2	THOBURN
71	ANYA YEO YA XUAN	2	THOBURN
72	CHARLOTTE ANG RUOXUAN	3	THOBURN
73	KIM YEWON	3	THOBURN
74	YUN SEOJEONG	4	THOBURN
75	MEGAN ELIZABETH LIN	FOUNDATION IB	THOBURN
76	GAO RENYI	5	THOBURN
77	YUN SEOJIN	6	THOBURN
78	RACHEL CHOO YING HSUAN	6	THOBURN
79	MELODY LEE YUN SHYAN	6	THOBURN
80	RION INOUE	1	TAN KAH KEE
81	ISHA ZAARA BISWAS	1	TAN KAH KEE
82	AVALEIGH IVANKA SILFANUS	1	TAN KAH KEE
83	CHO AYOUNG	1B	TAN KAH KEE
84	YUMIKO MIYATA	2	TAN KAH KEE
85	CHRISTIAN ARIHANT GREUTER	2	TAN KAH KEE
86	HONG SOHYUN	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
87	HYVELLI JINGYI WANGSA	3	TAN KAH KEE
88	DANIEL TAY YEE JYE	6	TAN KAH KEE
89	KANDY PENG XINNING	6	TAN KAH KEE
90	ELDON JOEL KWAN	6	TAN KAH KEE
91	ATHENA PEH	6	TAN KAH KEE
92	ADELLYN GARCIA	6	TAN KAH KEE



### Commendation for Effort and Achievement

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	LEE YEJI	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	MYRA BAKSHI	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	SHELBY TEO SEE YOUNG	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	OH SEUNGPU	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	GRANT DANIEL HASIROLAN SIMANJUNTAK	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	KANSINEE WONGTREENATRKON	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	HARSHNI SIVASUBRAMANIAN	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	BYUN WOOSEOK	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	ENA WATANABE	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	LENCI GOH PEI YUAN	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	BRANDON FREDERICK SHEN	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	L IN ZITING	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
13	HUI SZE CHEONG ERIE	1	GOH HOOD KENG
14	SEOW XUAN LE MELODY	1	GOH HOOD KENG
15	HARU SHIMOKAWA	1B	GOH HOOD KENG
16	HUI SZE YEUNG SILVERSTREAM	2	GOH HOOD KENG
17	HO JING-MEI	2	GOH HOOD KENG
18	JOSEPH TAN ZI EN	2	GOH HOOD KENG
19	LIM SEE XUAN	3	GOH HOOD KENG
20	HANALEIGH KANDIAWAN	4	GOH HOOD KENG
21	CHEN ANQI	5	GOH HOOD KENG
22	RIN MIYASAKA	5	GOH HOOD KENG
23	TAN SHI NING MEREDITH	5	GOH HOOD KENG
24	TEO ZIPING PAMELYN	5	GOH HOOD KENG
25	DHAR YUTIKA	6	GOH HOOD KENG
26	KAM KAY TRINH	6	GOH HOOD KENG
27	AARYAN HUSSEIN SIDDIQI	6	GOH HOOD KENG
28	DANA CHOO	1	LEE SENG GEE
29	SHREYANSI NAGORI	2	LEE SENG GEE
30	JAMIE KAI YEANG	2	LEE SENG GEE
31	TAN WEI WEN REBECCA	3	LEE SENG GEE
32	KIM JINOUK	4	LEE SENG GEE
33	LI TENGYI	4	LEE SENG GEE
34	ZOU ZIYUAN	4	LEE SENG GEE
35	SHINJI SUGIYAMA	PRE IB	LEE SENG GEE
36	PATCHARAMED ONKCHAREON	5	LEE SENG GEE
37	LEE HYEONJOON	5	LEE SENG GEE
38	NISHYA SUBASH PRABU	5	LEE SENG GEE
39	LEE NAYEONG	6	LEE SENG GEE
40	AYSHA MINHAS	6	LEE SENG GEE
41	CELYNE BEVERLY KHIEZT	1	OLDHAM
42	DARSHANAA SIVAKUMAR	1	OLDHAM
43	NICOLE KHI ANN RAE	2	OLDHAM
44	EVELYN ONG KENG WOON	2	OLDHAM
45	CHEN ZIHAN	PRE IGCSE	OLDHAM
46	LEE WU	3	OLDHAM
47	WEN YUE	4	OLDHAM
48	YANG YUHENG	PRE IB	OLDHAM
49	FU SI JIE	6	OLDHAM
50	SOPHIA ELISHA NGADIMO	1	SHAW VEE MENG
51	RYAN QUAH SHI KAI	1	SHAW VEE MENG
52	APPLE RENATA WIJAYA	2	SHAW VEE MENG
53	NARA SATYA RIYADI	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
54	WANG YUEHAN	3	SHAW VEE MENG
55	KIM TAEYEON	3	SHAW VEE MENG
56	KIM KEUNHEE	4	SHAW VEE MENG
57	KEVIN KANG	4	SHAW VEE MENG
58	NGAI TAK FAI	PRE IB	SHAW VEE MENG
59	CHIAM NING HUI KAITLYN	5	SHAW VEE MENG
60	GAO YIFEI	5	SHAW VEE MENG
61	NATHAN KEENAN WIDJAJA	6	SHAW VEE MENG
62	FARAH MEI LYNN KARL DARUWALLA	6	SHAW VEE MENG
63	ZOE XUAN NI ISRAEL	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
64	CHANG DAHEE	1B	TAN CHIN TUAN
65	CHLOE CHAN	2	TAN CHIN TUAN

66	MIYA SUNDARASON	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
67	CATHERINE ANNABELLA TJOE	PRE IGCSE	TAN CHIN TUAN
68	WANG ANQI	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
69	YUAN MINGHONG	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
70	AFIA GUPTA	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
71	SONG HYUNYEE	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
72	ALYSON SOPHY ANG	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
73	GABRIELLE TAN YUELING	1	THOBURN
74	HAILEY LARISSA CHEW	1	THOBURN
75	MARINA KUROKAWA	1	THOBURN
76	ZU WENPEI	1B	THOBURN
77	VIHANA NIRAJ PARMAR	2	THOBURN
78	RACHEL ANNE DORAMUS	2	THOBURN
79	LEE JUN FENG	2	THOBURN
80	PARIYAKORN SHAVALIKUL	3	THOBURN
81	RIANNE NG	4	THOBURN
82	THEA HUTTING WEY	4	THOBURN
83	LEE CHIA-CHENG	4	THOBURN
84	AMANDA LIM HUIMIN	5	THOBURN
85	KAZUKI TSUKAMOTO	5	THOBURN
86	MA YISHUO	6	THOBURN
87	ROH GANGUK	6	THOBURN
88	THADDEUS LUKE SHEN	6	THOBURN
89	ISABELLA TAN XUAN TING	1	TAN KAH KEE
90	GOH ZHUO-YI CHRISTIE	2	TAN KAH KEE
91	ELI YONG YUEN MIN	2	TAN KAH KEE
92	LI LEQI	3	TAN KAH KEE
93	AUBREY ROSE MC CLUNG JIANZI MEISHI	4	TAN KAH KEE
94	SHAWN DANIELSON LEE	4	TAN KAH KEE
95	LIU MUCHEN	4	TAN KAH KEE
96	KIM SUNGJOON	PRE IB	TAN KAH KEE
97	LEE HYUNSUH	5	TAN KAH KEE
98	ZHOU SUXI	5	TAN KAH KEE
99	SOPHIA ANNE PEREIRA	5	TAN KAH KEE
100	LEE SOLHEE	6	TAN KAH KEE
101	WU SIYU	6	TAN KAH KEE

### Commendation for Effort

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	YANG BEEN EDITHAN	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	AOI HASEGAWA	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	WONG TIM WAI MATTHEW	2	GOH HOOD KENG
4	EMILY TIAN GETTEN	3	GOH HOOD KENG
5	CHOI SEJIN	PRE IB	GOH HOOD KENG
6	HARUNA IMAYOSHI	6	GOH HOOD KENG
7	REYANNE TAN RI EN	3	LEE SENG GEE
8	YUI DEKURA	1B	OLDHAM
9	ETHAN PHUA JUN KAI	3	OLDHAM
10	ANNE TAN WEN HSIN	6	OLDHAM
11	HARDASMALANI RIONA	1	SHAW VEE MENG
12	GUO YINGZI	1B	SHAW VEE MENG
13	MAYA SUE LYNN KARL DARUWALLA	2	SHAW VEE MENG
14	BRANDON CHIN LIXIAN	2	SHAW VEE MENG
15	SONYA BEH JIAWEN	3	SHAW VEE MENG
16	FOO XIN XI RILEY	4	SHAW VEE MENG
17	WANG YUBO	PRE IB	SHAW VEE MENG
18	JADE SUNDARASON	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
19	MAREK HASHIMOTO	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
20	KIMAYA GAUTAM KAPUR	1	THOBURN
21	MAIA LIM WERN LEE	1	THOBURN
22	TIMOTHY LOH ZHI MING	2	THOBURN
23	JULIAN LIM DEAN HOWE	6	THOBURN
24	TEO KAI XUAN HECTOR	5	TAN KAH KEE

## Singapore Mathematics Project Festival 2025

The Singapore Mathematics Project Festival (SMPF) is organised by the Singapore Mathematical Society annually. The objectives of the Festival are to encourage secondary school students to carry out and present innovative and creative work in mathematics, to recognise and emphasise the importance of project-based learning and to complement the examination-based Mathematical Olympiads organized by the Singapore Mathematical Society.

This year, five teams from ACS (International) took part in SMPF. The list of winners, which was announced on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025, is given below.

NAME	DIVISION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
SMPF (Junior) Results			
Ena Watanabe	Year 3	Let's find the volume of the MRT handle	HONOURABLE MENTION
Kim Dongha, Evan	Year 3		
Leqi Li	Year 3	Probability of Winning – Mahjong	HONOURABLE MENTION
Yiyi Li	Year 3		
Moe Theint Wathan	Year 3		
SMPF (Senior) Results			
Yoonha Park	Year 4	Pac!man	BRONZE AWARD
Woochan Lee	Year 4		
Lo Cheuk Chun Amina	Year 4		
Kanon Tamiya	Year 4	TKSP - The Kochizsa Slice Puzzle	BRONZE AWARD
Kim Chaewon	Year 4		
Kim Yejin	Year 4		
Annie Huaiyu Wang	Year 4	From Rubik's Cube to Polyhedral Groups: An Exploration of Permutation Symmetry in Higher-Dimensional Polyhedral Groups	BRONZE AWARD



## ACS (International) Wins B Division 50m NSG Swimming Gold

It was a historic win at the National School Games (NSG), marking a journey of growth and gratitude for Wong Ka Jun Gareth.

Winning the gold medal in the Boys' B Division 50m Freestyle at the National School Games has been one of the proudest and most humbling moments of my life.

Representing ACS (International) and bringing home our first-ever gold in swimming was an incredible honour and one that I will always treasure.

This journey has been shaped by the unwavering support of so many people. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Ms Jacinta Koh, Mr Alvin Ho, Mrs Kerry Lakhani, Mr Dayhim Djazeb, and the entire PE Department for their tireless support and guidance over the past three years. Thank you for believing in me and helping me grow not just as an athlete, but as a person.

A special thank you also goes to my parents as their constant encouragement and belief in me have been my greatest strength.

I would also like to congratulate my teammates Kiran Murphy, Christopher Ng, Daniel Thomas, and Gloria Tam for achieving their personal bests. Racing alongside all of you at such a big event made this experience extra special, and your determination truly inspired me.

This experience has taught me the value of perseverance, belief, and gratitude. As I look ahead, I hope to give back by inspiring younger students not only to strive for excellence in sports but also to grow with resilience and heart in all aspects of life.

Thank you for being part of this chapter and I am immensely grateful.

*Wong Ka Jun Gareth*



## A Golden Moment at the NSG – Strength, Spirit and Support

Winning the gold medal in the A Division Boys Judo at the National School Games (NSG) has been an unforgettable milestone in my journey—both as a student and as an athlete. It was an incredible honour to represent ACS (International) on such a big stage and to contribute to our school's legacy with this victory. This achievement would not have been possible without the unwavering support of so many who stood by me throughout the years. I want to express my deepest gratitude to Ms Jacinta Koh, Mr Alvin Ho, Ms Kerry Lakhani, and the entire PE Department for believing in me, pushing me, and always showing up—both on and off the mats. Your encouragement shaped not only my performance but my character.

I also want to thank my family, especially my Dad, whose constant presence, patience, and faith in me kept me grounded and motivated. Judo has taught me more than just technique—it has taught me discipline, resilience, and the importance of respect. Competing at the NSG reminded me of the countless hours of training, the setbacks that became comebacks, and the quiet strength it takes to get back up after every fall. As I celebrate this win, I also look forward to giving back—supporting and inspiring the younger judokas in our school, and reminding them that with heart, humility, and hard work, anything is possible.

Let's continue to grow together—not just as athletes, but as a team and a family.

*Luke Wayne Calver*

## Gymnasts Do Us Proud

This year, the ACS (International) gymnastics team made its debut appearance at the National School Games (NSG), and what a journey it has been! Christie Goh our student-athlete displayed incredible courage, discipline, as she competed against some of the strongest gymnasts in the nation. Representing the school in an event as technical and demanding as gymnastics requires not only skill but immense dedication. From countless hours of training to perfect routines and overcoming nerves on the big day, Christie rose to the challenge with grace and grit.

A huge shoutout to our gymnast for her perseverance and passion throughout the season. We're proud of how far Christie has come—from mastering her first vaults to executing full routines on competition day. Christie's growth speaks volumes and sets a strong foundation for the future of gymnastics at ACS (International).

We would also like to thank our coaches and PE staff, including Ms Jacinta Koh, Mr Alvin Ho, and Ms Kerry Lakhani, for their unwavering support and guidance, as well as the parents who cheered for Christie on from the sidelines. While this year was about experience and exposure, we are confident this is just the beginning. With continued training and support, we look forward to seeing our gymnasts continue to thrive in the seasons ahead.

Let's continue to leap higher and dream bigger—well done, team!

*Zhuo-Yi Christie Goh*



## Driving Forward with Pride – A National School Games Bronze for Golf

Winning the Bronze medal in Golf at the B Division Girls' category of the National School Games has been an incredibly meaningful achievement for the team. Representing ACS International and securing this milestone for our school was both a proud and humbling experience—one that I will always carry with. This journey wasn't just about the final score—it was about the countless early mornings, long hours of practice, and the mental discipline that golf demands. Through it all, I was never alone. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Ms Jacinta, Mr Alvin, Ms Kerry, and the PE Department. Your steady support and guidance over the years played a big part in helping the team grow—not just in golf games, but in the mindset and resilience.

I am also deeply grateful to my family. Your belief in me, even on the toughest days, kept me grounded and focused. This medal belongs to all of us.

To my teammates—thank you for the camaraderie, shared goals, and encouragement throughout the season. You helped make this experience not only competitive but truly enjoyable.

Golf has taught me patience, composure, and the importance of focusing on one shot at a time—both on the course and in life. As I reflect on this accomplishment, I hope to inspire younger student-athletes to stay dedicated and believe in their growth, no matter the pace.

This Bronze is more than just a medal — it's a reminder of what's possible with persistence, support, and passion.



Team Photo left to right : Laura Astrid Phua , Xi Yang (Atlas) Lin, Daud Enzo Immanuel Hutabarat, Cody Yi Ng



## Climbing to New Heights

*A Season of Growth, Grit, and Gratitude*

This season has been nothing short of extraordinary for the ACS (International) Rock Climbing team — a journey marked by resilience, growth, and unforgettable memories. We could not be more proud of how far we have come together, as individuals and as a team. With renewed energy and a team that more than doubled in size, this year brought fresh momentum and new faces to the climbing wall. United by a shared passion and relentless determination. At SEASAC 2025 UWCSEASAC Bouldering Competition, our climbers rose to the challenge. Leyna Claire Singh, Kelly Ng, and Renhao Foong delivered exceptional performances, each securing a well-earned first place in their respective categories. Noah Wong also gave a commendable showing, claiming a well-deserved third place. But beyond the medals and podium finishes, it was the spirit of the team that shone brightest — the commitment to showing up, the courage to take on each wall, and the resilience to keep going, even when the path wasn't easy. Every climber contributed to the strength and heart of this team, and for that, we are deeply proud. Being part of this team has shaped who we are — teaching us to trust, to persevere, and to always support one another. Our hope is that the legacy of passion and teamwork continues to climb higher in the years to come.

We would also like to express our deepest appreciation to Ms Jacinta Koh, Ms Nadiyah Karina and Mr Alvin Ho. Their unwavering support, infectious energy, and steadfast belief in us have been a guiding light throughout the season. To the entire climbing family — thank you. For the laughs, the encouragement, the long training sessions, and the shared victories. Together, we didn't just scale walls — we reached new heights.

*The Rock Climbing CCA Class of 2025*



## Poise, Power and Perseverance

This season, our ACS (International) Wushu team took the stage at the National School Games (NSG), representing the school with dignity, strength, and quiet determination. Wushu is a sport that blends physical skill with discipline, artistry, and cultural tradition.

Our student, Edithan Yang, demonstrated all of these in abundance. From mastering complex taolu routines to maintaining focus and composure on competition day, each athlete gave their best and embodied the true spirit of the sport.

We are especially proud of how Edithan embraced the challenges of a competitive environment. The hours of training, and the detailed refinement of every stance and strike all came together in a performance that reflected his dedication and growth.

We extend our sincere thanks to the coaches, the supportive parents, and our ever-encouraging PE team, especially Ms Jacinta Koh, Mr Alvin Ho, and Ms Kerry Lakhani, for helping guide our Wushu athlete through this journey.

*Edithan Yang (1 CKS)*



## ACS (International) at National School Games Fencing Championships

We're proud to celebrate a milestone achievement at this year's NSG Fencing Championships, where two of our student-athletes clinched 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes, marking a strong and promising performance for ACS (International) in the sport of fencing.

A huge congratulations to Daniel Tay Yee Jye and Trina Soh for demonstrating outstanding skill, composure, and resilience on the piste. Securing silver and bronze at such a high-level competition is no small feat, and their success reflects countless hours of training, discipline, and heart.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the PE Department, especially Ms Jacinta Koh, Mr Alvin Ho, and our fencing coaches, for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout the season.

We hope this success inspires more students to take up the foil, épée, or sabre and continue building a strong legacy for fencing at ACS (International).



Name of CCA: Fencing  
Teacher in charge: Ms Jacinta Koh

3<sup>rd</sup> in National School Games (NSG) (A division)

I participated in the National School Games A division Women's Foil competition. The most intense match was the finals, where I faced my toughest opponent.

*Trina Soh (6 TKK)*



Name of CCA: Fencing  
Teacher in charge: Ms Jacinta Koh

2<sup>nd</sup> in National School Games (NSG) (A division)

I participated in the National School Games A division Men's Foil competition.

*Daniel Tay Yee Jye (6 TKK)*

## ACS (International) Shines at World Scholars' Cup Regional Round

Representing the Junior Debate Division, I joined my teammates Andrew Jayden Chan (2 THO ) and Matthew Yi Kai (1 LSG), in participating in the World Scholars' Cup Regional Round, held on 26 and 27 April at Nexus International School.

The 2-day event brought together students from various schools across the region to engage in an exciting and intellectually challenging competition. The first day featured the Scholar's Challenge, where participants were tested individually across six academic subjects, as well as Collaborative Writing and Team Debates. On the second day, we took part in the Scholar's Bowl, which involved solving analytical and multimedia-based questions as a team.

The experience was truly enriching and gave us the opportunity to sharpen our critical thinking, teamwork, and public speaking skills. We are proud to share that our team won multiple medals and a trophy. We have also qualified as Gold Global Qualifiers and will be advancing to the Global Round in Bangkok in September 2025, with the potential opportunity to compete at the Tournament of Champions at Yale University. We are grateful for the support from our school and teachers, and we look forward to representing ACS (International) on the global stage.

*Arjun Subash Prabu (2 LSG)*



## National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA)

On Friday 12 January 2025, Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat and President Tharman Shanmugaratnam presented the NYAA Gold Award to Gold Award recipients. The ceremony was witnessed by Members of Parliament, VIPs, foreign ambassadors and high commissioners, principals, teachers, parents, and invited guests.

The Gold Award is the highest accolade that one can achieve as part of the NYAA programme. It requires dedication, hard work and commitment to show sustained effort at the four different categories which are Service Learning, Outdoor Appreciation, Healthy Living and a Community service initiative over an 18-month period. Two ACS (International) students, Johannes Wong and Naina Giri, have achieved the Gold Award.

In addition, fifteen ACS (International) students recently received their Silver Award certificates during Assembly. They should be commended for their commitment and efforts towards the programme over the 12-month period for the silver award. The list of Silver award recipients is below.

- Rebecca Toh (6 TKK)
- Jayden Budiman (5 SVM)
- Justin Lee (6 TKK)
- Yugo Endo (5 TTK)
- Aoi Hasegawa (5 CKS)
- Wu You (6 TTK)
- Tomomasa Masuda (5 GHK)
- Saku Yamada (5 OLD)
- Rin Miyasaka (5 GHK)
- Nathan Tjhe (5 SVM)
- Uno Katayama (5 SVM)
- \*Neilson Tjhe (6 SVM in 2024)
- Daniel Tay (6 TTK)
- Apipaphra Apirupagon (4 TCT)
- Athena Peh (6 TTK)

Five ACS (International) students also recently received their Bronze Award certificates. They should be commended for their commitment and efforts towards the programme over the 6-month period for the bronze award. The list of Bronze award recipients is below.

- Vir Arya (3 LSG)
- Jacob Budiman (4 SVM)
- Pamelyn Teo (5 GHK)
- Nicole Molenberg (6 TCT)
- Aiden Sun (4 THO)

I look forward to more students successfully completing their Bronze, Silver or Gold awards this year. If your children would like to register and start their NYAA journey, they can sign up at the PE office.

*Dominic Marwood*  
NYAA Co-ordinator



## Junior Division Touch Cyber Wellness Pastoral Classes

During the Pastoral time in April, the Junior Division took part in online classes with Touch Cyber Wellness. These cyber wellness sessions are part of the broader House and Pastoral programmes to develop healthy digital citizens. The Junior Division students all received access to online learning at the start of the year, explaining ACS (International) device and social media policies. During House Assembly time, each House presented on cyberbullying and digital citizenship.

Touch Cyber Wellness covered topics such as Cyberbullying and Social Media for our Year 1 students, and Mindless Scrolling on Social Media and Doxxing for Year 2 students.



This programme helped me understand the dangers of cyberbullying and physical bullying. Having been taught positive engagement online is relevant in today's day and age, given the development of technology. These sessions taught me about the kinds of cyberbullying, responsibility when using technology, etc. I would recommend this programme to anyone wanting to learn more about the repercussions of cyberbullying. They also taught us how to be mindful of what we post online."

*Myra Bakshi (1 CKS)*

The touch cyber wellness session was very successful and went smoothly. The activities and content were interactive and interesting. It allowed us to learn more about cyberbullying and how they are negatively impacting. Through the Mentimeter activity, we could realise others' perspectives.

*Park Hyourin (1 SVM)*

One part that stood out to me during the talks was the last Zoom class, when we learnt about doxing and its harmful effects. I found that the video we watched on a Singaporean man falsely accused of a cyclist road rage incident to be the most interesting, as netizens were quick to point fingers at the supposed perpetrator. I found it unfortunate that the man's personal information, such as his name, workplace, and even things about his family, became widely spread online, and I can only imagine that it would have been a difficult time to go through, especially since he ended up not even being involved in the road rage incident. I think that the netizens who doxxed him and sent hateful comments were unaware of how dangerous it could be to speculate online- it probably felt relatively harmless in the moment. This is why I believe that this cyber wellness talk was an excellent opportunity to spread awareness of such online threats.

*Evie Cho (2 TTK)*

## The International Conference for Societies of Opportunity – ICSO

The International Conference for Societies of Opportunity–ICSO, was a 1.5-day conference that I had the remarkable opportunity to attend as a student of ACS (International). The conference served as a platform for policymakers, researchers, and practitioners to come together and exchange ideas on how we can foster a society where social mobility is accelerated to truly allow the global economy to prosper. The speeches made at the conference centered around how disadvantaged groups could be uplifted in order to allow them higher economic and social mobility, as well as the key roles that businesses and individuals play in fostering the growth of this ideal of a society. Many of the topics and research discussed were crucially relevant to me as an IB student, and it gave depth to the content I am currently studying in the HL Business Management syllabus. The keynote speakers Professor Danny Quah from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and Professor Raj Chetty from Harvard University brought up critical and relevant economic research, like the illuminating findings supporting economic models like the Growth-Mobility curve and the Great Gatsby curve, as well as the research behind the origin of economic opportunity, and how policies can play a role in making economic opportunity accessible to all.

Inspiring and informational speeches from other plenary session speakers like Mr. Tom Hall—the CEO of UBS Optimus Foundation Network—brought to light the next steps that Global Powers could take in order to maximise the impact of policies, as well as how philanthropic finance can be utilised to help nations achieve their development goals, aligning with the UN’s own Sustainable Development Goals. The conference itself was an inspiring and uplifting event that brought together people from across various backgrounds, in order to work hard through the challenges we face as a society. And, in the words of Mr. Masagos Zulkifi—Singapore’s Minister for Social and Family development—as the world continues to change, so too must we, we must continue to rethink how we can achieve social mobility despite these trends, with this mindset trends will not become threats but opportunities to grow.

*Joann Maria Jacob (5 TCT)*



Attending the two-day ICSO international conference was a meaningful experience for me. What impressed me most on the first day was the morning session, where two speakers explained about the triangle relationship between economic growth, social mobility, and income inequality. One speaker explained how growth can lead to greater mobility, while another showed how improving mobility can actually support long-term economic growth, and how "place-based" investments and better education access can help create equal opportunities.

I had previously learned about these concepts in IB Economics, but hearing experts explain real-world data and case studies helped me understand these ideas in greater depth. I also learned many new concepts such as the Great Gatsby Curve, which shows that high inequality often comes with low mobility. I believe this session was a great extension of my classroom learning, helping me see how theory applies to real economics, and gain more insights about the main concept in IB Economics of "economic well-being".

On the second day, I joined a breakout session on human capital and job opportunities. I used to somewhat naively think that a bank is just a bank, and a transport company simply runs buses. However, through this session, I saw how companies like Standard Chartered, SBS Transit, and Changi Airport Group play a deeper role in promoting economic inclusion and supporting disadvantaged groups. This made me understand that society always functions as an interconnected system, where businesses are not isolated entities but active contributors to social well-being. Building a more inclusive economy is not just the job of governments or charities—it’s a shared responsibility that involves every stakeholder, including each one of us.

As someone who hopes to study economics at university, I found this conference especially inspiring and enriching. It helped me see beyond textbooks and understand the real-world impact of economic thinking.

*Wu You (Flora) (6 TTK)*



## Oldham House Fundraising Efforts

This year, the Oldham Fundraising project started as a probation project for our house prefect nominees. Several ideas were proposed, rejected, proposed again, and the team members changed too, until we have the current team and their ideas. And when the new batch of house prefects come on board, they naturally joined in to help. Thanks to the efforts, Oldham raised \$1,042 for Willing Hearts.

### Winners of Escape Room (25 Apr)

Team name: *You need to calm down*

#### **Members (all from 1 TCT)**

Joshua Oliver Tan  
Kian Gupta  
Eric Hashimoto  
Ethan Lee  
Issey Takenouchi Webb

### Winners of Volleyball Cup (10 May)

#### **Mixed Junior**

Team Name: *Ohio*

#### **Members**

Jeremy Yang Hong (3 THO)  
Aarav Prakash (3 TTK)  
Ishaan Yusuf Siddiqi (3 GHK)  
Jinwoo Shim (3 SVM)  
Gabriel Tan Min Rui (3 THO)  
Madhav Nair (3 LSG)

### Boys Open

Team Name: BrownOClock

#### **Members**

Dylan Loh (6 TTK)  
Micah Toh (6 TTK)  
Eldon Kwan (6 TTK)  
Angus Innes (6 TTK)  
Ambrose Sim (6 OLD)  
Chris Ng (6 GHK)  
Luther Chia Ming Xuan (6 LSG)

### Girls Open

Team Name: CHERYL  
EEEMAGES

#### **Members**

Nicole Molenberg (6 TCT)  
Yun Seojin (6 THO)  
Lee Chiawei (6 THO)  
Haruna Imayoshi (6 GHK)  
Sumiyo Ishikai (6 TCT)  
Natalie Ee (Alumnus)

A big congratulation to the above winners and a big thank you to the sponsor of all our prizes, who is an old boy and owner of two restaurants, Micasa Kitchen & Bar, and Mikey's Taverna.



When we started planning both the Oldham Volleyball Cup and the Escape Room, I would not have imagined how well it could have turned out. I'm very grateful for my team and the volunteers that helped out to bring these events to life.

For the escape room, the long calls to perfect each puzzle and to make sure we had everything down to the smallest details to make sure the rooms were filled with fun and mysteries for everyone to discover paid off. All the teams were so energetic and involved with what we had in stored for them.

For the Volleyball Cup, we had to be adaptable due to a lot of changes made during the planning process. Luckily on the day, everyone worked hard and helped to make the event run smoothly.

I am so happy to see all the participants for both events enjoy themselves. I'm grateful for how both organizing teams have diligently put in all their efforts to help make these events happen. These events also served as valuable experiences for my team and I to learn for the future and I use this as a motivation for myself to be able to work harder for the next event for Oldham.

*Maria Mae Leong Perlusz (5 OLD)*  
Leader of Fundraising Project & House Captain



## LSG Inter-House Music

The Inter-House Music Competition is, without fail, my absolute favourite time of the year—and this year reminded me why.

Was it stressful? Incredibly. From the constant anxiety of pulling together a solid mashup arrangement, to last-minute logistical issues with room bookings, chaotic rehearsals, and even moments when I doubted whether I could sing my part at all — stage fright was not even the biggest of my worries.

But for every ounce of stress, there was a reward tenfold. The laughter during rehearsals, the thrill of a breakthrough idea – and, most of all, the sheer joy of creating something meaningful together.

To my bandmates:

- Vanessa, who had my back with her harmonies when we were missing a second lead vocalist.
- Viola, whose quick grasp of new material helped us overcome the challenge of not having a bass.
- Yumin, whose creativity, dedication, and electric guitar brought the soundscape to life.
- Junjia, who performed for the first time and absolutely stole the show. He drummed so powerfully that he snapped a drumstick mid-performance.

As with every year, I feel truly grateful for the opportunity to work with such an incredible band. This year, our focus was on creating an unforgettable audience experience—something bold, surprising, and resonant. To all our supporters in the audience, we hope you enjoyed this as much as we did.

To our LSG teachers—Ms Analiza Garcia, Ms Lynn Ng, and Mr Lim Tse Ren — thank you for your unwavering support and guidance throughout the journey. We couldn't have done this without you.

And to the organisers, Dr Philip Tan and Ms Arleen Teo, thank you for your care and dedication to set the stage for us. To me, Inter-House Music isn't a competition, but a journey – and I'm so proud to share that with everyone.

*Huang Yong Shin (Crystal) (5 LSG)*



## Celebration of Cultures at Oldham Hall

The Celebration of Cultures is a highly anticipated annual event at Oldham Hall, where we honour and embrace the rich diversity of each boarder's background. This year's festivities on 17 May were particularly vibrant, featuring an array of delicious dishes and engaging games that represented various cultures. The attendees enjoyed a thrilling fishing game with live fish, a unique offering from Japan, alongside the mouthwatering experience of freshly prepared Korean BBQ.

The event was further enriched by captivating performances from the boarders. Notably, the Indonesian group took to the stage, delivering a heartfelt rendition of a popular song that evoked nostalgia and brought joy to all present. Additionally, a talented Chinese student showcased her skills by performing gracefully on the guzheng, mesmerizing the audience with the instrument's delicate melodies.

Overall, the celebration was a delightful mix of fun, laughter, and incredible food, making it a truly unforgettable experience. This event has undoubtedly etched itself into my memory as one of my most cherished moments at Oldham Hall, reminding us of the beauty found in our diverse cultures.

*Jenny Kennedy (3 CKS)*



# Term 2 Birthday Celebration at Oldham Hall

19 May 2025

At Oldham Hall, birthdays are more than just celebrations, but are also gatherings that bring our boarding community together.

Each term, our boarders come together to mark these special occasions with joy, laughter, and a sense of togetherness. Thoughtfully planned by our dedicated International Student Coordinators, the celebrations include delightful refreshments or snacks, making every event feel festive and meaningful.

Even though our boarders may be far from home, these gatherings help them feel a strong sense of belonging and support. This also provides a wonderful opportunity to relax, bond, and create lasting memories with friends—old and new. For our new boarders, especially, these moments are a warm welcome to the Oldham Hall family. No matter how many boarders join in, each celebration feels personal and heartfelt. The care and attention poured into every birthday reminds our borders that they are never alone. These are the moments that help us grow as a community we all look forward to, and memories we hold dear.

*Mdm Chin Siew Lin & Mdm Goh Wei Li,  
International Student Coordinators*



## Rainforest Wild Asia Outreach with Holland Village Methodist Church

On 26 April, a group of 70 beneficiaries, Holland Village Methodist Church (HVMC) staff and volunteers, and our ACS (international) Interactors and Teachers participated in our third joint collaboration with the Outreach and Social Concerns Ministry of HVMC. The Rainforest Wild Asia Outreach was organised for the needy families living in the wider Commonwealth community.

Our families and Interactors had a meaningful time bonding and engaging with each other, while learning about the different species of animals in Singapore's newest tourist attraction.

*Interact & Sustainability Club Student EXCO & Teachers*

Attending the outing was an opportunity I am very grateful to have been given by HVMC and the Interact Club. Over the weeks leading to the outing, the Interact Club came together to prepare for the outing, such as by creating Origami crafts as gifts, planning games and activities, as well as preparing goodie bags for the beneficiaries. The collective effort of the Interact Club was well paid off, and greatly treasured by the beneficiaries on the outing day. This outing was a great reminder for me to extend kindness and compassion to those around us, and the significance in looking out for others. I hope for Interact Club and HVMC to continue this project in the coming years.

*Ong Zi Yi (6 LSG)  
Year 6 Interact & Sustainability Club President*

In the Outing with HVMC, we got the opportunity to bring around the lovely Befriendees from our Commonwealth community to the Rainforest Wild Asia. We deeply appreciate the chance to be able to bond with the families, talking and chatting as we saw the remarkable animals in the lush rainforest. We hope the families enjoyed the Lunch and Goodie Bags that were specially prepared for them as well. We're already looking forward to our next Outing with the Befriendees!"

*Cally Riola Gozal (5 OLD)  
Year 5 Interact & Sustainability Club President*



## HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

### 📢 Launch of Our Student-Led Higher Ed Podcast – Episode 1 Out Now!

We're proud to share the launch of "Academic-Ally Podcast", a student-led initiative by our Year 5 students in collaboration with the Higher Education & Careers Department.

The podcast aims to support students in exploring university pathways, career ideas, and personal development — all through the voices of their peers, university admissions officers, career professionals and alumni. Episode 1 is now live and features an introduction from hosts Vera, Brandon and Rayna along with a preview of what's coming next.



You can watch the podcast on [YouTube](#) or Listen on [Spotify](#)

### 🎓 Lunchtime Talk with Assistant Professor Kim Zwitserloot from Utrecht University

We were delighted to host Assistant Professor Kim Zwitserloot from Utrecht University for an insightful lunchtime session. Students had the chance to learn more about liberal arts education and student life in the Netherlands. The podcast team also interviewed Assistant Professor Zwitserloot and the episode will be released by the end of May.



### 📢 HKUST WBB Program Booth – Study in Hong Kong, United States and Europe

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology's (HKUST) World Bachelor in Business (WBB) programme set up a booth in the ACS (International) canteen, giving students the chance to learn about this unique tri-continent degree and ask questions directly to Ms Fok Wan Yee, Assistant Manager, World Bachelor in Business. You can find more information about this exciting program from the WBB brochure ([link](#)) or the WBB website ([link](#)). If any students or parents are interested in the WBB programme, HKUST is more than happy to set up individual zoom chats as well.



### 🔥 Essay & Personal Statement Workshops for University Applications

Our recent workshops were buzzing with energy in classrooms! Students took stock of their activities, reflected on their growth, and analysed sample essays and personal statements to better understand what makes a compelling application.



## PSP NEWS

### PSP Workshop: Boosting Teen Executive Skills

One of the most rewarding initiatives for the Parent School Partners (PSP) is organising educational workshops that serve and strengthen our parent community. When we share information and develop practical skills, we not only grow as individuals but also enrich our everyday family connections.

With this spirit in mind, PSP recently conducted an interest poll to identify the top three workshop topics parents were most eager to explore. More than half of the year groups selected "Supporting Teen Success" as the top priority.

Thanks to the tremendous support of our school counsellors – especially Dr Charlina Gozali – we were introduced to PsychConnect, who provided two expert presenters: Dr Zainab Shaikut, Senior ADHD and Executive Functioning Coach, and Ms Kaitlyn Morgan, Principal Occupational Therapist.

Held on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at Oldham Chapel, the workshop drew a record-breaking 70 parents and PSP Exco, both in person and online. Charlina opened the session by sharing insights into device usage patterns at school and outlining the school's pastoral care resources and processes. Dr Zainab and Ms Morgan then delved into the biological, sensory, and emotional aspects of executive functioning, offering clarity on behaviours typical from adolescence through young adulthood.

What made the session especially valuable were the real-life strategies shared – practical tools parents could apply at home, independently and with confidence. The interactive atmosphere encouraged open discussion, and parents left feeling empowered with both knowledge and support.

This successful collaboration between PSP, Dr Gozali, and PsychConnect reinforced the importance of continuous self-development and accessible support systems for families. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the school counsellors, IT department, SLT and teachers who made the event possible and who visited, and to the many parents who participated and engaged so thoughtfully.

We look forward to offering more workshops in the future, continuing our journey of learning and growth together.



Here's what some of our parents had to say.:

"I'm so grateful to PSP for organising the Boosting Teen Executive Skills workshop, which turned out to be super-informative in understanding not just my teen, but also my role as a parent. If you missed it, I highly recommend to any parent to watch the recording of it.

Firstly, Dr. Zainab and Kaitlyn were great presenters and their expertise and experience definitely showed in both the content of their presentation and their answers to parents' questions. True to the title of the workshop, they broke down the concept of 'executive function' (EF) very clearly and succinctly with practical everyday examples at home. They explained the requirements and conditions for EF to work (e.g. 'downstairs' and 'upstairs' brain), and then, highlighted areas where teens commonly needed help. They shared useful frameworks, such as the 'Pyramid of Learning', that will help identify the teen's areas of development, as well as, a range of tools, habits, and exercises to support that development. They educated us on the role of an EF coach and occupational therapist, and the process of working with a teen; all without being pushy or 'salesy', just simply sharing.

"The workshop has given me a few things that I can do at home to support my teen's development, and also confidence in experts who have experience dealing with the unique challenges of being an IB student. Along with other school workshops such as 'Tuning into Teens', events like this tell me that the ACS community really cares about bringing out the full potential of both the student and parent in a holistic and wholesome manner. And to the PSP Exco and volunteers, keep up the great work, you are all superstars!!"

~ Year 1 Parent Kenneth Yap

"Thank you for preparing the great event. I could have a chance to think about myself and my son, and I even could see myself in depth. It's all thanks to PSP." ~ Year 2 Parent Lily Jang

"I thank you and the entire team for a lovely, enriching session today. So much of effort and hardworking goes in to all this. Keep it up!" ~ Year 1 Parent Rekha Sankarasubramania,

"Thanks for organizing this useful workshop for parents today. Signed up to attend in person but down with flu, glad to hv option to listen in via Zoom. Very informative & insightful."

~ Year 1 Parent Alicia Israel

"Thank you PSP Exco for organizing this informative session." ~ Year 3 Parent Hsu Yi

"The workshop was excellent, BIG thanks to Joy for your efforts and Rachel for a lovely sharing too. It's a meaningful way to bring parents together and support families. It really blesses us all."

~ Year 1 Parent Emily Teoh



## Year 1 Casual Coffee Meet

On Tuesday 22 April, about 22 parents convened at Tiong Bahru Bakery at Chip Bee Gardens to network for their annual Year 1 Casual Coffee Meet session. The Casual Coffees for all year levels are organised as a social gathering.

The buzzing topics included term progress, Parent Teacher Meetings, Co-curricular Activity (CCA) involvement, June holiday activities, and the end-of-year school trip. The parents appreciated the opportunity for an engaging visit with ACS (International) Principal Mr Gavin Kinch and Vice Principal (Junior Division) Dr Kristopher Achter when they had an opportunity interact in a casual environment.



## Paddle & Pop: A Dad Child Pickleball Showdown

Over the past year, the Parent School Partners (PSP) team has noticed a growing global interest in an unexpectedly popular sport – pickleball. From the United States to Singapore, it’s winning fans across all age groups, including those who do not typically consider themselves sporty. With its oversized paddles, simple rules, and playful name, pickleball seemed like the perfect choice for our 2nd Annual PSP Dad-Child Bonding Event.

Held on Saturday 26 April at the ACS (International) Sports Hall, the morning brought together 17 enthusiastic father-child pairs, ready to learn, play, and connect. The participants were guided through the basics of the game by our own Coach Ms Jacinta Koh, who led a fun and informative 30-minute tutorial. The families quickly got the hang of serving, rallying, and scoring as they rotated through one of the eight courts set up for the event.

Once the tutorial wrapped up, the friendly competition began. Thanks to pickleball’s self-scoring format, matches progressed efficiently, allowing plenty of court time for each pair. The quick pace kept the energy high, and soon the top teams emerged for the semifinals and finals.



Congratulations to the top three father-child duos from Years 3 and 6, who each received Decathlon vouchers in recognition of their performance. After the games, everyone enjoyed a well-deserved break with snacks, refreshments, and popsicles—an appropriately playful touch for a day themed around a sport named after pickles! Beyond the fun and fitness, the event succeeded in its main goal: creating meaningful moments between fathers and their children. Even experienced tennis players discovered something new on the pickleball court, and for many, it was a chance to simply enjoy each other’s company in an energetic, lighthearted setting.

Great day of pickleball competition. Thank you for a well-organised event.

*Mr Lucas Shannon, father of Year 3 student Mia Shannon*

“Thank you for organising the event today. It was amazing fun! Kian and I had a wonderful time bonding with each other and with the other parents/kids! Looking forward to the next such event.

*Mr Piyush Gupta, father of Year 1 student Kian Gupta*

Thank you so much!! Was a fantastic morning, very much appreciated this wonderful initiative.

*Ms Jeanne Mant, mother of Year 3 student Sarae Mant and Year 1 student Alyssa Mant*

Just wanted to send a big thank you to the organizers of the pickleball tournament. My son and I had so much fun learning and playing, and winning that last game made it extra special! We really appreciate the opportunity to participate in such a well-run and enjoyable event.

*Mr Didi Kurniawan, father of Year 3 student Stephen Kurniawan*

We had loads of fun. Truly appreciate all the work put in by the PSP team. Thank you.

*Mr Ronak Shah, father of Year 2 student Aarav Shah*



It was heartwarming to see the dads and teens laughing, competing, and cheering each other on. Thank you again for such a memorable day for the ACS family!

*Ms Mika Yoshinari, mother of Year 1 student Shusei Yoshinori*

Thoughtful, Very well planned and organised event. Playing alongside my daughter was quite an amazing experience and made me realise how much such activities could help us deepen our bond. Loved the energy all around but the smile on my daughter’s face when she saw our name on the board was priceless!

Lastly, PSP members, a big shoutout to the team for all the effort! It’s a well-planned event that ran smoothly and I am sure everyone was happy.”

*Mr Sanjeet Karamchandani, father of Year 2 student Nishca Karamchandani*

Thank you so much for the great coordination and enlivening up the atmosphere! It was a fantastic bonding opportunity with my son. Usually, either of us knows the sports but this time was different - it was totally a new sport for both of us. We shared what each acquired in a short period time and “tried” to strategize into our games. How did we do? Don’t ask...but it was such a great time. Writing this struggling with a severe muscle pain.

*Mr Hiroshi Yoshinari, father of Year 1 student Shusei Yoshinori*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

May	Event
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23 May – 2 July	School holidays
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June	Event
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30 June – 11 July	Year 4 & 6 Prelims
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30 June and 1 July	Teacher Only Days
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July	Event
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2	Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad Round 2
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	School resumes for students
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6	IB May Results Release
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8	O Level Exams (Chinese, Malay, Tamil)
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	O Level Express Listening Exam (Chinese)
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	O Level Listening Exam (Malay, Tamil)
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14 – 18	O Level Chinese/Malay/Tamil and Higher Chinese Oral Exams
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	Year 2 Health Screening
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19	Year 6 University Application Seminar (9am – 12pm)
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21 – 23	School Photo Taking
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24	Year 4 IBDP Info Briefing (3.10pm – 4.10pm)
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29	PTMs (3.30pm – 5.30pm) (Years 1, 1B, 2, Pre-IG, 4, 6)
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30	PTMs (All day) (No classes) (Years 1, 1B, 2, Pre-IG, 4, 6)
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31	Inter-House Chess
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7 PM  
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(DOOR OPEN AT 12:30PM)

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