



**Anglo-Chinese School  
(Independent)**

22 March 2010

Parents/Guardians  
Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)

Dear Parents/Guardians

We give thanks to God for seeing us through the busy preparations and activities in the first term of school, particularly the celebration of our 124<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day as well as the Academic Awards Presentation, on Monday, 1 March 2010. We were pleased to have Mr Lucien Wong, Managing Partner of Allen & Gledhill LLP and a distinguished ACS Old Boy, as our Guest of Honour.

Once again, our Overseas Programmes for our Year 2 and Year 3 students and the Leadership Development Programme for Year 4 students were a great success, judging from the feedback and lessons learnt from staff and students. We thank both parents and teachers for their support and prayers for the above events.

We are now into the second term of school, and are glad that the new students, in particular the Year 1 and Year 5 students, have settled well into their classes. We would like to encourage our students to remain focused in their educational pursuits in the school in view of the continual assessment and mid-year examinations that are approaching.

**RESULTS OF IBDP Examination 2009**

The Senior Administration and the staff are extremely pleased with the performance of the students.

We would like to acknowledge the blessings and guidance of God Almighty with whom we have found favour. We would also like to acknowledge the tremendous effort put in by staff in preparing for the IP and the students for the IBDP exams. Hard work and training, time and resources put in by the school have been well rewarded.

The third cohort of our IBDP students, the Class of 2009, had produced results that were impressive by world standards. Fourteen of our students obtained a perfect score of 45 points out of 28 in the IB world in the November examinations. Our pass rate was 100%, i.e. all our students obtained full diplomas. 86.8% of our students obtained 38 points, our target for students, which makes them eligible for a place in Oxbridge and Ivy League Universities. Detailed results can be found in our school website.

**GCE 'O' LEVEL RESULTS FOR 2009 YEAR 4 COHORT**

Our students who took the **GCE 'O' Level Examinations in 2009** performed very well too. We achieved 100% passes for 3 and 4 'O' Level passes and 99.1% for 5 'O' Level passes.

<b>Mean Subject Grade</b>	<b>2.67</b>
<b>3 – 4 'O' Level passes</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>5 'O' Level passes</b>	<b>99.1%</b>

Out of the 20 core subjects offered by the school, 16 subjects obtained percentage passes higher than the

national average, 9 subjects had 100% passes and an additional 8 subjects had passes exceeding 95%.

No. of Distinctions	Candidature of 2009: 227 students			
	No. of students	%	Cumulative No.	Cumulative %
10	1	0.44	1	0.44
9	1	0.44	2	0.88
8	13	5.7	15	6.6
7	30	13.2	45	19.8
6	31	13.7	76	33.5

98.7 % of our students will be able to pursue a Pre-University education, of which about 90.8 % will be admitted into the Junior Colleges, 7.9% in 3-year Pre-U Courses and 1.3% in Polytechnics/ ITE.

Credit must be given to all our staff for their labour of love and hard work in nurturing our students. Of course, the students have responded well to our guidance. We want to thank God for His blessings and the ACS Board of Governors, ACS (Independent) Board of Management, OBA and Parents' Support Group for their support and prayers.

## TERM 2 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENTS AND MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS

The continual assessments and mid-year examinations to be conducted in Term 2 for the different levels and streams are reflected in the table below.

Level & Stream	Assessment	Weighting	Dates of exam/common test
Yr 1 & 2 Express	Common Test	30 %	10/5 – 13/5
Yr 3 Express	Mid-year exam	30 %	4/5 – 13/5
Yr 4 Express*	Common Test	100%	Weekly tests according to schedule (26/4 – 28/5)
Yr 1 & 2 IP	Common Test	30%	10/5 – 13/5
Yr 3 IP	Common Test	30%	6/5 – 13/5
Yr 4 IP	Common Test	30%	6/5 – 13/5

The detailed time-tables for each respective Common Test or Examination will be issued to the students to assist students in Term 2 in their preparation for the various modes of assessment which will stretch from 4 to 13 May.

**Year 5 & 6 students:** In Term 2, Year 5 & 6 students will continue with their regular class tests. The Common Test will be conducted in Term 3 from Weeks 1 to 3 and will carry a weighting of 30% of the overall grade for Year 5 students and 100% for Year 6 students.

**For Year 4 students:** The 2010 GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Examination (Chinese, Malay and Tamil) will be held on Monday, 31 May 2010. We would like parents to encourage their sons to prepare seriously for this important examination so as to secure a distinction in the subject.

**\*Year 4 Express Common Test in Term 2:** This year students will have a common test instead of the mid-year examination as the school is introducing a series of steps to help students hone their exam skills before the GCE 'O' Level Examination in November. Having a Common Test in Term 2 will allow teachers to complete the syllabus and have more time for revision before the actual 'O' Level exam. For further details, please refer to special handout for parents of Year 4 Express students attached).

## **YEAR FOUR FOCUS CAMP**

In line with the new strategy developed to help Year 4 students prepare to better their performance in the GCE 'O' Level examinations, the usual Study Camp for selected students will be replaced by the **Focus Camp** from **31 May 2010** to **4 June 2010** (8 am to 5 pm daily). This camp aims to facilitate the completion of Year 4 academic syllabus and is specially designed to help your son/ward maximise his academic performance and is therefore mandatory for **ALL** Year 4 Express students. Hence we hope you will not make any travel plans during this period. A nominal camp fee of \$100/- will be charged to help defray costs.

We are glad that at our recent Meet-the-Parents session on Thursday, 11 March, almost all parents of our Year 4 Express students were present for the presentation by the Principal on the changes for this year and parents also had a meaningful time meeting the teachers. Parents who missed the session should refer to the special handout accompanying this newsletter or refer to the parents' portal for details concerning the Focus Camp.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

- **MEET-THE-PARENTS SESSION [Years 5 – 6]**

The above has been scheduled on **Wednesday, 28 April from 2 pm – 5 pm. [AMENDED date]**

- **MEET-THE-PARENTS SESSION [Years 1 – 4]**

The next "Meet the Parents" Session is scheduled for **Thursday, 27 May from 8 am - 4 pm**. As in the past, we are requesting parents/guardians to make appointments with the Class Teachers and Subject Teachers that you wish to meet through your sons/wards. We would appreciate it if parents would bear with us in the event that there are too many parents/guardians wanting to see a teacher at the same time, alternative arrangements or schedules may have to be made for you.

As this is a very important session with parents/guardians we look forward to meeting all of you so that we can discuss with you the progress and conduct of your sons/wards in school. If you are unable to come we hope you will make alternative arrangements by contacting the teachers teaching your sons/wards.

### **MEDICAL SCREENING FOR ATHLETES**

We have noticed the recent incidences of sudden death among young and apparently healthy students, in the midst of physical activity. As a precaution against such unfortunate incidences, the school has engaged the services of ST Medical Services Pte Ltd to provide medical health screening for our students who are involved in physical activity. The screening will include ECGs and a cardiologist will report on suspicious ECGs. Where necessary, students will be recommended to see their own cardiologist for further evaluation. This screening is compulsory for all students in our sports teams and Uniformed Groups. The cost of the screening will cost no more than \$28.

### **NEW BOARDING SCHOOL EXTENSION / CLOSURE OF SCHOOL GATE (LEADING TO ITE)**

The School is pleased to share with you that the Ministry of Education has given approval for us to build a second Boarding School with a capacity of 300 additional places. Work for this project has started with effect from 2 March 2010. With the increased number of places, we will be able to offer places to more Singaporeans as well as scholars from 2012, when the new Boarding School extension is expected to be completed.

In conjunction with the building of the Boarding School extension, the gate leading to ITE has to be closed for safety reasons. We regret the inconvenience caused.

## SCHOOL NEEDS

We are currently appealing for donations for the Student Welfare Fund which will be used to help needy students to finance overseas education programmes, leadership development programmes as well as the Pocket Money Fund scheme. We would appreciate your generous response to our appeal. Please make your cheque payable to 'Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)'. (For such donations, please note that we are unable to issue tax exempt receipts).

## ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS & GAMES AND CCA

### Sports

Currently many of the CCAs are still in the preliminary rounds and results will be shared with you in our next newsletter in Term 3.

### Uniformed Groups

Results of the Inter-school Best Unit Competitions in 2009 are coming in. So far, the following Uniformed Groups have attained awards as indicated below:

s/n	UG	Award	Remark
1	NCC (Air)	Gold	
2	NCC (Land)	Gold	
3	NCC (Sea)	Gold	
4	NPCC (Land)	Gold	
5	NCDCC	Gold	
6	Boys' Brigade	Gold	J M Fraser Award (Gold award equivalent)
7	SJAB	Gold	
8	Scouts	Pending	Has not received the official result

For those of you who celebrate Easter, may I on behalf of the School wish you a Blessed and Happy Easter in advance.



DR ONG TECK CHIN  
PRINCIPAL

**ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (INDEPENDENT)**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP**

*(To be returned thru' the class teacher by Monday, 29 Mar 2010)*

I/We have taken note of the contents in the Principal's circular to Parents/ Guardians dated 22 March 2010.

I wish to make a donation for the Student Welfare Fund [Amount: S\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

[Please make cheque payable to "Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)]

*Note: Donations are not eligible for tax-exemption*

Name of Parent(s)/ Guardians (s) : \_\_\_\_\_

Of \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (for mailing of official receipt)

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_