



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

7 August 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

We thank God for His blessings and providence in our lives as we celebrate our nation's 54<sup>th</sup> birthday. I would also like to thank the ACS community and parents who have helped to make school life more enjoyable and memorable for our boys. In celebration of National Day and the Singapore Bicentennial, two of our old boys, Mr Alvin Sim and Dr Denis Cheong shared with our boys their experiences celebrating National Day in ACS (Junior) in the past decades in the old campus at Barker Road and the separation of Singapore from Malaysia. In another segment, Mr Fong Seng Narp, a retired ACS (Junior) teacher recounted stories from yesteryears and ignited the imagination of the boys of what the past was like. In addition, many of our parents put in tremendous effort to plan and organise games and activities during recess for the English Language Week in conjunction with Racial Harmony Day and the Mother Tongue Fortnight. Many thanks to all our parent volunteers!

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **1. Update on Changes to the PSLE Scoring and Secondary One Posting System from 2021**

In 2016, MOE announced changes to the PSLE scoring system, which will take effect from 2021. The intent of the policy changes is to shift away from an over-emphasis on academic grades and results through moderating competition amongst students and encouraging them to focus on their own learning.

On 25 July 2019, MOE shared details of the new PSLE scoring system, specifically on the scoring of Foundation level subjects. The updates will provide a guide to parents and students on the new PSLE scoring system, in making decisions on subject choices at the end of Primary 4. Please see attached for the summary of PSLE Announcements or alternatively, you can also get details of the updates at

**<https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle>**

The school will be engaging the various groups of parents of children taking Foundation level subjects before the end of the year and those who have been exempted from Mother Tongue Language (MTL) or are taking an Asian or Foreign Language in lieu of an official MTL. For changes affecting the whole cohort, these will be covered at our usual Meet-the-Parents or Breakfast with Principal sessions at the start of 2020.

### **2. 7<sup>th</sup> Singapore National CoSpace & RoboMaker Challenge**

A group of 10 Primary 5 boys took part in the 7<sup>th</sup> Singapore National CoSpace & RoboMaker Challenge on 3 and 4 August 2019. Jointly organised by the Robotics & Maker Academy

(RMA) and the RoboCup Singapore Regional Committee, the competition provided opportunities for primary school students to learn robot making, coding and AI from basic line tracing to industrial robotic applications. We had 3 teams that took part in the CoSpace Grand Prix category and one team received overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### **3. English Language Week**

To promote learning English in a fun way, the school worked in partnership with our parent volunteers to organize the Language Games Carnival which was well-received by the boys. In conjunction with the Racial Harmony Festival, students were able to internalise the values that they have learnt in Social Studies and English lessons. These values were demonstrated during discussions and reflection sessions which were conducted during Social Studies lessons. Through the activities held for the English Language Week, we provided our boys with the opportunities to discover engaging and meaningful ways to learn proper English.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **4. National Day Celebrations**

We will be celebrating Singapore's 54<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, 8 August. The theme for the National Day Parade 2019 is "Our Singapore". The theme commemorates our Singapore Bicentennial and allows us to tell our Singapore story from past to present. Commemorating Singapore's bicentennial started early in ACSJ. Since March, the National Day Committee shared with the boys during assembly, the myriad of activities organised by various organisations around Singapore which the boys can participate together with their families. In school, the boys were engaged in various pre-celebration activities, including creating crafts that reflect periods of Singapore's history, decorating the classrooms, singing of National Day songs from yesteryears, story-telling by old boys and former teacher during recess as well as static exhibitions at the foyer and library, all of which focus on the theme of Celebrating Our Past, Protecting Our Present, Envisioning Our Future – Our Singapore.

**School hours on Thursday, 8 August will be from 7.30am to 10.00am.**

As part of the celebrations, please encourage your child to wear a red shirt to school on that day. The boys are not required to bring any books, except a pencil case and a water bottle. Light snack will be provided before dismissal. The canteen will be closed on that day. **The boys will be dismissed at 10.00am.** Please note that Friday, 9 August is a public holiday and Monday, 12 August is a public holiday in lieu of Hari Raya Haji. Students will report back to school on Tuesday, 13 August.

### **5. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Opera**

Our school Choir will be performing at the upcoming opera production "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Benjamin Britten on 16 & 17 August 2019 at 7.30pm. This is a professional production staged at the Victoria Theatre and our Choir is featured as the opera chorus together with ACS (Barker) Choir. If you are interested in an evening of song and drama, please support our choir by purchasing tickets for the opera. Tickets can be purchased directly through SISTIC.

## 6. PSLE Oral Examinations

Students from P1 to P5 do not need to report to school on Thursday 15 August, and Friday 16 August as the Primary 6 students will be taking their PSLE Oral Examinations. Please note that the school campus is strictly out of bounds on these days.

## 7. PSLE Listening Comprehension Examinations

Students from P1 to P5 do not need to report to school on Friday, 20 September 2019 as the Primary 6 students will be taking their PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination. The school campus is strictly out of bounds on that day.

## 8. GEP Screening

The Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Test will be conducted on Friday, 23 August 2019 for the Primary 3 students during school hours. **Due to the tight schedule with a short break in between the papers, please pack a sandwich or light snack for your son as the boys will have their recess in class.**

## 9. Teachers' Day Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 5 September 2019. **Students will report to school by 7.30am as usual and be dismissed at 11.00 am.** Students do not need to report to school on Friday, 6 September which is Teachers' Day.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### 10. CCA Results and Accolades

#### Chinese Oratorical

14<sup>th</sup> National Primary School Cross-Talk Competition 2019  
Merit Award

11<sup>th</sup> National Storytelling Competition 2019  
Lower Primary - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Upper Primary - Merit

National Primary Schools Chinese Storytelling Competition 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Singapore Primary & Secondary School Text Recital Competition 2019  
Lower Primary (Individual) - 4<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Lower Primary (Group) - 4<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Upper Primary (Individual) - 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Upper Primary (Group) - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Tenpin Bowling

National School Games Tenpin Bowling Championship 2019  
Senior Division - Overall 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Junior (Singles) - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Junior (Team) - 7<sup>th</sup>

## Rugby

Junior Boys - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Due to the National School Games (NSG) Junior Division Review, there are no Junior division titles for Table Tennis and Tennis. We applaud all our boys in their NSG participation, and we wish them all the best in their future sports pursuits.

## **OTHERS**

### **11. Public Holiday on 12 August 2019 (Hari Raya Haji)**

Please note that Monday 12 August is a public holiday. We wish our Muslim friends Selamat Hari Raya Haji.

### **12. Covered Linkway**

LTA will be constructing the covered linkway along Monk's Hill Road/Winstedt Road, linking to the school side gate. The construction is scheduled to start from 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2019 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2020.

### **13. Parents Gateway Reminder**

Parents are reminded that all communications via SNAC will end in November 2019. All school communications will be sent via Parents Gateway (PG) from December 2019. We strongly encourage all parents to download and use the PG App. Please see attached for the Step-by-Step Guide which can also be found on our school website, [www.acsj.moe.edu.sg](http://www.acsj.moe.edu.sg) together with the video instructions.

### **14. Travel Plans**

If you are planning to travel out of Singapore during the September school holidays, please keep the school informed of your travel plans. A NIL return is required. This is one of our practices to ensure our emergency readiness. You may make your travel declarations online via the MCOOnline Portal using the Parents' Account at the following link:

[www.mconline.sg](http://www.mconline.sg)

If there are changes to your travel plans after your first submission, please update us again by re-submitting the form online again. Please make your travel declarations by Friday 23 August.

Wishing all a Happy and Blessed National Day!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chaillan Mui Tuan  
Principal

# CHANGES TO PSLE IN 2021



Ministry of Education  
SINGAPORE

## Announced in 2016

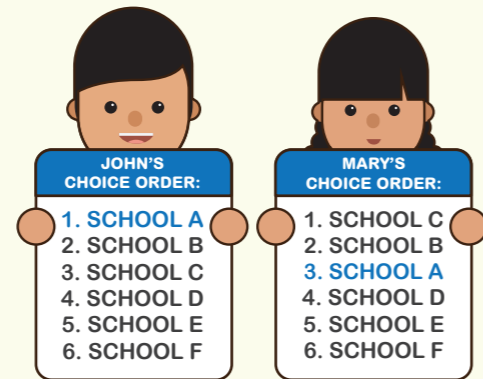
### From T-score to Wider Scoring Bands



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.

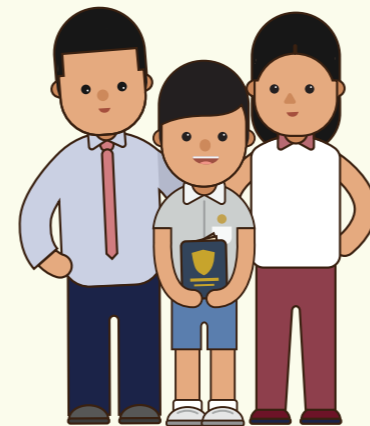
### Choice Order of Schools Matters More in Posting



- 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)

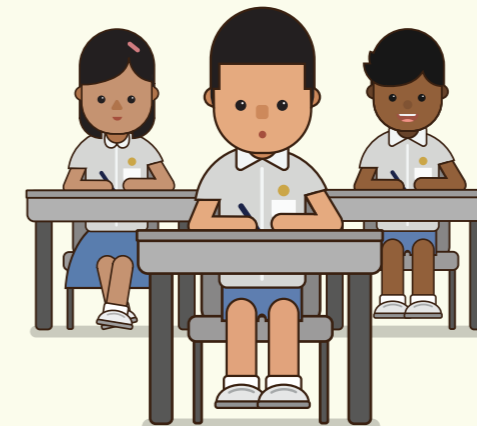


- Starting from the **2020 Primary Five (P5) cohort**, school-based examination results of P5 and P6 students will be presented in ALs to help familiarise them with the new scoring system.

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

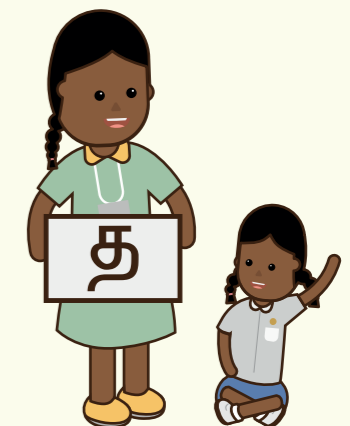


- Foundation level subjects support students who require additional help to build up strong fundamentals, giving them confidence to learn at a pace and level suited to them.
- Foundation level subjects will be graded AL A to AL C under the new scoring system.

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.

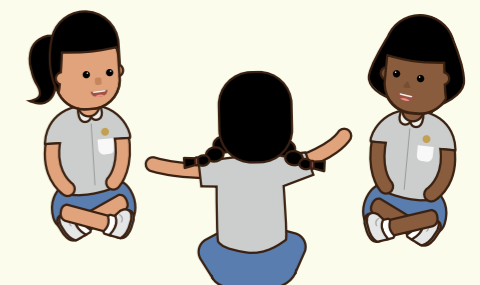
Criteria Under The New Scoring System
PSLE Score of 8 or better
OR
PSLE Score of 9 to 14 inclusive; and AL1/AL2 in MTL or Distinction/Merit in HMTL

- 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!



<http://bit.ly/2Xryv1v>



## Step-by-Step Guide - Setting up the Parents Gateway Mobile App

### Step 1 – Setup your SingPass and 2FA

- **SingPass and 2-Factor Verification (2FA)** is required to access the PG App.

SingPass is available to all Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Resident parents. If you have not yet registered for SingPass, or 2FA, please visit the [SingPass website](#) to do so. If you are not a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident (PR), you may also visit the SingPass website to find out if you are eligible for SingPass.

- You may also scan the QR codes below to access the respective portals.

**Singpass**



**2FA**



### Step 2 – Download the Parents Gateway Mobile App

1. Open the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) app on your mobile phone.
2. Search for the 'Parents Gateway' mobile app
3. Download and install the app onto your phone.
4. Enable '**Allow Notifications**' to receive push notifications.

**Note: Supported OS Versions - Android 6.0 or later & iOS 9.1 or later**

You may also scan the QR codes below to access the respective portals.

**Android**

**iOS**



### Step 3 – One-Time On-boarding

1. Tap on “Log in with SingPass”



2. Log in with your SingPass (2FA)



- 3 Tap on “Retrieve” to retrieve your child(ren)’s information.



- 4 Tap on “Done” to complete the registration process.



- 5 You should see your child(ren)’s school announcements and activities.

