



**Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)**  
A Methodist Institution (Founded 1886)

17 January 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for taking time to attend the first Meet-the-Parents and Breakfast sessions of the year. The slides for these sessions are on the School Website. I hope the boys had a good start into the new year. As we usher in the new year with a new theme – One Heart, One Mind, Once Voice, let us stand united in God’s love as we continue to recognise and embrace differences, celebrate diverse strengths and build each other up through humility, gentleness and patience. In this journey of stewarding the hearts of our boys, we have reminded them about God’s Love and how they should take responsibility for themselves, to love and be gracious to others. As one ACS community, let us embark on this new chapter together, standing united in God’s love (One Heart), united in the ACS mission (One Mind) and united in action (One Voice).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **1. Guidelines for School-Home Partnership**

The school aims to work hand in hand with parents so that our boys develop self-management skills, take responsibility as well as ownership of their learning, and build resilience. This partnership is most effective when founded on mutual respect and trust. Here are some tips to make this happen:

- Give your boy time and space to learn and manage possible consequences if he forgets. By not bringing forgotten items to school and letting him forget, you are helping him remember.
- Encourage your boy to finish his homework by himself. If you do your child’s homework, he will lose the opportunity to learn.
- Guide your boy in managing his time. He will miss the chance to learn about responsibility if you keep going to the teacher for daily updates.
- Understand that teachers may not be able to respond to your queries immediately. Work with teachers to help your boy respect differences and resolve disagreements amicably.
- Set up good home routines for your boy to learn effectively.

### **2. Fundraising**

Riding on MOE’s PERI Upgrading Project, ACS (Junior) will look forward to enhanced facilities and redesigned classrooms to usher in a stimulating holistic learning environment by the end of 2021. These new facilities will include a Student Care Centre, Art Rooms, a Dance Studio, a Band Room, a Mathematics Room, a Teaching and Learning Laboratory

and an Outdoor Experiential Learning Area. We look forward to your support in building ACS (Junior) for the next generation.

Donation options toward the School Building Fund are as follows:

- a. **Cash**
- b. **Cheque** made payable to Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
- c. **Funds Transfer** to DBS Current Account 028-002899-7

Donation above \$100 qualifies for tax deductions; and it **must** be submitted together with the Donation Form. The Donation Form can be found at our school website. The submission can be done through the following options:

- a) Hardcopy Donation Form (as attached) to the general office
- b) FormSG website link: <https://go.gov.sg/acsjbuildingfund>
- c) QR code



Please call ACS(Junior) at 67337911 or email [acjs@moe.edu.sg](mailto:acjs@moe.edu.sg) if you have any query.

### **3. Operating Hours of ACS(J) Student Care Centre (SCC)**

School Term: Monday to Friday (1.30pm to 7pm)

School Holiday: Monday to Friday (730am to 7pm)

The SCC is **closed** on Public Holidays and the following dates:

- a) Eve of Chinese New Year – 24 January (Friday), 2pm onwards
- b) Chinese New Year – 28 January (Tuesday)
- c) Teachers' Day – 4 September (Friday)
- d) P1 Orientation – 12 November (Monday)
- e) Christmas' Eve – 24 December (Thursday)
- f) New Year's Eve – 31 December (Thursday)

### **4. Security Matters**

We continue to place the safety of our boys as the top priority in school. Thank you for displaying your pass prominently when entering the school. This has greatly helped our security staff to manage trespassing. We would like to remind you to continue to wear your pass without demand whenever you are in the campus. Security passes are non-transferrable. If you wish to apply for a pass for your helper or care-giver, please approach the General Office for assistance.

### **5. Road Safety**

Thank you for your co-operation and support to get your child to school on time. To ease congestion along Winstedt Road, please park at the nearby car park at Newton and walk your son to and from school. If your child is alighting at the foyer or external lay-by, we seek your understanding to ensure that your child comes out of the car swiftly without holding up the traffic. If you are picking your child after school at the foyer or external lay-by, please also ensure that you come at a time that he has been dismissed and that he will be fetched promptly. This is a gentle reminder that there is no parking in the school compound unless it

is for an emergency. Please drive carefully within the speed limit in the school premises and along Winstedt Road. Do be mindful of the zebra crossing within the School Zone.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### 6. Chinese New Year Celebration

Date: 24 January 2020 (Friday)

Time: 7.30am to 10am

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on 24 January, Friday. Students will be dismissed at 10am. To add to the festive mood, we would like to encourage all students to wear a Chinese traditional costume to school. Lessons will resume on 29 January, Wednesday.

### 7. Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) Hong Bao Donation drive 2020

As part of our initiative to inculcate the joy of giving in our boys, we are working with Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) to support them in their Lunar New Year Hong Bao (Red Packet) Donation drive. We would like to seek your kind support in encouraging your son to donate a portion of his red packet which will be used to benefit several beneficiaries under MWS. MWS runs 20 centres and programmes for over 12,000 underprivileged children, at-risk youth, distressed families, chronically ill, destitute and frail, and the socially isolated. You may visit <https://mws.sg> for more details on MWS' centres and services. Your son will be receiving an MWS envelope from his Form Teacher during the last week of January. Please encourage your son to place his donation in the envelope and return the envelope to his Form Teacher after the Lunar New Year from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31 January 2020. Please note that for cheques issued, they are to be made payable to: **Methodist Welfare Services**. Please indicate 'Hong Bao Drive 2020' on the back of the cheque. We thank you for your kind support. Your support goes a long way to enable MWS to extend help to those in need.

### 8. Total Defence Day

The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day (TDD) on Friday, 14 February which marks Singapore's fall to the Japanese in 1942. We commemorate TDD for our students to reflect on how Total Defence remains our best all-round response to threats and challenges that confront Singapore. They also reflect on the continuing relevance of the six Total Defence pillars (military, civil, economic, social, digital and psychological) and the core message of every Singaporean standing together, with each playing our part to protect Singapore and our shared way of life.

Through the theme of 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong', we will encourage our students to put Total Defence into action daily by reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones to keep Singapore strong and resilient because our greatest strength lies in the unity and resilience of our people.

## 9. 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Swimming Championships

As part of our “All for Sports” initiative, our Primary 5 boys will be coming together to support the swimmers at the Swimming Championship. Please note that school dismissal for all students will be at 11.30am. It is compulsory for all Primary 5 students to attend this event. After the event, the boys will be dismissed at ACJC unless they have indicated that they are taking school transport back to ACS(J).

Date: Wednesday, 19 February 2020

Time: 2.30pm to 6.00pm

Venue: Anglo-Chinese Junior College

## 10. 134<sup>th</sup> Founder’s Day Service

Our 134<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day Service and Academic Award Presentations will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb from 8.30 am to 11.00 am. Only prize recipients currently in P3 to P6, and all P6 boys are to be present. These boys are to report to school as usual by 7.30 am. The Guest-of-Honour is Mr Richard Seow, Chairman of the ACS Board of Governors. P1 to P5 boys will be having a separate Founder’s Day celebration on 26 February.

## 11. Programme for Active Learning (PAL)

PAL, which started in Week 1 this year, aims to provide enriched learning modules for all P1 and P2 students beyond the curriculum. PAL modules are experiential in nature and incorporate values education and social emotional learning.

The PAL modules cover domains such as Sports, Visual Arts, Drama, Music, Outdoor Education and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills. All PAL modules are facilitated by the Form Teachers of Primary 1 and Primary 2 classes. In addition to the PAL modules, filler activities such as Lifeskills, Cyberwellness, Science and Thinking Skills are incorporated into PAL days to further enrich the students.

### Primary 1 PAL

#### P1 PAL Sports

P1 PAL Sports is the learning of social emotional competency through playing traditional games. Examples of traditional games are hopscotch, 5-stones, marbles, etc. During PAL Sports, the boys experience the fun of playing games while learning self-awareness and self-management. They also learn about local culture and appreciate games that have been in existence for many years.

#### Visual Arts

The boys will explore various types of art medium and materials.

#### Drama

The boys are introduced to drama elements through teamwork and experiential learning. They are trained to develop greater confidence when speaking to an audience.

### Primary 2 PAL

#### P2 PAL Rugby

The boys learn about cooperation and teamwork when playing rugby. They also learn important values like resilience and discipline while honing their skills. The boys are more aware of their surroundings, environment and their interaction with peers.

#### Visual Arts

The boys will explore various types of art medium and materials.

#### Music

The boys are introduced to music and movement.

#### Outdoor Education (OE)

The main objective of P2 PAL OE is about appreciating the outdoor environment. Through the various outdoor activities, we hope to nurture the boys to be more at ease outdoors and learn important safety tips and skills. This year, we will continue to teach navigational skills and allow the boys to experience the outdoors.

## **OTHERS**

### **12. Changes To PSLE in 2021**

To help parents understand the changes better on the new PSLE Scoring and Secondary 1 Posting system, an infosheet on PSLE Changes is attached for your information.

### **13. Assessment Handbook for Parents (P1 to P6)**

The assessment details are attached for your information. It is also available on School Website.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chaillan Mui Tuan  
Principal

## ACS(J) needs you!



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While our students have put in commendable effort to organise concerts, sale of artworks/handicraft and various games and sporting activities to raise funds for the school, we also look to the support of our parents, the ACS Old Boys' Association and stakeholders to contribute to building ACS (Junior) for the next generation. You can contribute by helping us build our school crest (1.2m by 1.2m) together. Each tile (7cm by 7cm) will be sold at \$2000 and together, the tiles will form the ACS Crest, which will be installed at the new Annex Block. Alternatively, you can support by donating any amount you wish. Donations of \$100 are eligible for a tax deduction of 2.5 times. Any excess donation at the end of the upgrading project will be channelled to ACS(J) General Donation in School Management Committee (SMC) Fund for the general purpose of the advancement of education. Thank you for your generous support!

**Kindly note that all donations must be submitted with the following information.**

I would like to buy \_\_\_\_ tile(s) for the ACS Crest @ \$2000 per tile.

I would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ to the ACS(J) School Building Project.

Individual / Corporate Name \_\_\_\_\_

NRIC / UEN \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Son / Class \_\_\_\_\_

Amount donated  **Cash** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Cheque** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque No. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Cheques made payable to Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)*

**Funds Transfer** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to DBS Current Account 028-002899-7  
Transaction Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Account Name as in bank records: \_\_\_\_\_

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# CHANGES TO PSLE IN 2021



Ministry of Education  
SINGAPORE

## Announced in 2016

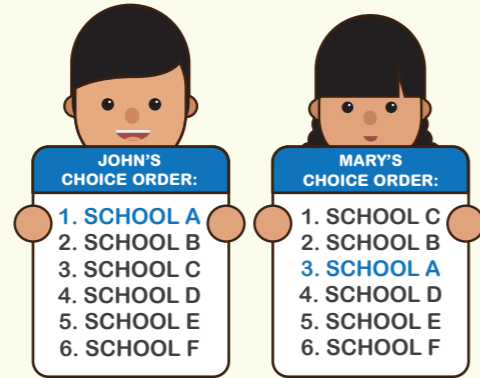
### From T-score to Wider Scoring Bands



AL1
AL2
AL3
AL4
AL5
AL6
AL7
AL8

- Students are less finely differentiated on the basis of every mark. Each subject will be scored using 8 Achievement Levels (ALs), with AL1 being the best.
- Students who demonstrate similar achievement for a subject will receive the same AL, regardless of how they compare to their peers.
- These standards will remain the same from year to year.

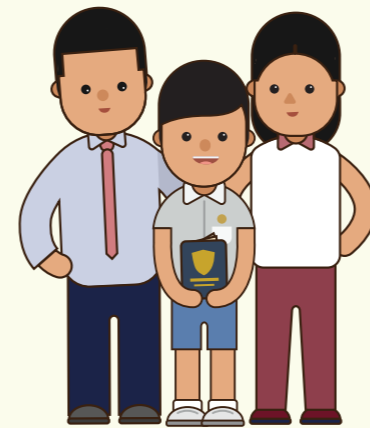
### Choice Order of Schools Matters More in Posting



- While academic merit remains the first criterion for Secondary School posting, choice order as a new tie-breaker is designed to recognise the different considerations families have when choosing a suitable secondary school.
- If 2 students with the same PSLE Score vie for a place in a school, the following tie-breakers will be used:
  - Citizenship
  - Choice Order of Schools
  - Computerised Balloting

## (New) Supporting Students and Parents in Making Subject Choices

### Presentation of Results in Achievement Levels (ALs)

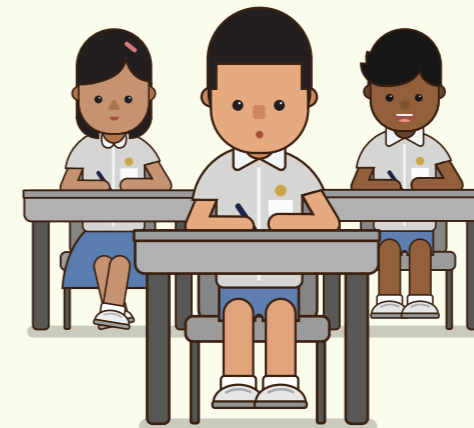


- Starting from the **2020 Primary Five (P5) cohort**, school-based examination results of P5 and P6 students will be presented in ALs to help familiarise them with the new scoring system.

Holistic Development Profile (HDP)		
Subject	Mark	AL
English	85	2
Mathematics	75	4
Science	65	5
Mother Tongue	55	6
<b>Total AL Score: 17</b>		

Information on Secondary Schools' indicative Cut-Off Points (COPs) will be provided in AL terms in the first half of 2021. These AL COPs will be derived from the PSLE scores and choice patterns of the 2020 Secondary 1 (S1) posting exercise.

### Scoring for Foundation Level Subjects

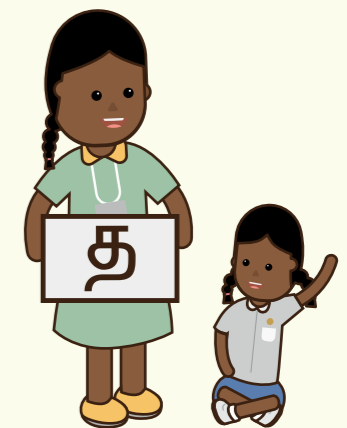


- Foundation level subjects support students who require additional help to build up strong fundamentals, giving them confidence to learn at a pace and level suited to them.
- Foundation level subjects will be graded AL A to AL C under the new scoring system.

Grades for Foundation Subjects	Foundation Raw Mark Range	Equivalent Standard Level AL
A	75-100	6
B	30-74	7
C	<30	8

- Students' PSLE Score will be the sum of the four AL scores of all Standard and Foundation subjects they take.
- For S1 posting, Foundation level subject scores will be converted to the equivalent standard level subject scores before the total score is calculated.

### Eligibility for Sec Sch Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL)



- Students who are eligible for HMTL in Secondary Schools will be based off the criteria below.

Criteria Under The New Scoring System
PSLE Score of 8 or better
OR
PSLE Score of 9 to 14 inclusive; and AL1/AL2 in MTL or Distinction/Merit in HMTL

- Secondary schools have the flexibility to offer HMTL to students, if they are assessed to have high ability and interest in MTL, and are able to take HMTL without affecting their performance in other subjects.

Visit our PSLE website to find out more!



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