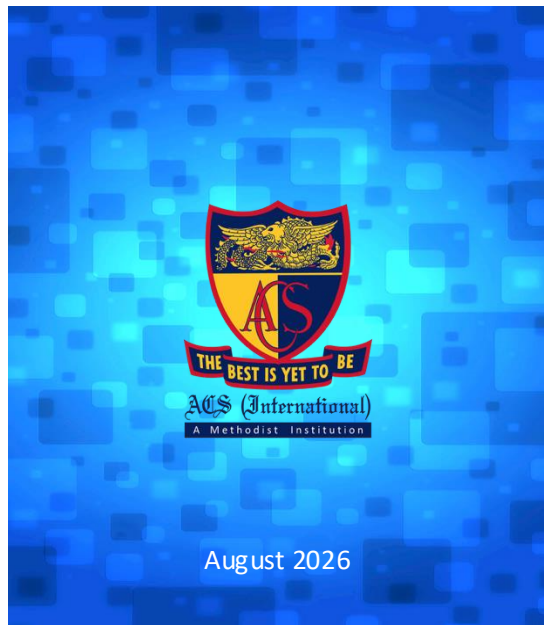




ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

Teachers' Day is always a special occasion in our school calendar. While its name naturally places the focus on our teachers, for us it is an opportunity to pause and recognise all of our staff and the contribution they make to our school community each day.

A school is, above all, about people. Every day, our teachers challenge and encourage our students academically, care for them pastorally, guide them through difficulties and celebrate their successes. Alongside them are the many people whose work enables our school to flourish. They keep our systems running, support our administration, manage our finances, care for our facilities and provide the countless other services that make school life possible. Every role matters and every person contributes to the experience our students have.

Teachers' Day gives us an important opportunity to say a very simple but heartfelt thank you.

I particularly want to acknowledge our wonderful PSP for once again making Teachers' Day such a significant celebration. We are incredibly blessed to have a parent community that is so positively engaged in the life of our school. The time, thought and enormous amount of work that goes into creating these experiences for our staff is greatly appreciated. My thanks also go to the many parents who have generously sent gifts and messages throughout the week, and to HVMC for providing the coffee cart for our staff. Together, these gestures make Teachers' Day a wonderful expression of a community gathering around the people who serve our young people.

This year, we are also recognising a number of colleagues who have reached significant milestones of 10 and 20 years of service to our school. We thank them for their dedication, loyalty and sustained contribution to our school over so many years. Their service represents an extraordinary investment in generations of students and families. The words of 1 Thessalonians 5:11 seem particularly appropriate. "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." Teachers' Day reminds us of the importance of doing exactly that. It is a chance to take the time to encourage, appreciate and give thanks for one another.

Thank you to everyone across our community for all that you have contributed to another busy and rewarding term. As we prepare to enter the home straight of Term 4, I hope all of our students, families and staff enjoy a well-earned break, find some time to rest and recharge, and return ready for a positive finish to the year.

Gavin Kinch
Principal

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Term 3 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	MARCUS HABAROV	Y1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	MOON IHYEON	1B	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	WU DI	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	CHO HYOBIN	Y3	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	AAKASH GUPTA	Y3	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	OH SEUNGJU	Y3	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	PARK JOOYEON	FOUNDATION IB	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	CHA YOOJIN	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	KIM CHAEWON	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	PHOEBE NG EN HWEE	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	ZHOU CHENGYI	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	HUI SZE CHEONG ERIE	Y2	GOH HOOD KENG
13	SEO YUNHEE	Y3	GOH HOOD KENG
14	JIN SEOJUN	Y3	GOH HOOD KENG
15	KIM MINSEO	Y5	GOH HOOD KENG
16	AUDREY NIU XIAO RAN	Y5	GOH HOOD KENG
17	CLAYTON OLIVER WIBOWO	Y5	GOH HOOD KENG
18	KIM SUNYOON	Y2	LEE SENG GEE
19	HUANG JUN-JIA	Y2	LEE SENG GEE
20	KWAK TAEHUN	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
21	TANG JINGXUAN	Y5	LEE SENG GEE
22	KANON TAMIYA	Y5	LEE SENG GEE
23	YU HYENAH	1B	OLDHAM
24	KIYARA KHANNA	Y2	OLDHAM
25	KIM KYUNGEUN	Y5	OLDHAM
26	LEE WOOCHAN	Y5	OLDHAM
27	PARK HYORIN	Y2	SHAW VEE MENG
28	HUANG KAN YAN	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
29	GUO YINGZI	Y2	SHAW VEE MENG
30	KIM YOOHYUN	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
31	JUNG JAEIN	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
32	PARK JOONSEO	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
33	JACOB CHRISTOPHER BUDIMAN	Y5	SHAW VEE MENG
34	KIM BOMIN	Y5	SHAW VEE MENG
35	PARK YOONHA	Y5	SHAW VEE MENG
36	KIM YEJIN	Y5	SHAW VEE MENG
37	ZHANG ZHEHAN	Y5	SHAW VEE MENG
38	ZOE TAN JING WEN	Y1	TAN CHIN TUAN
39	LU LILIAN XINGLIN	1B	TAN CHIN TUAN
40	ISSEY TAKENOUCHI WEBB	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
41	EDEN HOLLY SHUZHEN TEOH	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
42	CHANG DAHEE	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
43	ORNAIYA JONGSITTHISATJAKUL	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
44	SHIN JIWON	PRE IGCSE	TAN CHIN TUAN
45	JUNG DAEUN	FOUNDATION IB	TAN CHIN TUAN
46	ASHTON MIKAEL GOZALI	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
47	AURIELLA ELLYN HARJANTO	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
48	HIMERU MITSUYUKI	1B	THOBURN
49	ZHANG YUYANG	Y1	THOBURN
50	RILEY HENG XUAN MING	Y1	THOBURN
51	CHEN JANING	Y2	THOBURN
52	SHEHERZADE HASHMI	Y2	THOBURN
53	MARINA KUROKAWA	Y2	THOBURN
54	CHIN JIA SYUEN	Y3	THOBURN
55	LI XIANG	FOUNDATION IB	THOBURN
56	KHAIR SIYA KETAN	Y5	THOBURN
57	CHUN JAEBUM	1B	TAN KAH KEE
58	ISHA ZAARA BISWAS	Y2	TAN KAH KEE
59	RACHEL WONG EN LI	Y2	TAN KAH KEE
60	LEE JIHWAN	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
61	AVALEIGH NANKA SILFANUS	Y2	TAN KAH KEE
62	KIM SEOHA	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
63	CHENG NUO	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
64	CHO INYOUNG	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
65	CHUNG HOYOUNG	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
66	HE JING YEAK	Y5	TAN KAH KEE

Distinction for Effort and Achievement			
NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	YEO XIN YI CAITLIN	Y1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	LEE YEJI	Y2	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	LEIA LAM	Y3	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	VICTORIA GOH YAN MAY	Y3	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	LU QIAN-KUN	FOUNDATION IB	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	JOY NG KAI XIN	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	LENCI GOH PEI YUAN	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	LAYLA SAVIO	Y1	GOH HOOD KENG
9	HUANG XINYAO	Y2	GOH HOOD KENG
10	ELOISE PENELOPE BRILLIANT	Y2	GOH HOOD KENG
11	SVARA VIVEK	Y3	GOH HOOD KENG
12	DIANA MARRAPODI	Y5	GOH HOOD KENG
13	ZHANG CHENQI	Y5	GOH HOOD KENG
14	AHN YUMIN	Y1	LEE SENG GEE
15	TAN GUAN XIN CALEY	Y2	LEE SENG GEE
16	NATASHA NASYA GANDHI	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
17	KIM YE RHAM	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
18	ARJUN SUBASHPRABU	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
19	NG QI ZHEN TAMMY	Y5	LEE SENG GEE
20	SHINJI SUGIYAMA	Y5	LEE SENG GEE
21	PARK JIWOO	Y1	OLDHAM
22	KANG YUEUN	1B	OLDHAM
23	CHARLENE PHUA XUAN NING	Y2	OLDHAM
24	PRASANNA THAI AN VATTIKUNTA	Y2	OLDHAM
25	YUIDEKURA	Y2	OLDHAM
26	LEE SEUNGBIN	Y2	OLDHAM
27	DARSHANAA SIVAKUMAR	Y2	OLDHAM
28	QIU YUFEI	PRE IGCSE	OLDHAM
29	EVELYN ONG KENG WOON	Y3	OLDHAM
30	KIM JOONSOO	Y3	OLDHAM
31	KIM TAEKYUM	Y3	OLDHAM
32	CHENG CHARMAINE WING KA	Y3	OLDHAM
33	ALEXA CHAN EE SHEN	Y5	OLDHAM
34	EKEESHA ATRE	Y5	OLDHAM
35	TEO EN CI ALAINA	Y1	SHAW VEE MENG
36	CATHLYN FERNANDA CAHYADI	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
37	LIM GEONHEE	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
38	KIM HAYUL	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
39	ARTEMIY KONDRATOV	FOUNDATION IB	SHAW VEE MENG
40	HANNAH KOH EN HAN	Y1	TAN CHIN TUAN
41	OTA INOUE	1B	TAN CHIN TUAN
42	KAITLYN SARA YONG YI-LIN	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
43	LI HANRUI	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
44	KIM MIN GYEOL	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
45	LIEW ZEN XIYN	Y3	TAN CHIN TUAN
46	ZOU LUXI	Y3	TAN CHIN TUAN
47	CHAN JUN-EN ETHAN	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
48	WANG YUNZHU	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
49	LU PO-HSUEH	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
50	ZU WENPEI	Y2	THOBURN
51	YUN SEOJEONG	Y5	THOBURN
52	AKIRA KAWAGUCHI	Y1	TAN KAH KEE
53	SORA KUSANO	1B	TAN KAH KEE
54	CHO AYOUNG	Y2	TAN KAH KEE
55	EVIE CHO CHUAN CHI	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
56	CHUN JAEMIN	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
57	LAURA KOSAREV	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
58	JAZZ SATRIA LESMANA	Y5	TAN KAH KEE
59	ALETHEIA CHARIS LIM RAE-ERN	Y5	TAN KAH KEE
60	NAISSHA MAKHJIA	Y5	TAN KAH KEE
61	SHAWN DANIELSON LEE	Y5	TAN KAH KEE
62	PETA HILLARY THORPE	Y5	TAN KAH KEE

Commendation for Effort and Achievement			
NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	JAKE LIM YI JIE	Y1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	SOH ANTWONE	Y1	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	BENJAMIN WILLIAM ROSS	Y2	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	DEMIRA SHARMA	Y2	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	YANG BEEN EDITHAN	Y2	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	SEONG JIYOON	Y2	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	PARK SIYOON	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	PARK YOONJIN	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	HIKOHITO YANAGIDA	Y3	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	CHOI MINGEON	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	HIROAKI SATOH	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	EUNICE VALERIE CAHYADI	Y1	GOH HOOD KENG
13	SEOW XUAN LE MELODY	Y2	GOH HOOD KENG
14	RANIDA TRITRAKULCHAI	Y2	GOH HOOD KENG
15	PARK JUJUL	PRE IGCSE	GOH HOOD KENG
16	JIANG YAN TONG GRACE	FOUNDATION IB	GOH HOOD KENG
17	REUBEN BOON FU RUI	FOUNDATION IB	GOH HOOD KENG
18	AMELIA SHI-MIN ADETOLA OLOPADE	Y5	GOH HOOD KENG
19	FANG BINGJI	Y5	GOH HOOD KENG
20	KAITLYN WONG QIYI	Y5	GOH HOOD KENG
21	JO MINJAY	Y1	LEE SENG GEE
22	LIM DA KYUNG	Y1	LEE SENG GEE
23	AYA SAKAZUME	Y1	LEE SENG GEE
24	ELIZABETH YEO LI XIAN	Y1	LEE SENG GEE
25	APARAJITA NANDURI	Y1	LEE SENG GEE
26	RHEA ASHOK	Y1	LEE SENG GEE
27	YAN YILIN	1B	LEE SENG GEE
28	ISAKOVA NINA	Y2	LEE SENG GEE
29	DANA CHOO	Y2	LEE SENG GEE
30	LEE JIA	PRE IGCSE	LEE SENG GEE
31	JAMIE KAI YEANG	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
32	LI YANXI	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
33	DARCEY CHNG-LUCHAU	FOUNDATION IB	LEE SENG GEE
34	COXANNE KOAY JIN YI	Y5	LEE SENG GEE
35	LEE SEUNGUK	1B	OLDHAM
36	YUSEI MIYASAKA	PRE IGCSE	OLDHAM
37	NG HWEE MIN MIRANDA	Y3	OLDHAM
38	QIN YIMING	FOUNDATION IB	OLDHAM
39	YUN CHAEMIN	Y1	SHAW VEE MENG
40	ELIZABETH GAN JIN-EN	Y1	SHAW VEE MENG
41	KIM SARANG	1B	SHAW VEE MENG
42	KIM GEONWOO	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
43	CHARLOTTE LOW JEN MIN	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
44	SOTARO INOUE	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
45	ZWE TUN NAING SHWE	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
46	WILSON HO	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
47	NG WUI DI ELTON	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
48	RENEE MARLEY PETRUS	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
49	KIM EUNWOO	FOUNDATION IB	SHAW VEE MENG
50	FOO XIN XI RILEY	Y5	SHAW VEE MENG
51	HU YUXI	Y5	SHAW VEE MENG
52	RAYANNA JAMAJI	Y5	SHAW VEE MENG
53	NGAI TAK FAI	Y5	SHAW VEE MENG
54	KWON YERU	Y1	TAN CHIN TUAN
55	LIM SHAO XUAN CLAIRE	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
56	AGNA RAHUL	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
57	ZOE XUAN NI ISRAEL	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
58	KAELYN LIM JIA XIN	Y3	TAN CHIN TUAN
59	TAN SEH DE DANIEL	FOUNDATION IB	TAN CHIN TUAN
60	WEI JIHONG	PRE IB	TAN CHIN TUAN
61	KIM DOYEON	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
62	ANNA INDIRA MANIPUR	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
63	LIN JUNHAO	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
64	LI ZIZHENG	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
65	KIM SAEMIN	Y1	THOBURN
66	HU CHENG-YANG	Y1	THOBURN
67	NAYLA JANINA NOLTING	Y1	THOBURN
68	LINUS CHOO ZHE KAI	Y1	THOBURN
69	HAILEY LARISSA CHEW	Y2	THOBURN
70	AARON REN KAI DODSON	Y2	THOBURN

71	JIA TINGYU	PRE IGCSE	THOBURN
72	KIM TAEMIN	Y3	THOBURN
73	ANDREW JAYDEN CHAN	Y3	THOBURN
74	LEE JUN FENG	Y3	THOBURN
75	LO CHEUK CHUN	Y5	THOBURN
76	QIAN HANWEN	Y5	THOBURN
77	MEGAN ELIZABETH LIN	Y5	THOBURN
78	ADITI IYER	Y1	TAN KAH KEE
79	YOU DAEUN	Y1	TAN KAH KEE
80	KATHLEEN NG NING	Y1	TAN KAH KEE
81	SHIV SHAKTI DESAI	Y1	TAN KAH KEE
82	WU KIT SUM	1B	TAN KAH KEE
83	RION INOUE	Y2	TAN KAH KEE
84	DAYVEN KAY CHENG YE	Y2	TAN KAH KEE
85	CHA HANNAH	Y2	TAN KAH KEE
86	ISABELLA TAN XUAN TING	Y2	TAN KAH KEE
87	LEE JIWON	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
88	PARK WOOHYUN	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
89	PARK GYUMIN	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
90	YUMIKO MIYATA	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
91	CHRISTIAN ARIHANT GREUTER	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
92	ELI YONG YUEN MIN	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
93	MAO CHENXI	FOUNDATION IB	TAN KAH KEE
94	KIM SUNGJOON	Y5	TAN KAH KEE
95	YU GUANGZHENG	Y5	TAN KAH KEE

Commendation for Effort			
NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOUSE
1	VERA VALDERAS FUSTER	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	YANNI NG	Y1	GOH HOOD KENG
3	AKEAUTH PIBOONVANICH	1B	LEE SENG GEE
4	LEE MING XUAN	Y2	LEE SENG GEE
5	ERIN NAKAMURA	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
6	LEO TANG	Y2	OLDHAM
7	CHEN ZIHAN	Y3	OLDHAM
8	AISHA SHAHANI	Y1	SHAW VEE MENG
9	LIU JIANXI	1B	SHAW VEE MENG
10	TONY NGUYEN BAO HUY	Y2	SHAW VEE MENG
11	RYAN QUAH SHI KAI	Y2	SHAW VEE MENG
12	JOEY LEE WAN YU	Y1	TAN CHIN TUAN
13	LEE EN KANG ETHAN	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
14	ZAYDEN DUTT HAQUE	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
15	SAHIBA ARORA	Y3	TAN CHIN TUAN
16	ZHANG YUCHEN	Y2	THOBURN
17	TIMOTHY LOH ZHI MING	Y3	THOBURN
18	RACHEL ANNE DORAMUS	Y3	THOBURN
19	SUMMER FAITH LOH	Y3	THOBURN
20	ANYA YEO YA XUAN	Y3	THOBURN
21	TAY JIA YI VALERIE	Y1	TAN KAH KEE

ACS (International) Team Medals at the 2026 Senior Students Ethics Olympiad

Our Ethics Olympiad team, a student-led initiative, was First Runner-Up at the 2026 Senior Students Ethics Olympiad against strong competition from schools across the Asia-Pacific. Our team comprised of Jacob Christopher Budiman (5 SVM), Jayden Christian Budiman (6 SVM), Ethan Chong (5 GHK), Maximilian Andresen (5 SVM), and Serafim Shmelev (6 LSG) who were all part of this student-led initiative.

The result is especially meaningful given the calibre of the schools we faced. It reflects weeks of preparation, persistence, and genuine collective effort. Along the way, our team learned that ethical reasoning rewards listening, discussion, and a willingness to revise one's own view, not simply the ability to persuade.

Preparation ran over several weeks of research, discussion, and practice. Our team worked through a wide range of ethical cases, developed our arguments, and trained ourselves to weigh perspectives we did not initially hold. Each round demanded that we think under time pressure, build on one another's reasoning, and respond to questions from judges and opposing teams.

Collaboration was our team's greatest strength. Every member brought a different angle to the cases, and their ability to synthesise those angles quickly allowed us to deliver considered answers when it mattered most.

Representing ACS (International) at an international level was a privilege. The Olympiad sharpened our team's analytical thinking, public speaking, and capacity to engage seriously with views that differed from their own. Our team extends its thanks to the teachers and staff who supported us throughout.

Our team advanced to the International Finals on 23 July. The results are pending and will be announced at a later date.

Serafim Shmelev (6 LSG)



Students Honoured At Cambridge Essay Competition

Congratulations to Jayden Christian Budiman (6 SVM) and Yulwon Lee (6 LSG), who were recognised in two international essay competitions this year.

The pair earned Honourable Mentions in the Cambridge Re:think Essay Competition, organised by the Cambridge Centre for International Research (CCIR).

Jayden wrote his essay in response to the topic: "Should AI systems be granted legal personhood, or are they tools that must always remain under human accountability?"

Yulwon's essay was based on the topic: "Should the nation-state be abolished in favour of new forms of global or regional governance, or does it remain essential to political identity and stability?"

Both were also shortlisted in the John Locke Institute's Global Essay Prize. Jayden wrote on the topic: "If legislators and judges all accepted the philosophical theory of determinism, what would be the effect on criminal sentencing?" Yulwon's essay was based on the topic: "Did Jeff Bezos get rich at the expense of his customers, his employees, neither or both?"

Both competitions drew tens of thousands of entrants worldwide, making these results a strong showing. Well done to both!



Representing Singapore on the International Stage



After securing first place in the National Finals (S5 Category) of the HIPPO English Language Olympiad 2026, Nathan Alexandro Tjhe earned an invitation to represent Singapore at the Play-off Qualifiers in Cluj, Romania, and virtually on 10 August.

As the National Champion (Singapore & Malaysia), he also received a certification recognising his English proficiency as equivalent to the CEFR C2 level, the highest level on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Should he qualify, Nathan will advance to the World Finals in Spoleto, Italy on 28 September, where he will compete alongside top performers from around the globe. This remarkable accomplishment comes in a competition involving more than 90,000 students from over 70 countries.

We congratulate Nathan on this outstanding achievement and wish him every success as he proudly represents Singapore on the international stage.

ACS (International) Quiz Bowl Club 2026 Achievements

Since its founding by Jacob Christopher Budiman (5 SVM) and Jayden Christian Budiman (6 SVM), the ACS (International) Quiz Bowl Club has grown into a thriving community of academically driven students, and it has been a remarkable year so far, with members achieving standout results across multiple national and international competitions.

March 2026 — Jayden (6 SVM) competed in the 2026 Spring History Bee and secured qualification to the 2026 International History Olympiad, a notable early-year achievement for the club.

May 2026 — Ethan Chong (5 GHK) and Vera Neo (6 CKS) competed in the 2026 International Geography Bowl and emerged as champions, marking a significant team victory on the international stage.

May 2026 — Jayden (6 SVM) achieved qualification to the 2026 United States National Humanities Bee, earning an excellent score on his qualifying exam.

These achievements reflect the dedication and academic excellence of our members throughout 2026. The ACS International Quiz Bowl Club congratulates all members on their continued success in national and international competitions.

JOIN US — EVERY FRIDAY, 3:15 PM, ROOM NB3-11
No experience needed — just an interest in quiz bowl.
Come along and see what it's about.

If you have any questions, please contact Jayden at jayden.budiman@acsinternational.edu.sg.

Follow us on Instagram [@acsint.quizbowl/](https://www.instagram.com/acsint.quizbowl/) for updates.

Anglo-Chinese Debating Championship (ACDC) 2026 Recap

From 16 to 17 May, the Debate CCA hosted a debate tournament that drew 45 teams and 202 speakers from schools across Singapore. Registration fees raised \$3,600 for charity, turning a weekend of competition into a direct contribution to the wider community.

Across multiple rounds, debaters tackled motions that included the merits of AI therapists, how Singapore should respond to demographic uncertainty, and commercial tourism in ecologically sensitive areas. Each demanded that speakers build arguments under pressure and defend them against sharp opposition.

Congratulations to Nanyang Junior College on taking the championship, and Raffles Girls' School on finishing as runner-up. Congratulations as well to ACS (Independent) 1 and Eunoia Junior College, who reached the semi-finals. All four teams debated with clarity, rigour, and composure throughout.

The tournament ran on months of preparation by a student organising committee of Jayden Budiman (6 SVM), Vera Neo (6 CKS), Jacob Budiman (5 SVM), and Auriella Harjanto (5 TCT).

Full results and tabulation are available at <https://acdc26.calicotab.com/acdc2026/>

Auriella (Ellyn) Harjanto (5 TCT)

Notes from the Inaugural Session of the Singapore Red Cross Youth Chapter

On 1 August, I attended the inaugural session of the Singapore Red Cross Youth Chapter at Red Cross House. Nishya Subash Prabu (6 LSG) and I were invited to attend as co-founders of the ACS (International) Medical Society, but as Nishya was unfortunately unable to make it, we were honoured to have Reuben Ong (5 CKS) step in and join the chapter as a member. The session ran from 9am to 3.30pm and brought together just under twenty student delegates, most of them from the medical societies of higher education institutions such as the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Polytechnic, Singapore Institute of Technology, and others. The aim of the day was to establish a chapter that did not previously exist, to agree on what it stands for, and to decide what it should attempt in its first year. Much of the morning was spent drafting a mission statement. Several early versions were rejected earlier, and the text we settled on rests on three commitments: community health awareness, emergency preparedness, and outreach conducted with genuine regard for the people it serves.

The formal signing of the Youth Chapter Declaration followed. Each member society committed itself to the fundamental principles of the Red Cross, among them humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and voluntary service. The signing itself took only a few minutes. Its significance is that every society in the room is now accountable to the others for upholding those principles.

The afternoon was given over to break-out sessions, which produced three initial areas of work:

- **Youth-led blood donation drives**, organised and run by students.
- **Community first-aid training**, delivered in modules simple enough for a secondary school team to teach competently.
- **A mentorship structure** connecting secondary school students with university medical students.

None of these programmes has been established yet. At present, the chapter consists of a signed declaration, a list of member societies, and a set of intentions. The work of turning those intentions into functioning programmes begins now. Under the guidance of our teacher-in-charge, Ms Nadiyah Karina, the Medical Society looks forward to shaping these initiatives in the coming year. Our society was among the very few secondary school societies invited to take part. When Reuben and I raised a point about how students of our age tend to respond to first-aid instruction, it was recorded and discussed at length, since most of the university delegates are several years removed from secondary school themselves. In closing the session, the Red Cross said that they admired the passion and professionalism our delegates had shown throughout the day. That comment sets the standard we will now be measured against.

Members of the Medical Society interested in the blood drive or the first-aid modules should speak to Nishya, Reuben, myself, or to any member of the committee. Prior experience is not required.

Clayton Oliver Wibowo (5 GHK), Co-founder of the ACS (International) Medical Society



Envoy Club Trip To Japan

From 17 to 22 July, members of the ACS (International) Envoy Club travelled to Osaka, Japan, to participate in the Japan English Model United Nations (JEMUN) held at Kindai University from 18 to 20 July. Bringing together more than 200 high school delegates and 300 university students, the three-day conference centred on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to address global challenges, with committee topics including AI in education and AI in social media. The conference provided students with the opportunity to debate international issues while developing diplomacy, collaboration and leadership skills. Unlike many traditional Model United Nations conferences, JEMUN encouraged delegates to build collective consensus through open dialogue and cooperation. Rather than focusing on advancing their own bloc's positions, delegates worked together to find solutions that were acceptable to all parties. As Christie Goh (3 TTK) reflected, "JEMUN exposed me to a completely different style of Model United Nations. I felt that, instead of delegates trying to be the most aggressive in defending their country's position, everyone focused on listening to one another and working together to reach a collective solution."

Representing a range of countries across different committees, ACS (International)'s delegation researched global issues, delivered speeches, negotiated resolutions, and collaborated with delegates from around the world. Throughout the conference, students strengthened their public speaking, critical thinking and negotiation skills while gaining a deeper appreciation of international cooperation. Beyond the conference, delegates also had an opportunity to immerse themselves in Japanese culture throughout the trip. Highlights included exploring Dotonbori, visiting Kyoto, and experiencing the immersive exhibitions at teamLab Biovortex. These activities allowed delegates to appreciate Japan's unique and rich heritage while strengthening friendships formed during the conference.



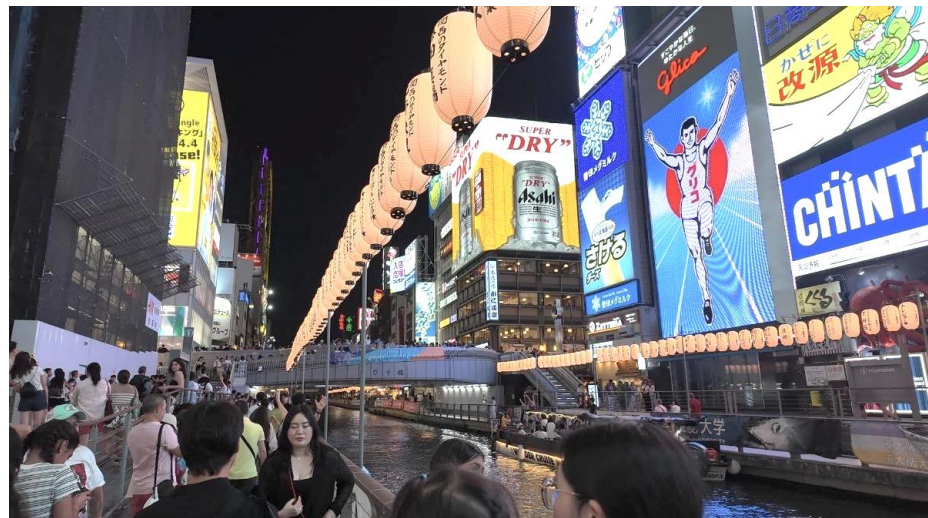
"The gala dinner gave me the opportunity to connect with participants from the United States and Japan, build meaningful friendships, and gain a greater appreciation for international collaboration!"

Elijah Chew (5 OLD)

The conference concluded with ACS (International) receiving the Best Large High School Delegation Award. This achievement reflected the teamwork, dedication and diplomatic spirit demonstrated by every member of the delegation.

JEMUN was a rewarding experience that extended beyond committee debate. From strengthening our confidence in public speaking and negotiation to embracing a new culture and forming friendships with delegates from across the globe, the trip inspired us to continue developing as globally minded leaders and diplomats.

Artemiy Kondratov (4 SVM), Christie Goh (3 TTK)



Artistry Trip To See Works Of Iconic Japanese Photographer

Going to the 'Form Is Emptiness' exhibition by Hiroshi Sugimoto at the Singapore Art Museum felt very different from the other art exhibitions I have gone to. Sugimoto is an iconic photographer best known for his Seascapes. The exhibition did not hit me right away with bright colours and fancy designs. In contrast, several of the works are quiet and communicate a veiled message. I was not sure that I could look at such seemingly uncomplicated pictures for a very long time at first, but I started appreciating the disguised intent of the sculptures throughout the exhibition, forcing me to stop, witness and think deeper through their simplicity.



The Seascapes photographs most appealed to me. Every image depicts either the ocean and sky. While the images looked similar from a distance, upon further inspection they had a slightly different atmosphere because of the light, weather and texture of the water. They brought me a sense of calm. The scenes seemed almost timeless without any references such as people or buildings. It made me think that we are part of something greater and these oceans existed long before us and will probably exist long after us.

I was also interested in the series Theaters. The cinema screens were photographed by Sugimoto with such long exposures that they appeared white. I found it interesting how the entire movie was recorded in a single image. Although it appeared quite blank, in reality, the bright screen was full of light from thousands of images. This links very readily to the title of the exhibition for something that appears empty may still contain experience, memory and meaning.

The lighting and space also contributed to my experience. With the ambient lighting being just dark enough, and the spacing between artworks optimal, I was able to focus on one image at a time. I did not feel inclined to rush through the exhibition. Instead, it felt as if entering a place made for thinking.

The exhibition taught me that art does not always need to be visually dramatic to create a strong emotional response. Sugimoto's photographs appeared simple, but they made me reflect on time, memory and my place within the wider world. I left the exhibition feeling calmer and more aware that emptiness can sometimes give us the space to discover meaning for ourselves.

Kwok Zhong Jun (6 THO)



Mixtures – Artistry's latest edition

In the last week of July, ACS (International) Artistry CCA launched their latest edition, Mixtures, a mosaic of art that refuses to stay within the lines.

The CCA has made multiple visits to museums and galleries around Singapore to collect ideas. Inspired by the art around them, the issue includes articles on a wide range of media and personal interests, including: music, fashion, film, makeup and video games. Mixtures breaks the boundaries of art, and some articles in the magazine include politics in music, characterisation in film compared to books and mixed metals in fashion, establishing that art does not live within a single definition.

Influenced by Charli XCX's 'Brat' album's marketing, the visual elements of the magazine were carefully designed and curated by art director, Lenci Goh Pei Yuan (5 CKS), and magazine editor, Vera Valderas Fuster (5 CKS), in order to guarantee that the magazine has a clear visual style. Through use of contrasting colour combinations, such as neon yellows, pinks and blues, the visuals present organised chaos with modernity. Furthermore, it uses differences in elements such as size and shape to highlight important information and create visual interest – the magazine's graphics reveal the content of the article before the reader has been given the opportunity to read it.

We want to thank the many contributors who have made this edition possible. The magazine is now available for all students and parents to read. Scan the QR code, uncover the boundless identities of art.

ACS (International) Law Society Organises the Inaugural ACS (International) Law Conference



ACS (International) Law Conference 2026



The Executive Committee



The Organising Committee



Finals Mooting Round in Progress



Our Guest Speaker Mr Yue-en Chong - Managing Director of Bethel Chambers



Founder's Address by Vera Neo



Presentation of Gifts of Appreciation to Judges

(Add the title here so that readers know where the story belongs) On 1 August, the ACS (International) Law Society hosted LawCon 2026, bringing together 12 schools from across Singapore for an afternoon of advocacy and legal learning at ACS (International).

The event ran in two parts. First, the online mooting competition, where students argued both sides of a legal issue in front of a panel of judges on 25 July. Following this, the in-person segment of the event was held at ACS (International) featuring an address by Guest Speaker Mr Yue-en Chong about family law in Singapore and the impacts of Artificial Intelligence on the job scope of lawyers, together with the Finals Mooting Round and Awards Ceremony.

LawCon 2026 was led by its Founder Vera Neo (6 CKS) and extensively supported by Mr Christopher Hayward, Vice Principal (Middle Division), our Teacher-in-Charge Mdm Koh Leng Khim, together with the Organising Team consisting of Jayden Christian Budiman (6 SVM), Jacob Christopher Budiman (5 SVM), Kimberley Raenne Ng (6 TCT), Sheryl Lau Sin Kiu (6 TCT), Tammy Ng Qi En (5 LSG), Yun Seojeong (5 THO), Ethan Chan Jun En (5 TCT) and Ethan Chong Yu Zhe (5 GHK).

LawCon 2026 was made possible with the support of non-profit partners SkillsBridge21 and LexProtects, both of whom champion legal literacy and public speaking among youth. The Society was also honoured to welcome lawyers from Bethel Law Chambers LLC, Crescent Law Chambers, DOT Chambers LLC, CNP Law, Constellation Law Chambers LLC, Esteem Law Chambers and Peter Low Chambers LLC, to judge the mooting rounds, alongside support from SIMP (Singapore Introductory Mooting Programme).

The Law Society thanks every school, judge, and partner organisation that made this inaugural event possible, and looks forward to building on LawCon's momentum in the years ahead.

Interested in the law? Come be part of it. The ACS (International) Law Society is always looking for students who are curious about the law, keen to moot, or just want to learn how legal issues shape everyday life. Join us for our next round of events, workshops, and mooting opportunities.

📌 Sign up here:

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ACS (International) Law Society Attends Pre-University Law Seminar



On 22 July, members of the ACS (International) Law Society attended the Pre-University Law Seminar, organised by Dunman High School and Hwa Chong Institution. The seminar brought together many esteemed lawyers, who shared insightful talks on family law and its impact in Singapore together with exhibition sharings by students from Hwa Chong Institution on topics such as Surrogacy.

Beyond the speeches, the seminar gave our members the chance to ask questions and speak directly with the lawyers, making for a more hands-on and interactive learning experience. The Law Society thanks Dunman High School for organising the seminar and for the opportunity to learn from and engage with such experienced legal practitioners.

Language Week

Japanese Breakfast – A Taste of Japan

Our Japanese Breakfast stall was one of the busiest attractions during Language Week. Together with Hu Yeqi and Hong Qiwei, we prepared fresh onigiri and served warm miso soup to Year 2 students, giving everyone a chance to experience a simple Japanese breakfast. Although our onigiri moulds did not work as expected, we quickly adapted by shaping the rice by hand, which turned out to be even faster. Throughout the morning, students queued enthusiastically at our stall, and many returned for more. By the end of the event, all of our ingredients had been completely used up.

The experience showed us the importance of teamwork, adaptability and staying calm under pressure. Most importantly, it was rewarding to see so many students enjoying the food while learning a little more about Japanese culture.

Gao Rui (6 OLD)

Breakfast Around the World

The Languages Faculty organised a breakfast tasting event at the Student Centre, as part of the Language Week celebration, to highlight the diverse cultures that we represent. The student centre was filled with vibrant, decorative posters of breakfasts from around the world, as we moved from stations to stations to try out breakfasts from different countries. This included Japan with their delicious miso soup and onigiri, Britain with their marmalade sandwiches, China with dumplings and porridge and Southeast Asia with a nostalgic breakfast of Milo and noodles. It was a unique experience and I enjoyed every single bit of it - being surrounded by posters that were amazingly drawn and presented, it was cool to be eating some of the delectable food as though they came out from some of the posters. As I was eating breakfast from various countries, I was more aware of the multi-cultural environment that I am in. And sharing different food in this manner has taught me to be more international mindedness and to always be open to trying out new things from other cultures!

Avaleigh Ivanka Silfanus (2 TKK)



**Food, Fun and Culture:
A Mandarin Chinese – Japanese Exchange**

During Language Week, the Year 3 Mandarin Chinese and Japanese Prep classes collaborated on a series of activities designed to foster cultural connections. On the first day, Chinese-language students visited the Japanese class, where they participated in traditional activities like origami and enjoyed Japanese staples such as onigiri and miso soup while learning about their cultural origins. The exchange continued the following day when the Japanese class visited the Chinese classroom to explore Chinese culture and the heritage behind famous foods such as youtiao (fried dough sticks) and doujiang (soy milk). Students from both classes also bonded over traditional games such as jianzi (shuttlecock) and stone-grabbing. It was an enjoyable experience that allowed us to learn about each other's cultures and broaden our perspectives.

Cho Hyobin (3 CKS)

In preparation for Language Week, our class set out to share an authentic Japanese breakfast with students from the Year 3 Mandarin Chinese classes. A month prior to the event, we began researching what a traditional Japanese breakfast is like, ultimately deciding on classic homemade onigiri (rice balls) and warm miso soup. Preparing for the event took a lot of planning: we carefully selected the right type of rice, miso paste, seasonings, and soup ingredients to ensure an authentic taste. We also created a presentation about the nutritional benefits of a traditional breakfast and some Japanese dining customs, such as common expressions used before and after meals.

On the day of the event, several students arrived early to prepare fresh onigiri and set up the meals for our guests. Seeing everyone enjoy the food and engage with the presentation made all the hard work worthwhile! Looking back, teamwork was undoubtedly the key to our success—from early morning prep to event coordination, we couldn't have pulled it off without relying on one another every step of the way.

Suzuhu Akai (3 CKS)



More Than Just Breakfast

This term in Chinese class, we had the opportunity to create our own food posters. My group and I chose to focus on breakfasts from England and China: the sandwich and roujiamo. At first, we thought it would be simple to compare two different types of breakfast. However, as we researched further, we realised that food reveals a lot about a country's culture and history.

For instance, roujiamo is often enjoyed as a comforting bite at night markets, reflecting an important part of everyday Chinese food culture. Conversely, the sandwich is generally a quick breakfast in Britain, reflecting a fast-paced lifestyle. One of our biggest takeaways from this activity was learning to be creative and work as a team, as we initially struggled with task distribution and finding ways to make every section of the large poster visually appealing. Ultimately, this project was a truly delicious way to learn both language and culture.

Chen Jianing (Lily) (2 THO)



By Chen Jianing (2 THO), Guo Yingzi (2 SVM), Huang Xinyao (2 GHK), Li Runxuan (2 SVM)



By Webb Issey Takenouchi (2 TCT)



By Kim Yoohyun (3 SVM), Kim Geonwoo (3 SVM), Kim Taekyum (3 OLD), Lee Jooahn (3 TCT)

A Celebration of Languages and Cultures

Our Language Week 2026 celebrations have concluded meaningfully!

This year, the Year 5 Chinese B HL Class had the honour of being part of the team that organised a school assembly, engaging the entire school through an interactive quiz that brought laughter and energy to the hall. Beyond the stage, we interviewed students, teachers, and SLT members, compiling their voices into a video that celebrated the diverse languages within our community. It was truly heart-warming to witness.

Our theme, "Breakfast Around the Globe," opened our eyes to the rich cultural traditions behind each dish. We learnt not just about food, but about heritage, family, and the stories that connect us across borders.

I am extremely grateful for every single person, teachers and students, who poured their effort into making this week a success. Without their enthusiasm and support, none of this would have been possible. This experience reminded me that language is more than words, it is a bridge between hearts. I'm already looking forward to next year's celebrations!

Lo Cheuk Chun (Amina) (5 THO)



Oldham Fundraising

This year, Oldham Fundraising managed to raise \$1752.83 for Willing Hearts. A big thank you to all staff and students who supported us, and all the members in Oldham who have helped in one way or another!

"The Teacher Dare Board was an amazing event to plan. Making the publicity video was extremely fun and I was very happy that many people had laughed heartily at it as that was the goal. Because we are promoting a new idea, we wanted as much attention as possible. The donations that followed after were also generous and it showed the true ACS spirit. I am grateful to my team, Mdm Koh and the teachers that made time to help us throughout the preparation, as well as during the event day itself on 31st July!

Congratulations to our principal Mr Gavin Kinch who won the Biggest Fundraiser Award and to Dr Philip Tan and Harry Macphee Thomson (1 SVM) for winning the Best Dare Award playing the most instruments.

Oldham Market, which took place during lunchtime from 3 to 6 August, was also a fun time that allowed me to learn how to coordinate large groups so we could work in harmony. From making the timelines and posters to getting more people in Oldham to help out, it was all a great learning experience. I think everyone put in their best effort with a receptive and open attitude, which is the only reason Oldham Market was such a success. Thank you to everyone who stepped out of their comfort zone to contribute to all the events that took place.!"

Lauren Lim Si Qing (5 OLD)

"Carrying out the sale of drinks and snacks for the Oldham Market fundraising was a rewarding experience. It taught me the importance of teamwork and responsibility. By selling drinks and snacks, we successfully raised funds for Willing Hearts and brought our house members closer together as we worked towards a meaningful cause. Seeing everyone support the fundraiser and enjoy their purchases made all the planning and effort worthwhile. It was a great experience that showed me how small actions can make a meaningful difference to others."

Claire Ip Tian En (5 OLD)



Term 3 Birthday Celebration at Oldham Hall

We had a wonderful time celebrating our borders' birthdays together at the boarding hall on 19 August. It was heartwarming to see the boarders come together to enjoy the food, share laughter, and create meaningful memories. We hope this small celebration made our boarders feel special and reminded them that they are valued members of our boarding community.

Mdm Chin Siew Lin & Mdm Goh Wei Li
International Students Coordinators



HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Job Shadowing Programme : New Industry Partner

On 23rd July 2026, Ms Yap Lin Lin from our Higher Education & Careers Department had the opportunity of visiting **Mr. Dickson Mah** and his team at **Re'Joy Suites Confinement Center**. Re'Joy is Singapore's newest luxury pre- and postpartum care centre for mothers and newborns. Operating from its own dedicated facility, Re'Joy offers holistic, one-stop care delivered by a team of experts, providing mothers with a supportive environment to rest, heal and rejuvenate, all at a competitive price point. Located conveniently along Braddell Road, Re'Joy provides a comprehensive range of maternity care services, with 18 private suites and a dedicated nursery. Its services include prenatal and postnatal education, mother and baby care, postnatal nourishment, TCM treatments, and medical aesthetic services.

This attachment would be particularly suitable for students interested in **Entrepreneurship and Business**, as they will gain exposure to the operations and management of a specialised maternity care business. Students will also gain insights into **hospitality and customer service**, although within a healthcare and maternal wellness setting rather than a traditional hotel or resort environment.



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(L-R): Mr. Dickson Mah and Ms. Yap Lin Lin

Hosting Our Alumna: Erica Molenberg, Class of 2021

It was lovely hosting our **Class of 2021 alumna, Erica Molenberg** (below), back at ACS (International)! Erica recently graduated from **NUS in Biomedical Engineering**, specialising in Innovation and Design. She shared about her internship in Sweden through the NUS Overseas Colleges programme and how she learnt more about herself and interests through her time at NUS. A great opportunity for our students to hear first-hand about university life, overseas experiences and navigating the transitions.



Cambridge Insights with CUMSA:
Courses, Applications & College Choices

We were delighted to host members of **CUMSA (Cambridge University Malaysia and Singapore Association)**, who shared their experiences studying **Law, Psychology and Engineering at Cambridge**.

Our students also gained useful insights into **applying to Cambridge**, including application tips and advice on choosing a college. CUMSA's **Guide for Applicants** is another very helpful resource for students considering Cambridge and is attached [here](#) for reference.



The Sound of Us: A Concert to Remember

On 22 August, the Ho Bee Auditorium at the University Cultural Centre, National University of Singapore, came alive with music, as our musicians took the stage for The Sound of Us — an afternoon that brought together everything from beloved anime themes to timeless orchestral classics.

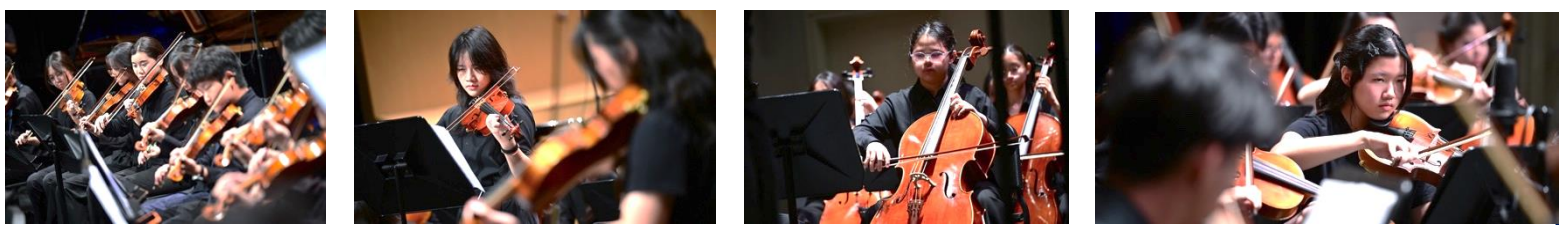
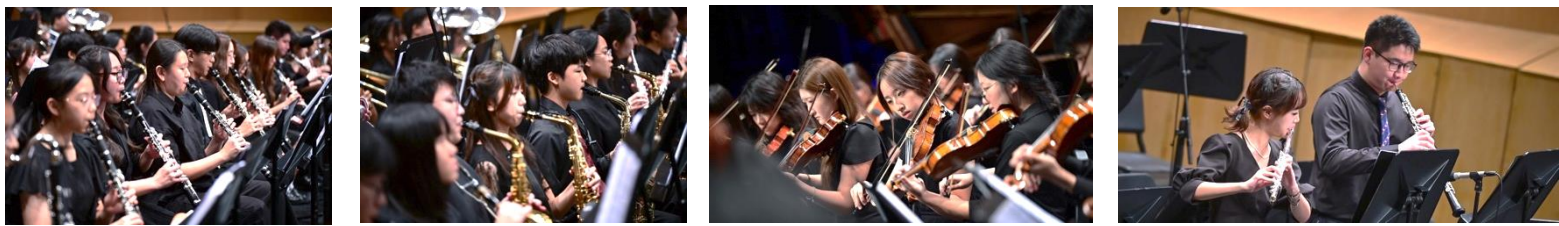
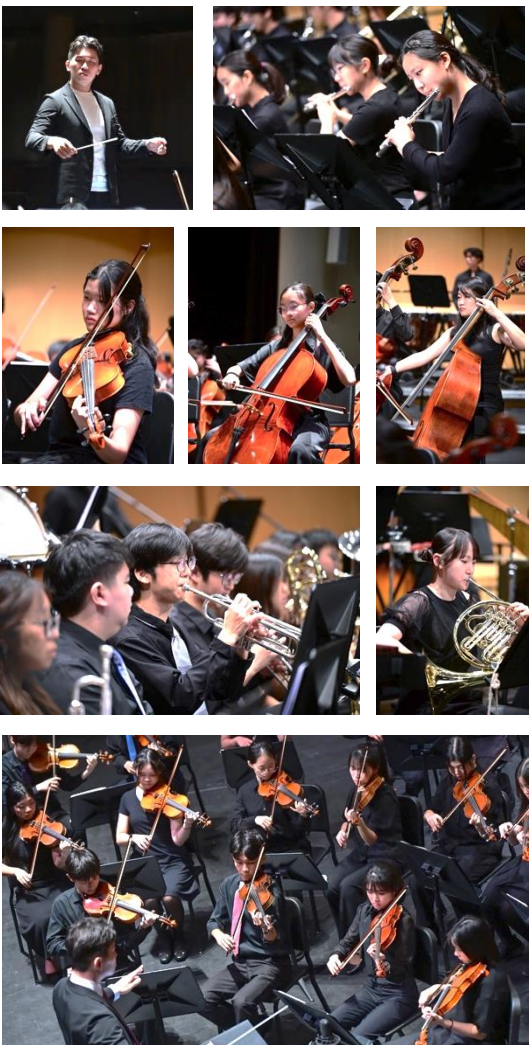
The concert opened with our Wind Band, whose spirited renditions of A Cruel Angel's Thesis and Gurenge had the audience recognising the melodies within seconds. They were soon joined by our Contemporary Singers for a stirring medley from Wicked, before our Percussion Ensemble brought the energy up a notch with Helix. The Contemporary Singers then returned with a breezy, sing-along-worthy rendition of Vance Joy's Riptide to close out the first half. After a short intermission, the String Orchestra took over, weaving together the elegance of Mozart's Divertimento with the playful charm of Laufey's From the Start, and later proving that strings can groove just as hard as they can sing, with Por Una Cabeza and Palladio. The afternoon closed on a triumphant note with our Philharmonic Orchestra, whose performance of American Suite and John Williams' Epilogue left the hall buzzing before they brought the concert to a close with the familiar favourite Golden, specially arranged by our very own alumna, Zheng Hanyu, Class of 2020.

None of this would have been possible without the guidance of our conductors, Mr Lim Hao Wei, Mr Francis Tan and Ms Julia Tan, whose patience and passion shaped every rehearsal into the performance we saw today. We are just as grateful to our instructors, Ms May Loh, Ms Yeo Zeng Ying, Ms Sabrina Tsou, Ms Ho Qian Hui, Mr Yang Zhong Ao, Ms Claire Wong, Ms Stephanie Tan and Mr Luke Chong, for the countless hours they poured into helping our musicians find their sound.

A special thank-you also goes to the teacher-advisors, Ms Carol Ling, Ms Grace Lim, Ms Jasmine Teo, Ms Phoebe Tan, Ms Siti Khadijah Bte Ismail, Mr Lim Tse Ren, Ms Sabeena Sareena and Ms Jamuna Madhav, who planned and organised this memorable event, tying together months of preparation into an afternoon we won't forget. Not forgetting our stage team — Ms Grace Lim Zining, Mr Lingesh Segar and Mr Rajendran Elancheliyan — who worked tirelessly behind the scenes managing the stage.

And finally, a shoutout to our wonderful emcees, Zhang Chenqi and Larissa Chan, who kept the show running with warmth and humour throughout. Larissa, a Class of 2023 alumna and former pianist of the orchestra, returned especially to mentor her junior through the ropes of emceeing — a full-circle moment that captured exactly what The Sound of Us is about: a community that keeps coming back for one another.

To every musician, teacher and crew member who made this concert happen — thank you for reminding us just how much music can bring people together.





Choice To Run: Neon Rush

On 15 August, the 16th Student Ambassadors organised our annual charity event, Choice To Run: Neon Rush, in support of the Singapore Association for the Deaf (SADeaf). Throughout our preparations, we were grateful for SADeaf’s support and collaboration, from helping us incorporate sign language into our obstacle run to setting up an information booth and sharing at our school assembly. Guided by the slogan “Beyond Sound, Every Gesture Matters,” this year’s event featured the Run, our new glow-themed experience NeonScape, the Sign Language Challenge, and our signature Colour Fiesta. Being involved in building the Run from the ground up was one of the most fulfilling and enjoyable experiences, allowing us to grow as leaders and members of our community. Throughout the planning process, we faced challenges and crossroads, such as changing obstacles after trials to make them more enjoyable and practical, which we navigated alongside our team members and teachers. We were also grateful to welcome members of SADeaf onto our run course to assist with one of the sign language obstacles. Along the way, we developed resilience, time management and patience, while strengthening our leadership skills through working with the Year 4 volunteers. Seeing the Run come to life after months of preparation, and watching participants enjoy the course while learning sign language, made all the effort worthwhile.

As a new addition to CTR: Neon Rush, NeonScape brought a burst of colour, energy and creativity to the event. From glow-in-the-dark sports and painting to dancing and taking photos, there was something for everyone. The neon handprints, skeleton dance and photobooth became memorable highlights where participants could connect, be creative and make memories together. More than just an activity zone, NeonScape became a space for creativity, connection and shared experiences. Seeing participants doodle on their shirts and arms with neon paint, play with glowing slime, get active with neon sports and capture fun shots showed us that our months of planning had created an experience filled with smiles and unforgettable memories. This year, we also unveiled a brand-new Sign Language Challenge, where participants put their learning to the test by recalling and demonstrating the signs they had picked up throughout the event. To round off the day, our signature Colour Fiesta brought CTR: Neon Rush to a vibrant close, as clouds of colourful powder filled the air and participants gathered for a final group photo — a fitting celebration of the energy, friendships and shared experiences of the day.

Above all, CTR: Neon Rush reminded us that an event of this scale is never achieved alone. We are grateful to our fellow Ambassadors, HVMC, SLT, our teacher mentors — especially Ms Carmen Choong, Mdm Koh Leng Leng and Ms Allison Ng — sponsors, volunteers, and every participant who helped bring the event to life. Ultimately, seeing the smiles on our participants’ faces was our greatest measure of success. Through this experience, we grew not only as leaders, but also as a stronger and more appreciative community.

Lo Cheuk Chun (Amina) (5 THO), Ekeesha Atre (5 OLD), Hibiki Murata (5 LSG), Lee Chia-cheng (5 THO)
On behalf of 16th Student Ambassadors



A Learning Journey to the Indian Heritage Centre

The Year 4 Tamil Language students embarked on an enriching learning journey to Little India, with the main objective of deepening their understanding of Indian culture and learning about the contributions of Indian pioneers to Singapore.

During their visit to the Indian Heritage Centre, the students explored a variety of exhibits showcasing the history, traditions and everyday lives of Singapore’s Indian communities. They gained valuable insights into the challenges faced by the early pioneers and learnt how their contributions helped shape Singapore’s development.

The students then explored Little India, where they experienced the vibrant atmosphere of the neighbourhood, visited local shops and enjoyed a meal at a traditional coffee shop. This gave them an opportunity to connect what they had learnt at the museum with the living culture around them. Overall, the learning journey was an enjoyable and meaningful experience. It helped the students develop a deeper understanding of their Indian heritage and encouraged them to appreciate the rich cultural diversity that forms an important part of Singapore’s identity.



Picture With A Traditional Door Frame



Learning About Our Pioneers And Historical Figures



Learning Traditional Indian Dances



Smelling Commonly Used Indian Herbs And Spices (Cinnamon And Ginger)



Doing A Puppet Show Together

Contemporary Band CCA

Showcase and Charity Event 2026

On 14 August, the Contemporary Band CCA hosted its Showcase and Charity Event at the Chapel from 3:20 pm to 5:00 pm. It was a lively and engaging afternoon filled with music and meaningful purpose. Thanks to the generosity of our audience and supporters, we successfully raised a total of \$889 for Children’s Wishing Well to support children in need. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to make this event an overwhelming success!



Contemporary Band CCA members of 2026



From left: Xavier Loh (3 GHK), Andrew Chan (3 THO), Nara Satya Riyadi (3 SVM), Minho Kang (3 TCT), Jun Feng Lee (3 THO)



From left: Arushi Lahiri (1 THO), Suri Tan (3 TCT), Kate Lim (2 CKS), Hyobin Cho (3 CKS)



Best Performance Band and Coaches: (From left) Mr. Sebastian, Owen Cheong (5 TCT), Chantelle Maia Singh (5 SVM), Nicole Bay (5 TCT), Faye Zhang (5 OLD), Nicole Ho (5 GHK), Ashley Rao (5 THO), Mr Helman, Seohee (3 CKS), Geonwoo (3 SVM), Jinwoo (4 SVM), Soomin (5 SVM)



From left: Seohee Shin (3 CKS), Jinwoo Shim (4 SVM), Soomin Yoo (5 SVM), Geonwoo Kim (3 SVM)



National Day Assembly 2026

The Contemporary Band were proud to perform at the National Day Assembly on 7 August, electrifying the sports hall with an inspiring rendition of "Tomorrow's Here Today." With vibrant energy and flawless coordination, our members raised the celebratory spirits across the entire school community. Their outstanding effort showcased the dedication of our CCA, encouraging everyone to celebrate Singapore's journey and look toward the future with optimism.



National Day Performers: (From left) Owen Cheong (5 TCT), Nicole Bay (5 TCT), Chantelle Maia Singh (5 SVM), Ashley Rao (5 THO), Faye Zhang (5 OLD), Nicole Ho (5 GHK)

The experience of partaking in the school's national day was truly an exhilarating experience. As a band, we've been through each rehearsal together striving for nothing but the best to deliver to the school. Safe to say it was truly a success that was carried out confidently and smoothly. As for the showcase, being given the privilege to perform 3 songs was such an honour and was carried out flawlessly to the best of our efforts as a band. Every band's energy was top notch and entertained the crowd more and more throughout every performance. Thank you to all the participants, audience, and judges that made this experience truly special.

Band name: 100 days
Band member names : Owen Cheong(Vocalist)
Ashley Rao (Guitar) Faye Zhang (Bass) Chantelle Singh (Drums) Nicole Bay (keyboard) Nicole Ho (Guitar)

Taking part in the Contemporary Band CCA Showcase was a memorable experience for me and the other members of our band. We performed "Treasure" by Bruno Mars and "Feels" by Calvin Harris and really enjoyed performing them on stage. From rehearsals to the final performance, we became closer as a band and learned the importance of working together. Seeing the audience enjoy our performance made our preparation worthwhile. We were also very happy and grateful to receive the Best Band Award, which made the experience even more special. We would also like to thank our coaches for their guidance and support throughout the showcase.

Soomin Yoo (5 SVM)

What an unforgettable evening! As the Contemporary Band CCA Captain, I am thrilled to share that our second annual Charity Showcase was a resounding success. Moving the venue from the Student Centre to the Chapel this year was a massive shift. The planning was incredibly tedious, from tweaking sound acoustics to coordinating complex stage setups. But seeing everything come together under those flashing lights made every bit of effort completely worth it. The talents on display were simply phenomenal. Every single performance was packed with energy, soul, and heart, proving just how much dedication our musicians poured into their rehearsals.

This event couldn't have happened without an incredible support system. A huge, heartfelt thank you goes out to our coaches, teachers and PAV team for their constant guidance and patience. To every band member: your hard work and passion blew me away. Finally, thank you to all the family members and friends who came to support us. Your cheers made the entire night truly special and brought our charity effort to life!

Seojeong Yun (4 THO)

Interact & Sustainability CCA

National Day Lunch Outreach for the Commonwealth Community

On 1st August, our Interact and Sustainability CCA hosted our annual National Day Lunch Celebrations in partnership with Holland Village Methodist Church (HVMC).

The event featured a lineup of vibrant performances and entertainment! This included dancing and singing of Twice’s ‘What is love’ and 53A’s National Day classic, ‘Tomorrow’s Here Today’ by Kim Ye Rham (3 LSG), Tara Wei (3 OLD) and Leia Lam (3 CKS). Following that, we had a melodious guitar performance of Laufey’s ‘From The Start’ by Elliot Smith (4 LSG). To wrap up the segment, our very own Cleaning Custodian, Mr Ikhran, took to the stage and performed ‘For The Good Times’ and ‘Suspicious Minds’ by Elvis Presley!

After the performances, we opened up several interactive booths to celebrate authentic Singaporean culture! Beneficiaries had opportunities to experience old school Singaporean games like flag eraser and aero prop games, bringing back fond memories of local traditions.

To end the day on a high note, each beneficiary received a thoughtfully curated goodie bag which contained an assortment of snacks, drinks and National Day themed memento!



ACS Got Talent

On 7 August, ACS Got Talent 2026 took place in the chapel as the 9th Student Affair’s first event. This event was carried out differently from previous years, with glow in the dark wristbands for the audience to show their spirit for their friends, live commentary by the judges inspired by the AGT reality show as well as a surprise performance by one of the school’s custodial supervisors, Mr Ikhran.

The theme for this year’s showcase was Wild Wild West, inviting hidden talents from across ACS to step into the spotlight during our International Day celebration. Six incredible acts hit the stage to compete for the \$100 grand prize, including returning crowd favourite Japanese band WASAUBY, whose energetic performance of “Kaiju no Hanauta” earned them 1st Runner Up! They were joined by an outstanding lineup of performers: Day 4, Eden Teoh, Wave To Us, The Dominoes, and Dance CCA. Finally, the chapel ignited with cheers during a heart-warming surprise performance by Mr. Ikhran, who blew everyone away singing “My Way” by Frank Sinatra!

This year’s ACS Got Talent brought spirit to the Oldham Chapel, as students came to support their friends, recognise new talents and fill the morning with incredible energy! We owe a massive thank you to our esteemed panel of judges—Ms Phoebe Tan, Mr Alvin Ho, and our mystery judge, ACS alumnus Alina Mak—who took on the tough task of evaluating our talented lineup. Their live, encouraging critiques and expert insights made the experience even more thrilling for both the audience and the performers. Towards the end of the showcase, the stage was packed with energy as all the performers gathered together for the final results. The judges brought the house down by popping a balloon filled with confetti and money to announce The Dominoes as the official champions! While taking home the grand prize was a thrilling moment, the morning was a powerful reminder that talent isn’t just about winning titles. True talent lies in the courage to step into the spotlight and showcase the capabilities one has cultivated through diligence, passion, and a thirst for learning.

ACS Got Talent 2026 was an unforgettable experience and we can’t wait for next year!

Foo Xin Xi Riley 5SVM



TCT Charity Event

On 7 August, Ms Cheryl Seah, Ms Grace Lim, Ms Eleanor Dent and 20 student volunteers from TCT House visited the Geylang Active Ageing Centre to conduct a rock painting session with the seniors. The activity gave everyone something creative to work on, and created opportunities for students and seniors to connect through simple conversations and shared experiences. At first, some of us were unsure of how to start conversations, especially with the language differences, as not all of us spoke Chinese fluently. Fortunately, some seniors at the tables kindly stepped in to help translate, allowing students and seniors to communicate more comfortably. As everyone settled into the activity, the atmosphere became increasingly natural and lively. Students gradually became more confident in approaching the seniors, exchanging experiences with the elderly.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was hearing the seniors share their stories and memories. As we painted together, many of them began talking about what life was like when they were younger, sharing stories about their families, experiences and memories from the past. It was heart-warming to see how something as simple as painting rocks could become a starting point for meaningful conversations.

We ended the outing on a high note with a mass dance and treat. We danced to the song “Home” by Kit Chan, a perfect way to acknowledge National Day weekend, which was just around the corner. We later had egg tarts with the elderly seniors, bringing the eventful afternoon to a close.



“My favourite part about the rock painting session was getting to know the elderly and hearing about the stories from how it was like long ago and the hardships he faced growing up, which was really different from how many of us grew up. It was a very refreshing and new experience for me, which made me appreciate the current times I’m living in and to not take things for granted.”

Shayne Liew (3 TCT)

“I think I learnt to be more open-minded and caring. The seniors occasionally expressed thoughts that were different from mine, but it helped me learn and understand where they were coming from. This allowed me to care for their opinions and how much conversation means to them.”

Daniel Tan (4 TCT)

“This activity reminded me that sometimes, just by spending time and listening to them can have a meaningful impact. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to plan this experience, and I hope that both the students and seniors left with happy memories from the afternoon.”

Alessi Le Cier Lee (4 TCT)

“When we started planning this TCT House Charity project, I thought the main focus would be the rock painting activity itself. However, after the session, I realised that the paintings were only a small part of the experience. What really made the afternoon memorable were the interactions between the students and the seniors.”

Lau Sin Ching Josie (4 TCT)



SG:SW Mandopop Songwriting Competition

From June to December 2025, I had the incredible opportunity to take part in SG:SW 2025, a Mandopop songwriting competition with over 200 entries. Making it into the Top 24 semi-finals already felt surreal, and I thought it'd stop at getting to the Top 10 finals at the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre alongside some incredible talented songwriters.

I never would have imagined winning two of the six prizes: the Grand Prize for **"Best Overall Song"** and the audience voting prize for **"Most Popular."** I got to have my song "偷懶" / 'Let me be lazy' professionally produced and released on streaming platforms like Spotify and Apple music, and I even filmed a music video in Kuala Lumpur!

The prizes included \$3,000 in cash, most of which I used to thank my bandmates for their support, while saving the rest towards music equipment.

But what made this experience really life-changing was everything I learnt along the way. During the semi-finals in the middle of a mall, I was floored by the operation level of professional productions. The equipment, technicians and staff were on another level, and everything ran with a precision I had never experienced at school. The staff laughed at my amazement, for I was impressed by the bare minimum to their standard. It was eye-opening to what working in the music industry could really be like.



The music video was perhaps the biggest "is this actually happening?" moment of the entire experience. We shot everything in just five hours; the set was amazing, and I was fascinated watching the director constantly come up with new ideas and bring out charisma in my performance that I did not even know I had. Seeing the manager, makeup artists, lighting directors, camera operators and director communicate and build on each other's work made me realise how collaborative the industry really is. It was one of the most fun experiences I have ever had.



The experience also took me beyond performing and songwriting. I was interviewed on YES 933 and CAPITAL 958, where I got to see how radio shows work behind the scenes. Watching the hosts effortlessly handle interviews made me appreciate just how difficult good hosting actually is — I would love to reach that level someday!



But there were challenges too. The competition, workshops and studio recording all happened alongside my end-of-year examinations, so balancing this with performance preparations was... draining to say the least. Even so, I wouldn't have done anything differently.

I am incredibly grateful to my bandmates, friends and music teachers who supported me at the finals, and to the Language Department for introducing me to the competition and helping with the voting. I am also thankful to the school for supporting me throughout the experience.

I will be returning as a guest performer at the SG 2026 finals this year. I am excited to keep writing, learning and seeing where this journey takes me next.

Crystal Huang (6 LSG)

Inter-House Chess Championship

Oldham House did very well in this year's Inter-House Chess Competition, securing first place overall. The competition brought together skilled players from across each House, turning each board into a fun challenge filled with clever tactics, unexpected surprises and plenty of laughs. Throughout the competition, Oldham House demonstrated consistency and determination. Players remained composed under pressure and took advantage of key opportunities during their matches. Several games were closely contested, making the final result particularly rewarding. Beyond individual performances, the collective effort of the Oldham House team contributed significantly to the overall victory.

We are extremely happy this year that our efforts have been recognised and rewarded. Congratulations to all participants for their efforts and to Oldham House for an excellent achievement!

Huang Mingyang (5 OLD)
Tetsu Yamano (5 OLD)
Rui Masumi (5 OLD)



The Invisible Frames: A Photographer’s Reflection of International Day 2026

A swarm of parent volunteers was already busy setting up under the tent over the basketball court. With cameras around my neck, I was bracing for the humidity even as I mentally prepared what to cover for the event for the first time.

When I was done with the photography assignment, I just realised how special the ACS (International) community was. I realised the challenge of making photographs speak a thousand words – they could not speak of the invisible frames which were worth telling: the many weeks of Whatsapp communications; brainstorming over what to serve and how to explain cultures, and traditions; the tasting sessions in someone’s kitchen, or the struggle of communicating expectations with a caterer, a vendor; booth decoration with sustainability in mind. Even as I was pondering how to do justice to the invisible frames, I was then quickly drawn to what came to my viewfinder next – an early trickle of students, some in school uniform, others in ethnic garbs and other costumes. Barely able to manually focus the lenses on their curious faces, all of a sudden hosts of students came flooding in. The shutter race was on!

What was delightful to me, moving from booth to booth, was how much energy was evident throughout the morning. You could see it in how those in the booths stood together – shoulder to shoulder, finishing each other’s sentences, moving in lock-step without anyone needing to verbalise instructions. I then realised what made International Day special: the community. Not as much a mass fuss involving cuisine or culture, but a morning where respect, collaboration and genuine curiosity about one another were practised joyously (read the remarks below) – demonstrated by the parent volunteers first, and then by every student, staff, and visitor who evidently enriched by the whole experience.

The cameras came back with zero battery, but I arrived home with a very full heart. These photographs are yours; the community you helped built is ours to savour together.

Peter Ng, Parent of Joshua Ng (Year 4)



The Invisible Frames (continued)

China

"I really enjoyed working with team China and seeing how all the different cultures and country experiences came together so brilliantly with **so much creativity and effort** by the parent community!"

Tjin Lee, Parent of Tyler Lim (Year 1)

Korea

"International Day is one of the few school events where parents can actively join in, help out, and enjoy together, so I am happy that I could join one last time before my boy graduates. Interacting with the kids on the day of the event was fantastic, but the even greater **joy came from the process—brainstorming** what food to serve and which aspects of Korean culture to share. This will remain a cherished memory for a long time. Go ACS!"

Sue Baek, Parent of Seong Yumin (Year 6)

Singapore & Malaysia

"I had great fun being part of the SG-MY team in International Day celebration. It was my 1st time joining in and seeing how the beautiful and talented mothers coming together to create an **unforgettable food and cultural** experience for the students. It brought smiles and joys to teachers and students who came to savour the delicious food."

Joanne Ng, Parent of Leighton Lew (Year 5)

Singapore & Malaysia

"It was a memorable experience for me as a Year 1 mum! It was wonderful to meet and get to know parents from the other year groups. Working alongside the other mums made the experience more special, as we got to know one another better and **formed new friendships** along the way. I also loved interacting with the students and experiencing the amazing energy around the school. Being part of the event made me feel so much more connected to ACS International and its community. I came away feeling joyful, fulfilled and very grateful to have been part of such a fun and meaningful day!"

Vanessa Ng, Parent of Arissa-Kate Tan (Year 1)

Indonesia

"It was a wonderful experience working together to showcase Indonesia's rich culture and celebrate the spirit of friendship and diversity. Seeing the students' happy faces as they enjoyed the food filled me with joy. As a Vietnamese Mommy who knew little about Indonesian culture, I volunteered at the Indonesian booth and gained a deeper appreciation for its traditions. International Day reminded me that although we come from different backgrounds, we can learn from one another, care for one another, and **build a stronger community through respect, collaboration, and cultural appreciation.**"

Jennifer Nguyen, Parent of Andy Nguyen Phuc Huy & Tony Nguyen Bao Huy (Year 2)

Australia

"International day was an amazing event that gave students the opportunity to experience different cultures and cuisines from around the world, all in one morning while having lots of fun with their friends. The event also brought parents together, giving us a **chance to connect , share ideas** and build new friendships while volunteering at the booths."

Sabrina Sim, Parent of Julian Wu (Y3)

North America

"It was nice working with everyone! We may have lost a flag but not our **tenacity** and creativity And in the words of Phil Jackson 'the strength of the team is in each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.'"

Felicia Tan, Parent of Kayleigh Siobhan Liu (Year 5)

Europe

"International Day is my daughter's favourite ACS event of the year, and after volunteering as a parent, I can now even more understand why! I was really amazed by the effort all the parents put into preparing the event, and I did not expect to **have so much fun** and meet new friends along the way. It was a super positive experience and I hope to be able to participate again next year. What a wonderful tradition and strong culture at our school - hats off to everyone involved!"

Christine Manipur, Parent of Anna Manipur (Year 5)

"International Day was a real eye opener for me. I've never seen an event at this scale being run completely by parents as a gift to the school. The actual day was one of the most fun days - we were **all in lock-step** with what needed to be done. There was such great **camaraderie** within our group and without, it made the whole thing so much fun. I was so heartened to see the friendships between everyone and I look for the time when I too will build these relationships. Overall I was sweaty and tired but felt very fulfilled and happy, knowing that my kid is in a really great school and meeting so many wonderful parents."

Neeyor Bose, Parent of Layla Savio (Year 1)

"Our booth was a bustling tour of Europe, serving up bite-sized traditional treats from various countries. Watching the students' faces light up as they sampled new flavours and seeing their **curiosity spark with every bite** was the absolute highlight of the day. Beyond food and culture, the true magic of the event was the sense of connection. It was wonderful to see my child's pride in having a parent involved, and it was equally rewarding to work alongside such creative, **passionate** team of parent volunteers. Thank you to everyone who stopped by, tasted a snack, and made the day so memorable."

Alicia Israel, Parent of Zoe Israel (Year 2)



Garden Tour

Many students do not know that ACS (International) has a rooftop garden, so a lot of people have never been up to see it. To change that, our Gardening CCA recently joined the National Parks Board (NParks) Grow and Share programme to organise a garden tour for the school. The tour was planned by a team of Year 5 students, with Anna Manipur (5 TCT), Tammy Ng (5 LSG), and Elton Ng (3 SVM) leading the walk as our guides. During the tour, they showed visitors around the space, explained what we grow, and shared how urban farming works. Many students have not seen a real papaya plant, and it was fascinating for them to be able to bring an aloe vera plant back to grow.

It was great to see students visiting the rooftop for the first time. Our CCA is happy to finally show this space to more people around school, and we hope more of you will drop by soon.



On 24 July, I joined the Garden Tour hosted by the Gardening CCA. We visited the garden at the Library Block, and the CCA members showed us around. It was so good to see all the different plants they were growing, like bananas, aloe vera, lemongrass, and Butterfly Pea. The best part was that we even got to taste some of the berries and herbs.

The tour made me and my friends more interested in plants and the Gardening CCA. We hope to join more of their activities in the future!

Kang Yueun (1 OLD)



UPCOMING EVENTS

August	Event
31 August – 13 September	School Holidays
September	Event
14	Start of Term 4
15 – 18	Wellness Week
17	Inter-House Quiz
	Peer Leaders Lunch Activity
18	IGCSE Oral Examinations (French/Spanish)
	Visual Art Exhibition
23	Year 4 IGCSE Oral Exam
	Year 4 Last Day
	Year 4 Leaving Assembly
	Year 5 Languages B Prelim Exam Paper 1
23 – 29	HPB Health Screening
24	Year 4 and Year 6 Study Nights begin (6pm-8pm Tuesday and Thursday, weekly)
25	Year 5 Languages B Prelim Exam Paper 2
29	IGCSE Exams begin
30	HPB HPV vaccination

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