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ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

The school recently hosted the Council of International Schools (CIS) for a school-wide visit. This visit, part of the accreditation process, provided a valuable opportunity to reflect on how our school lives up to its purpose and guiding statements, particularly in the areas of academic excellence, personal growth, and intercultural understanding. This Preparatory Visit helps the school prepare for the main Team Evaluation Visit that will occur in about 15 months' time.

The CIS visit was a thorough and collaborative process, engaging students, staff, and parents in meaningful discussions about the strengths and growth areas of our school. From classroom observations to focus groups, the CIS team delved into every aspect of school life. Their purpose was not just to evaluate us against a set of international standards, but to help us identify ways in which we can further enhance the school's programmes.

One of the central focuses of their visit was about Internationalism, with a focus on how we articulate our commitment to nurturing responsible, compassionate, and globally-minded citizens. With students and staff from a variety of cultural backgrounds, our school thrives as a diverse community where differences are celebrated and respected. The CIS team was impressed by the many opportunities we offer students to engage in meaningful cross-cultural interactions, both within the classroom and through our extracurricular programs. Whether it's through language learning, collaborative projects, or cultural events, our students are continuously learning to navigate different perspectives, preparing them to become empathetic and effective global citizens. We look forward to further developing these initiatives using their input.

As we reflect on this visit, we are reminded of Psalm 96:3, which urges us to "Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous works among all the peoples!". This verse speaks to our mission of celebrating the diversity within our school community and using it as an opportunity to showcase the richness of God's creation. It reinforces our commitment to fostering a deep respect and understanding of all cultures, while also serving as a testament to how we can glorify God through unity and compassion.

As we move forward, we are excited to take this feedback and use it to enhance our school community, ensuring that every student who walks through our doors has the tools, heart and mindset to thrive and help others thrive in an interconnected world.

Gavin Kinch
Principal

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STAFF NEWS

Long Service Award Winners

During the Teachers Day celebrations on 30 Aug 2024, the following staff received their Long Service Awards.

1. Mrs Tan Siew Hoon – 20 years
2. Mrs Ivy Teo – 20 years
3. Ms Azizah Bte Madali (Liza) – 20 years
4. Mr Peter Thompson – 10 years
5. Ms Manjari Sreedharan – 10 years
6. Dr Philip Tan – 10 years
7. Ms Tan Shiao Ser – 10 years
8. Ms Karen Chua – 10 years
9. Ms Jesslyn Tey – 10 years
10. Ms Phyllis Lee – 10 years



The following staff are also recipients of the Methodist Schools Long Service Award.

1. Dr Philip Tieh – 30 years
2. Ms Azizah Bte Madali (Liza) – 20 years
3. Mrs Ivy Teo – 20 years



NOTICES

Study Nights for Year 4 (IGCSE) and Year 6 Students

Study nights will run from 6pm to 8pm, every Tuesday and Thursday between 24 September to 7 November, at the Sitorus library. These extended study hours until 8pm are solely for Year 4 (IGCSE) and Year 6 students. Other students will not be admitted to the library during these times to provide a conducive environment for the Year 4 and Year 6 students to study. A Head of Faculty or Assistant Head of Faculty will be on duty each session. Teachers on duty are available for consultation, and the staff duty roster will be posted outside the school library.

The Parent School Partners (PSP) will sponsor dinner at 5.30pm at the canteen. The last collection for dinner orders is at 5.45pm. Please sign up for dinner orders one day before each session at the library counter. Students are advised not to cancel the dinner without valid reasons.

Students should wear proper school attire (including school cardigan and shoes) when using the library. School-related shirts such as polo and House T-shirts are permitted but must be worn with school pants or culottes. Students wearing the wrong attire will be asked to change before entering the library.



Teacher's Day with a Decade of Music

Sheraton Towers Hotel was buzzing with excitement when the King of Rock and Roll Elvis Presley, the Beatles, ABBA, MC Hammer, Cyndi Lauper, Black Eyed Peas, and the Spice Girls made an unexpected visit on the morning of Friday, 30 August. Fans were star-struck as these icons of the music world swaggered to the ballroom with such presence, creating a wave of excitement and unforgettable moments! But look closer and it was clear that the 'celebrities' were none other than our very own Principal Mr Gavin Kinch, Vice Principal Mrs Tan Siew Hoon, Vice Principal Mr Chris Hayward, Vice Principal Dr Kris Achter, the teachers from the various departments, and members of the Parent School Partners (PSP)!

This year's Teachers' Day celebration "The Magic of Music: Decade Tours", which took months of preparation, culminated to one magical afternoon of fun, laughter, music, and lots of surprises. What better way to express our deepest appreciation to all our dedicated teachers than through the universal language of music. Invitations to this special Teacher's Day lunch were sent out 2 months prior, and many came dressed as their favourite music celebrities/groups.

At 11:30am when all guests were seated and lights slightly dimmed, the emcee Aman introduced a new girls' group, P'Spice Girls (aka the PSP) to the delight of all our guests! Several of us were dressed as pop stars and not our regular day job as moms. The mood was electric as this was followed by a celebrity parade by all our fun-loving teachers from the various departments. It was so much fun to see everyone swaying to the music and having a blast. This year, we were blessed with more prizes for the lip sync performance, best dressed and the lucky draws. There was also a table surprise when one lucky winner from the table got to bring home the centrepiece prize! It was an afternoon to be remembered.

To all our wonderful teachers, thank you for your dedication, patience, passion, wisdom and grace in inspiring and shaping our children for the future. Happy Teacher's Day!

Carol Seow, parent of Year 3 student Lindsay Seow





Australian Mathematics Competition 2024

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank has been held annually since 1978. One of the largest annual events on the Australian education calendar, the AMC is one of the largest of its type in the world. More than 40 countries participate each year.

The competition aims to be accessible to all students from Years 1 to 6, not just the mathematically gifted. There is an emphasis on problem solving, a valuable life skill, and the questions are designed to be fun for the student. The AMC consists of three separate papers, each with 30 questions in the Junior (ACS Years 1 and 2, Australian Year 7 and 8), Intermediate (ACS Years 3 and 4, Australian Year 9 and 10) and Senior (ACS Years 5 and 6, Australian Year 11 and 12) divisions. The time allowed for completion is 75 minutes. Over 1,000 students share the prizes and around 50% of participants qualify to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other entrants in the competition receive a Certificate of Participation or a Proficiency Certificate. All students are also provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with wider statistical rankings.

On 7 August 2024, 168 students (Years 1 to 6) from ACS (International) took part in AMC 2024. The list of Prize, High Distinction and Distinction award recipients for ACS (International) is given below.

Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) 2024 Results		
ACS (International) Singapore		
Name	Division	Award
Donghun Lee	Intermediate	Prize & best in school award winner
Minwoo Kim	Senior	High distinction
Ahjeong (Olivia) Sim	Senior	High distinction
Tetsushi Aoyama	Intermediate	High distinction
Po-hsueh Patrick Lu	Intermediate	High distinction
Laura Kosarev	Junior	Distinction
Aakash Gupta	Junior	Distinction
Haohan Dai	Junior	Distinction
Wooseok Byun	Junior	Distinction
Tingyu Liang	Junior	Distinction
Koyena	Junior	Distinction
Muchen Liu	Intermediate	Distinction
Chengyi Zhou	Intermediate	Distinction
Yejin Kim	Intermediate	Distinction
Zizheng Li	Intermediate	Distinction
Hanwen Qian	Intermediate	Distinction
Jai Sarkar	Intermediate	Distinction
Minghong Yuan	Intermediate	Distinction
Bingji Fang	Intermediate	Distinction
Seungah Lee	Intermediate	Distinction
Youchen Wu	Intermediate	Distinction
Hyeonjoon Lee	Intermediate	Distinction
Geonwoo Sung	Intermediate	Distinction
Haoxuan Yu	Intermediate	Distinction
Junjie Fan	Intermediate	Distinction
Hyunyeon Song	Intermediate	Distinction
Dingyuan Sun	Senior	Distinction
Seoryung Kim	Senior	Distinction
Nathan Keenan Widjaja	Senior	Distinction
Yuchan Lim	Senior	Distinction
Yeseo Lee	Senior	Distinction
Ziyi Tang	Senior	Distinction
Bono Jakub Gajdek	Senior	Distinction
Ziming Ren	Senior	Distinction
Geonwoo Kim	Senior	Distinction
Junyeong Hong	Senior	Distinction
Natsuko Kawasumi	Senior	Distinction
Om Nitin Acharekar	Senior	Distinction
Jiyoung (William) Jueng	Senior	Distinction
Sijun Chun	Senior	Distinction
Yeongwook Ahn	Senior	Distinction

ACS (International) AMC Results								
Category / Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of participants	105	38	107	73	91	118	107	168
Prize	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
High Distinction	2	1	1	1	4	2	5	4
Distinction	20	9	17	11	28	27	22	36

Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad (SJChO)

I have always been fascinated by the mysteries and logic of chemistry, particularly how elements with vastly different properties are composed of the same fundamental particles—protons, electrons, and neutrons. Therefore, I felt incredibly fortunate to attend the 14th Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad (SJChO). I completed the IGCSE syllabus early in the year and made an effort to cover as many IB topics as possible before the competition. For advanced learning, I watched various lecture videos and read several research papers to deepen my knowledge of chemistry. I am extremely grateful to Ms Carmen Choong and Ms Hilda Toh for dedicating their time to host our weekly training sessions in April and May to prepare for round 1 on 21 May. Upon learning that I had advanced to round 2, held on June 25, I was grateful that my hard work had paid off and excited for the next challenge, which involved 45 practical questions. I was thrilled to receive the Gold award.

During the award ceremony, Professor Loh Xian Jun, president of Singapore National Institute of Chemistry (SNIC), delivered an inspiring speech. The most memorable part for me was his explanation of crystallisation. He described how nucleation, the initial step in crystallisation, occurs when a small group of atoms, ions, or molecules come together to form a crystalline structure. This structure serves as a foundation for other particles to attach, eventually forming a larger crystal. To me, our studies in Chemistry mirror this process of nucleation, driving us to build a strong foundation of knowledge that will one day grow into something remarkable.

Dr Fun Man Fung also introduced us to the Singapore Chemistry Olympiad (SChO) and International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO). I hope to represent Singapore in the IChO one day. More importantly, I hope my passion for Chemistry continues to grow and inspires others to explore this fascinating subject.

Ziting Lin (4 CKS)



Lin Ziting – Gold



Wu Youchen – Merit

ACS (International) Excels at International Debate Competition

ACS (International) students showed their mettle at the recent Asia Schools Open - British Parliamentary Debate, which was held on 31 August and 1 September this year. The summer edition of the competition attracted 124 brilliant young debaters from various reputable institutions across the Asia Pacific region.

This year's competition fostered a dynamic exchange of ideas on a wide range of critical issues, including art, parenting, business, education, international relations, environment, and sports. The participation of seasoned debaters and adjudicators from diverse debating circuits worldwide enriched the experience with expert feedback and world-class judgment, adding substantial value to the event and to the students' performances. Our tournaments are designed to nurture and showcase exceptional talent on a global stage, and your students have played a crucial role in fulfilling this mission.

Two students from ACS (International) — Jacob Budiman (3 SVM) and Jayden Christian Budiman (4 SVM) — performed well and did the school proud at the competition. The competition organisers highlighted their “impressive achievements” and “outstanding debating skills” which “significantly contributed to the prestige of our flagship event”. They won the following awards:

Jacob Budiman

- 1st Best Speaker, 14-and-Under Category
- 2nd Best Speaker of Southeast Asia, Singapore
- Semi-finalist, 18-and-Under Category

Jayden Christian Budiman

- 1st Best Speaker, 18-and-Under Category
- 1st Best Speaker of Southeast Asia, Singapore
- Semi-finalist, 18-and-Under Category

Congratulations to Jacob and Jayden for their stellar performances.

The Best Is Yet To Be



Choice To Run 2024

Apex Fiesta Edition

On 24 August 2024, over 300 enthusiastic participants gathered at ACS (International) for Choice To Run, our annual charity event dedicated to raising funds and awareness for a meaningful cause. This year, the 14th Student Ambassadors teamed up with Oldham and CKS to present Choice To Run 2024: APEX Fiesta Edition. Together, we proudly raised \$18,270.63 for the Disabled People's Association (DPA), Singapore's only cross-disability non-profit organisation, which advocates for the disabled community and strives to create a fairer, more inclusive society.

The event commenced with an inspiring speech by our principal, Mr Gavin Kinch, followed by a heartfelt message from Ms Theresa Goh, our Guest of Honour, a prayer by Pastor Jeremy Ong of Holland Village Methodist Church (HVMC), and a lively mass warm-up featuring stretches and an engaging dance. We were honoured to have Ms Goh, a distinguished paralympic swimmer and Vice-President of the DPA, as our Guest of Honour, to share her experiences with us.

The unexpected rain allowed all participants to spectate the first round of APEX100, which featured a series of thrilling physical challenges, alongside various food and game booths at the Oldham Fiesta. Despite the running route being moved indoors, participants enjoyed a memorable experience with fun obstacles adding extra excitement to the run. The day concluded with the vibrant Colour Fiesta, filling the atmosphere with joy and laughter, leaving everyone with bright smiles and colourful outfits.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Parent School Partners (PSP) and HVMC for their generous sponsorship, all the donors, and everyone who participated and supported Choice To Run 2024. Your contributions and enthusiasm made this event a resounding success!



Oldham Fiesta

The Oldham Fiesta, a charity carnival organised by Oldham House, was also a resounding success. The idea, proposed during one of our meetings, initially seemed daunting given the scale and the unfamiliarity of the newly formed house prefect team. However, with the guidance of the Head of House, Mdm Koh Leng Leng, we managed to allocate roles and form sub-committees.

Despite concerns about manpower shortages, the team worked diligently throughout the June holidays. The four subcommittees: Booths, Publicity, Logistics and Coupon Sales, collaborated well to ensure smooth operation of the Oldham Fiesta, sacrificing lots of lunchtimes and hours after school. Recruiting booth masters was challenging as we needed individuals capable of managing booths independently, including managing a budget and making good designs. Creating the duty roster was challenging too as we had to coordinate with the planning committees of Choice to Run and APEX100, so that the booth masters had enough time to rest and enjoy the other components of the event, in between manning their own booths.

On the day of the event, we arrived early to set up, not quite sure what to expect. At 8am, the speeches and collaborative mass-warm up marked the start of a very energetic and positive atmosphere in the Sports Hall. We were blessed to see a constant crowd patronising the booths, making our booth masters extremely busy. While a lightning alert caused a temporary pause in the dunk tank schedule, the event proceeded smoothly with an extension granted for the following Monday.

The Oldham Fiesta was a significant accomplishment for us, marking the first time we had organised such a large-scale charity carnival. I am incredibly grateful to my team of house prefects, Mdm Koh, as well as other Oldham teachers for their support, excellent teamwork, and planning, which contributed to the event's success. This experience will definitely be one for the books!

*Chua Yun Yu (5 OLD)
House Captain (Oldham)*



Choice To Run with APEX

For Choice to Run Apex Fiesta edition this year, CKS House put on APEX, a thrilling physical competition inspired by the Netflix show Physical 100! This event tested participants' strength, endurance, and teamwork across five intense rounds, from obstacle courses to tug-of-war. CKS collaborated with two other student leader groups to bring this unique event to life and raise funds for the Disabled People's Association.

Our APEX event went hand in hand with a fantastic magic show performed by ACS (International)'s very own Mr. David Fillary. The show generated even more interest, especially from students who were less athletically inclined.

While promoting APEX, we expanded our outreach beyond the school, giving presentations at various community events including a Methodist church service. Engaging with different demographics, including older individuals unfamiliar with online registration, taught us to adapt our communication style to be more inclusive. Learning to communicate clearly with various groups was a valuable takeaway for us, and we will apply this to future event promotions.

On the day of the event, everything came together well. The competition was intense, and participants enjoyed the variety of challenges, from the obstacle course in Round 1 to the finals with a chicken fight! The magic show was also a hit, providing entertainment for those who did not compete. Afterwards, we received positive feedback, with many students saying they regretted not signing up earlier.

Despite the overall success, there were areas for improvement. We learnt that promoting a new event requires more clarity from the beginning to avoid confusion, and pricing needed to be adjusted to make the event more accessible. These lessons will help in planning future events more effectively.

APEX was an incredible experience that taught us a lot about collaboration, communication, and flexibility. While it presented challenges, the positive response from participants and the total funds raised for the Disabled People's Association together with our collaborating teams made it a success worth celebrating.

We wholeheartedly would like to thank all the CKS prefects and organising committee for their dedication and commitment to putting on such an amazing spectacle in the end. Additionally, we must express sincere appreciation to Mr David Fillary for his excellent magic show and Miss Laura Blunt for her incredible guidance during the build-up to the event and her help on the day of it. Great job CKS sharks!

*Ashley Chan Jia En (5 CKS)
CKS House Captain*



SVM Charity Outreach

This year, SVM House embarked on an exciting journey to support the Christian Outreach to the Handicapped (COH), and it was an incredibly rewarding experience for everyone involved. Beginning in March this year, we began planning a mooncake sale, which became a key part of our fundraising efforts leading up to the Mid-Autumn Festival. Through the dedication of our students, we successfully raised over \$4,000 for the COH and brought more than 170 mooncakes to the organisation for their clients and staff to enjoy during the festive season.

Our efforts culminated in a visit to the COH, where we had the chance to interact with the clients and participate in a day filled with fun activities. Together, we created colourful Mid-Autumn lanterns, played card games, solved puzzles, and took walks in the fresh air, deepening our connection with the community. But the experience extended beyond just one day of interaction as we also had the privilege of seeing the wide range of programmes COH offers its clients, including music therapy and art therapy—programmes designed to nurture creativity and personal development. This gave us a clear sense that the funds we raised were put to good use by supporting programmes that enrich the lives of the people they serve.

For the students of SVM House, this experience has been transformative. We learnt first-hand the power of giving and the impact of inclusivity, patience, and empathy. Our time at the COH helped us understand the importance of helping others and opened our eyes to the challenges some individuals face. It reinforced that service to others is not only about financial support, but about spending time, building relationships, and contributing to a larger sense of community. Through the mooncake sale and our time at COH, we have seen how small efforts can make a big difference. As we reflect on the journey from planning in March to visiting COH in celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival, we are excited to find ways to support causes such as these, which not only strengthen our school's bond with the wider community but also help us grow as individuals.

SVM House looks forward to carrying the lessons learned into future endeavours, as we strive to foster compassion, understanding, and inclusivity both within our school and beyond.

Ayana Kapoor and Sonya Beh (2 SVM)



LSG Visit to Mindsville

On 19 July, a group of 4 LSG and 5 LSG students had the rewarding opportunity to visit Mindsville, a special needs centre in Singapore. The day was filled with joy and meaningful interactions as we engaged with the participants in various activities.

When we first arrived, communication was a little challenging at the start, as many of the participants felt uncomfortable with the new environment and people. However, as soon as we began our planned activities the apprehension began to subside.

We started off by colouring together, which was a great icebreaker. Next, we crafted some forkies using pipe cleaners, allowing everyone to express their creativity in a tangible and memorable way. Our final activity involved making paper crafts, which the participants could take home as a keepsake from the day.

As the activities progressed, the initial barriers of discomfort began to fade. The participants opened up and engaged more enthusiastically with us. It was heartwarming to see smiles and hear laughter as they became more involved in the crafts. The connection built was truly special.

At the end of the session, the gratitude expressed was overwhelming as the participants thanked us sincerely for the activities, and their parents shared their appreciation. The heartfelt thanks from both the individuals and their families were a testament to an impactful visit.

Nishya Subash Prabhu (4 LSG)



Cookery CCA

Ms Cheryl Seah often referred to us as “Little Chefs,” and 10 September and 20 September were the days for us to demonstrate the culinary skills we had acquired throughout our cookery classes, proving that we had developed from little chefs into master chefs. Aprons were put on; ingredients were laid out and it was time to display our culinary finesse. Time was of the essence, as we were given only an hour to complete and plate our dishes. Each group raced against the ticking clock as the kitchen came to life with a frenzy of motion.

As time elapsed, each group presented their dishes to the respective judges, Vice Principal (Middle Division) Mr Chris Hayward, Head of CCAs Mr. Alvin Ho and TCT Head of House Ms Cheryl Seah. The air grew thick with anticipation; with each new bite, their facial expressions evolved. One judge raised eyes widened in delight, while another raised an eyebrow in intrigue. It was clear who the winners were by the end of the tasting. The winners had crafted a stunning handmade quiche, perfectly baked with a golden crust and a rich, flavourful filling that left the judges with nothing but praise on their tongues.

Regardless of the outcome, we all felt not just the pride of our hard work, but also the satisfaction of having put together dishes that were the culmination of the skills learnt from each session with Ms Seah. It was truly a successful cook-off!

Kyra Terese Lim (4 CKS)



HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Meeting with LSE's President and Vice Chancellor

On 9 September, we had the privilege of meeting [Professor Larry Kramer](#), President and Vice Chancellor of London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), at the SIM Global Education Campus. Professor Kramer shared insights into LSE's evolving curriculum, with a strong focus on incorporating AI into relevant courses. Notably, 70% of LSE's student body hails from 50-60 different countries, with around 300 Singaporean students across undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. He emphasised that LSE is a place of intellectual rigour where students discover their passions. LSE's central location, just a 10-minute walk from major museums, adds to its vibrant student life. For some programmes, prospective students will need to take the Test of Mathematics for University Admission ([TMUA admissions test](#).)

British Council Event for Counsellors

On 16 September, our counsellors attended a British Council event where we had valuable discussions with Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) Chief Executive and Head of International, learning more about the application process for UK universities. UCAS encourages students to take advantage of the many free resources on their website, such as Unibuddy for chatting with current students, Springpod for virtual work experience, and the Personal Statement Generator. Additionally, the British International Doctors Association ([BIDA](#)), which supports UK-based medicine students with internship placements, highlighted the increasing use of Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI) in medical school admissions. Qualities such as empathy, communication, teamwork, and leadership are assessed in these interviews, where applicants may face unique tasks like teaching someone to tie a shoelace using only verbal instructions or delivering sensitive news to a hypothetical patient. Strong reflection and relevant work experience are key components of a competitive medicine personal statement.

Counsellor Event with Dartmouth, Duke, Georgetown, Northwestern, and Vanderbilt counsellors

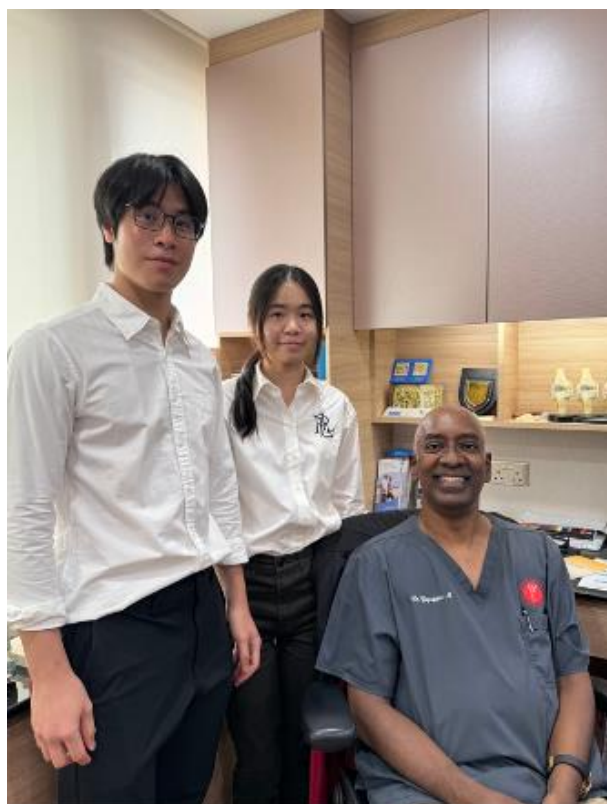
On 17 September, we attended a counsellor event featuring five prestigious U.S. universities. A few key takeaways:

- **Dartmouth:** With 1 in 5 students receiving financial aid, Dartmouth College is committed to reviewing applications within the context of each student's unique background. Their Admissions Dean's podcast, Admissions Beat, is available on Spotify to help debunk myths and ease application anxieties.
- **Duke:** New majors/minors include Inequality Studies and Marine Science and Conservation. Durham is becoming a business hub, with Meta recently opening an office, and Duke's campus even hosts vaccine research. Applying early shows demonstrated interest.
- **Georgetown:** Uses its own application portal rather than the Common App, they continue to require SAT/ACT scores. The university has five undergraduate colleges, each offering a variety of academic programs.
- **Northwestern:** With Chicago just a free shuttle ride away and their campus nestled on Lake Michigan, Northwestern offers an excellent balance between city life and natural beauty. They've introduced a new minor in AI and are currently test-optional for admissions. Their representative, originally from Singapore, shares helpful insights, having experienced both education systems firsthand.
- **Vanderbilt:** New courses in Computing, AI, and Environmental Engineering are coming soon. They remain test-optional and have introduced a fresh essay prompt for this application cycle.

Job Shadowing Programme

(2 to 13 September 2024)

During the September break, 26 senior division students immersed themselves in the working world by learning from industry experts. This experience provided valuable insights into the dynamics of the working environment and highlighted the importance of teamwork and collaboration for career success. More importantly, many students solidified their career interests and mapped out their higher education pathways following the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Overall, the students had a fulfilling job shadowing experience that made the holiday both enriching and worthwhile.



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(L-R) Eldon Lee Kuan Ming (5 THO), Huang Zi Yi (5 TCT) and Dr Yegappan Muthukaruppan

This Job Shadowing experience at Centre for Sports and Shoulder and Elbow Surgery allowed me to explore the various tasks a doctor handles in a day – from consultations to surgery, aim not to only treat patients physically, but also to comfort them by explaining the causes and the different types of treatments that they can consider. With that, it gave me a very clear idea of what I want to do in the future.

Huang Zi Yi (5 TCT)



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(L-R) Mr. Stephen Kwan Choon Shien & Nathan Keenan Widjaja (5 SVM)

My time at KTP Consultants was a very insightful experience for me. I enjoyed learning about the excavation work used in civil engineering and using complex software to visualise real world issues. The team and my supervisor were very helpful, and I got a much better idea of what it's like to work in this field.

This experience has helped me gain a deeper understanding of civil engineering and has also sparked my curiosity to explore other areas of engineering. It has made me reflect on my future career.

Nathan Keenan Widjaja (5 SVM)

The four short days felt like a month; this job shadowing experience was truly fantastic, especially for someone like me who aspires to be a business owner in the future. The well-planned activities and the warm welcome from the employees at Silversky made the entire program unforgettable. I highly recommend this job shadowing opportunity to all students, as it was an eye-opening and rare experience. A big thank you to Mr. Esmond, Ms. Ying Yin, and Mr. Jon for guiding us throughout this journey.

Yun Seojin (5 THO)



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(L-R) Vajra Preena d/o Kavipurapu Venkata Ratnam (5 THO) & Dr. Kieron Lim

My job shadowing at Kieron Lim Gastroenterology was extremely eye opening and educational as I had the opportunity to watch procedures being done and sit in various consultations of different specialities doctors like oncology, cardiology and more observing and constantly learning. Observing healthcare professionals gave me a deep appreciation for their expertise and patient care. The experience helped me explore different fields, so I have a better idea of what I want to be in the future. It deepened my understanding of how the real medical field works while also reinforcing my passion for pursuing a career in medicine.

Vajra Preena d/o Kavipurapu Venkata Ratnam (5 THO)



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(L-R) Yun Seojin (5 THO), Mr. Esmond Low, Nishka Birmi (5 OLD) and Choi Yeonwoo (5 GHK)



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 (L-R) Kaylee Victoria Ng (5 LSG) and Mr. Jonathan Trachscl

This Job Shadowing programme granted me authentic exposure to a lawyer’s job and work environment, and I’m grateful that I was assigned to a firm as reputable as Allen & Gledhill. My favourite part was meeting my supervisor and other interns from different backgrounds, who provided helpful advice with regards to finding internships, taking the LNAT, university experiences and work as a litigator. I would say I would recommend Job Shadowing as it offers fresh and more realistic perspectives.

Kaylee Victoria Ng (5 LSG)

Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration & Term 3 Birthday Celebration at Oldham Hall

On 26 August, Oldham Hall was abuzz with joy as we celebrated the birthdays of our August Term 3 boarders in conjunction with the Mid-Autumn Festival, sharing mooncakes with all who attended. The festive atmosphere was enhanced by a spirited pomelo peeling contest, where Song Hyunye (4 TCT) claimed first place, while Koo Minseo (4 OLD) took home second. It was a delightful day filled with celebration and fun.

Winning first place in the pomelo peeling contest was exciting! I really loved the festive atmosphere at Oldham Hall.

Song Hyunye (4 TCT)

I enjoyed the new themed birthday celebration, and it was great!

Lee Hyeonjoon (4 LSG)

Nathan Alexandro Tjhe (4 SVM)



Oldham Hall Thanksgiving Dinner

The Thanksgiving Dinner at Oldham Hall on 21 September was a heartwarming celebration of gratitude and togetherness. The dining hall was filled with excitement as boarders and staff gathered to enjoy a festive feast. From roast turkey to a variety of mouth-watering side dishes, the food selection was a highlight of the evening, bringing smiles to everyone's faces. The night was also a showcase of student talent. Performances by our boarders added a lively and entertaining element to the evening, with singing, dancing, and even a few surprises that had the audience cheering. These performances reflected the diversity and creativity within our community, making the event even more special.

To top it all off, an awards ceremony celebrating their contributions and growth of the boarders throughout the year. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge their hard work and dedication, further strengthening the sense of community. A heartfelt thank you to all the staff and boarders who made this celebration a success. The Thanksgiving Dinner was a night to remember, filled with joy, laughter, and the spirit of togetherness that makes Oldham Hall feel like home.

Sumiyo Ishikai (5 TCT)

While preparing for the performance, I could not participate in 2 sessions since I was not in Singapore during the term break. However, throughout other classes I managed to follow along because the teacher let us understand what to do easily. While performing, I had a lot of fun even though I made some mistakes such as dropping my earpiece. I am grateful that the performance ended without any big problems. To add on, I would happily participate in next year performing with my friends.

Kim Jeeyoo (2 OLD)

Oldham Hall's Thanksgiving dinner was a memorable event, filled with great food and even better company. The meals were delicious, and the best part of the evening was the performances by the students. From music to spoken words, the effort put into each performance was clear, adding a wonderful touch to the celebration. It was an amazing evening that reminded us to be thankful and to appreciate being together as a school.

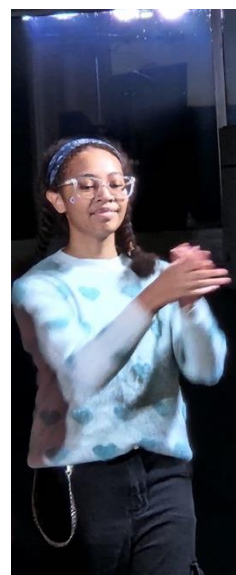
Kensei Tsukamoto (4 THO)

I feel the Thanksgiving dinner was a very meaningful event that reminded us to love and appreciate for the people in our life. The performance, laughter, ACS anthem and every single part made this event special and unforgettable.

Gao Rui (4 OLD)

When I was first offered to dance and sing for Thanksgiving dinner, I thought it was just a waste of time. I thought all the practice we did for the event was pointless. However, it turned out to be fun. I had stage fright and was very nervous, but I felt all the support from the teachers and other fellow boarders and that encouraged me to do my best. This was one of the best moments in my life.

Do Minwoo (1 TCT)



A Sweet Celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival

To celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, students from the Chinese and Japanese classes came together for a fun-filled hands-on activity — making snow skin mooncakes. This traditional Chinese delicacy, typically enjoyed during the festival, took on a new meaning as students from different cultural backgrounds collaborated to create their own versions.

The activity was a sweet success, bringing together students in a meaningful way to celebrate the spirit of the Mid-Autumn Festival. For many of them, this was their first experience making snow skin mooncakes, and the excitement was palpable.

Being my first time making snow skin mooncakes, I found the activity to be very enriching and mentally stimulating. As the whole class had no experience making mooncakes before, I was very impressed by the taste and authenticity of the mooncakes that we produced. I learned that making mooncakes is actually very easy, and I wouldn't mind making my own again next year.

Teesa Nicole Teo Li En (6 THO)

This activity led me to understand how much work and expertise is put into making these mooncakes. The way each mould has a motif or pattern, and some even with Chinese characters on them, is an interesting discovery for me. In my independent research, I saw that people printed messages of good luck on the mooncake, or secret messages readable by putting all 4 pieces together. The origin of the mooncake comes from a Chinese rebellion during the Yuan Dynasty when mooncakes were used to pass around hidden messages. There is a lot to learn from the tradition itself.

Clayton Oliver Wibowo (3 GHK)

第一次做冰皮月饼是一种令人兴奋的经历。虽然手忙脚乱，但很有趣，每个人在看到自己的作品后都笑了。看到我们的创作放在一起感觉很有意义，这是一个有意思的方式来庆祝节日。我了解了团队合作以及实践经验如何加深对文化传统的欣赏。

Hanaleigh Kandiawan (3 GHK)



Inter-House Netball Champions

Oldham is very glad to Overall First Place for the highly competitive Inter-House Netball Competition 2024. Oldham House was in podium finishes for all three Divisions

Junior Division – Third Place
Middle Division – First Place
Senior Division – Third Place

It took the good work of all the teams to get to where we are, and it was a great pleasure watching the girls play as they manifested strong footwork and highly accurate throws. There was also good teamwork that could only come with practice and practice.

Leading the Middle Division netball team for Oldham was very memorable as I got to see all the girls have fun while we played and it was great to see all our morning training pay off.

Maria Mae Leong Perlusz (4 OLD)

Placing 3rd in (Senior Division) Inter-House Netball was a valuable experience. Although it wasn't the top spot, it taught me the importance of perseverance and teamwork. Competing against other Houses helped us grow as a team, and I'm proud of how we came together and pushed through challenges.

Chua Si Rei (6 OLD)

Well done, Oldham netball teams!



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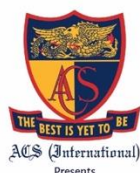
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You've got this — good luck with your exams!



UPCOMING EVENTS

October	Event	October	Event
1	IGCSE Exams begin Year 4 and 6 Study Night	16 – 23	Junior Division End Of Year Exams Year 5 End of Year Exams
2	Year 6 last day	17	Year 4 and 6 Study Night
3	Year 4 and 6 Study Night	21	IBDP Exams begin
8	Year 4 and 6 Study Night	22	Year 4 and 6 Study Night
10	Year 4 and 6 Study Night	24	Normal lessons resume for all years (Post End of Year Exams)
14	Middle Division Study Leave for EOY exams	28	End of year Camps Student Information Session
14 – 15	Year 5 Individual Orals	29 – 30	Year 5 Language B Exams
15	Year 4 and 6 Study Night	31	Deepavali
15 – 23	Middle Division End Of Year Exams	28 – 1 Nov	THIMUN Conference
15	Junior Division Study Leave		



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ACS (International) Admissions Seminars for 2025

Post PSLE IGCSE Seminars

20 November 2024	4pm
21 November 2024	10am
	2pm
22 November 2024	10am
	2pm

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

Attendance by reservations only

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