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Dear Parents/Guardians of Primary 6 Boys in ACS (Primary) and ACS (Junior),

In a few months, you will be making the decision concerning your son's/ward's secondary school education. The selection of a secondary school is an important decision. More than the development of his academic learning will be the development of his character.

We would thus like to invite you to our school on Friday, 19 May 2017 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Concert Hall, to understand some of the things that will take place if your son/ward joins us next year.

ACS (Barker Road)'s vision is for your son/ward to be part of the "Generations of educated men who are God-fearing and growing in Grace." This vision encapsulates the direction we take in educating our young men. The approach we take is to "Touch Hearts, Empower Minds and Enrich Souls". The whole experience of their education will develop them to become the gentlemen that you and I can be very proud of.

Those who come to us at Secondary 1 are made up of 3 groups of students. Firstly, those who score above 235 and are convinced that an ACS (Barker Road) education would suit them better; secondly, those who score below 235 and able to gain a place in ACS (Barker Road); and finally, the relatively small number who are from our non-feeder schools who have the opportunity to experience an ACS education.

As about 60% of students from ACS (P) and ACS (J) fall in the 2nd group of students, there is a good likelihood that your son/ward will be educated with us. For the other 2 groups, the PSLE scores attained by these students would be above 235 and have been as high as 259.

One of the key reasons why we would like you to visit our school for this session is to provide you with the opportunity to visit our campus and find out more about our 1:1 Learning Programme and how it has impacted the boys with us. Primarily, most boys are visual and kinaesthetic learners, and the learning device supports their learning efforts. Our 1:1 Learning Programme inspires both self-directed and collaborative learning amongst our students and 2017 would be our 7th year in the programme. We have successfully implemented the programme for all our current Secondary 1 to 4/5 students and we have seen how this has positively impacted their learning.

Since its implementation, we have moved from using the MacBook to the Chromebook as a device to access learning materials and do their work. The reason for the shift is to enable the school and parents greater control over how the device is used besides the much cheaper cost of the device. In 1:1 Learning, the products of their learning are kept by our students as part of their own portfolio. We believe this will be useful to them when they seek higher education and employment. Do be assured that the cost of the Chromebook will not be an impediment to his learning and we would appreciate the opportunity to engage with you about this matter if it concerns you.

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Direct School Admission

A small number of places are set aside for students seeking admission to our school via the DSA route. This is primarily for our programmes in selected Sports (Basketball, Rugby, Tennis, and Water Polo), Drama, Debates and Public Speaking. The DSA process will be opened to Primary 6 students from May to June 2017. If your son/ward is particularly able in any of these areas, he may apply to be admitted via the DSA programme. Do note that there will be selection and auditions/trials conducted, and that this process is open to all students in Singapore.

Finally, I once again invite you to join us so that you can have a fuller appreciation and understanding of the approach to educating ACS gentlemen in ACS (Barker Road). Your involvement and support are important, and we believe that together, we will mould our young men, for whom The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours sincerely,

Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal