Overview
Founded in 1886, Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) is a school under the Singapore Ministry of Education and an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School.

ACS (Independent) is distinctive for its quest for excellence and focus on all-round, values-centric development, anchored in a school environment of family and community.

“Our school’s core purpose is to nurture our students to be catalysts for change with Godly values and robust character, equipped and willing to serve and lead in the family, nation and the global community.”

Admission is by merit. The school has an enrolment of 2,800 students comprising Years 1 to 6 (Grades 7 – 12). Years 1 – 4 admits only boys while Years 5 & 6 are co-ed.

Academic Programmes
ACS (Independent) offers 2 academic tracks:

- 4-year Express programme leading to GCE ‘O’ Level.
- 6-year Integrated Programme (IP) leading to IB Diploma Programme (IBDP).

The IP caters to academically-strong students (typically the top 10% of the nation’s cohort) who prefer a more independent and less-structured learning style. The IP curriculum and assessment modes are specially designed to provide coherence with the IB Diploma Programme. Given the strong academic aptitude of the students, the IP aims to stretch the potential of its students in non-academic aspects by engaging them in broader learning experiences beyond the academic curriculum.

Academic Calendar
- January to December with 2 semesters.
- Students take the IB exam in November with results expected the following January.

Overall Excellence
The school has consistently produced excellent results in all areas. Its performance in the IBDP continues to set world standards.

In the 2014 examination, 80.4% of our candidates scored 40 or more points. 43 of them achieved the perfect score of 45 points making up approximately half the number of perfect scorers in Singapore.

The school’s sports, performing arts and uniformed groups have continued to emerge in top positions in the national school rankings and competitions. True to our rich sporting culture, our students and alumni have represented the country at the Olympic Games since 1964.

In international competitions and Olympiads, our students have consistently emerged top in world rankings.

Serving and Leading the Community
Our school’s support for community service both locally and internationally is extensive and involves all staff and students. Our belief in a global education is borne by our commitment to whole-cohort overseas educational programmes for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Past projects include mangrove rehabilitation in Halong Bay, Vietnam, building of sanitary facilities for village schools in China and Vietnam, and conducting interactive English language classes with primary school children in the regional countries. As part of the pre-overseas service trips preparation, students plan and execute fund-raising activities to finance their community projects.

In addition, our students also initiated a number of creative and meaningful projects to actively contribute to the needs of the community.

- **AC Cares**: Community project to deepen engagement with residents in the surrounding estate. Students visited elderly residents, hosted festive celebrations and painted the façade art of the nearby housing block.
- **Support of Disaster Relief Efforts**: In wake of devastation wrought by the earthquake which struck Nepal in April 2015, students raised S$15,000 to support disaster relief efforts.

Talent and Leadership Development
A number of our students pursue their studies under scholarship and talent development programmes offered by the Ministry of Education. These include:

- **Gifted Education Programme**: for highly able students
- **Music Elective Programme**: for students with strong academic & musical abilities
- **Humanities Scholarship Programme**: for outstanding pre-university students to pursue the humanities
- **Regional Studies Programme**: awarded to academically able and linguistically talented students to nurture their understanding of regional culture and development

School-based programmes such as the **Dean’s List Programme** and **Advanced Science Programme** provide highly able and talented students enrichment beyond the syllabus.
Scholarship & University Placements
Though our IBDP students comprise 1% of the country’s pre-university student cohort (majority of whom take the GCE ‘A’ Levels), they have been highly successful in gaining entry to choice courses and universities.

The school has 3 President’s Scholars in its seven cohorts. This is the most prestigious undergraduate scholarship awarded by the Public Service Commission of Singapore. Many others have received prestigious national and international scholarships:

- A*Star Biomedical Sciences
- A*Star MBBS Phd
- A*Star National Science Scholarship
- A*Star Talent Search (A*TS)
- A*Star Undergraduate Scholarship (AUS)
- Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority Scholarship
- BP’s Undergraduate Scholarship Programme
- Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Scholarship
- DSTA Undergraduate Scholarship Award
- Economic Development Board Scholarship
- Energy Market Authority Undergraduate Scholarship
- GIC Global Scholarship
- Health Promotion Board Board Undergraduate Scholarship
- Housing Development Board Scholarship
- IDA National Infocomm Scholarship
- International Enterprise Singapore Undergraduate Scholarship
- Jardine Scholarships
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs Scholarship
- Ministry of Information, Communication and the Arts Scholarship
- Ministry of National Development EDGE Scholarship
- Monetary Authority of Singapore Scholarship
- MOE (Ministry of Education) Merit/Teaching Scholarship Award
- MOH Holdings Allied Health & Nursing Scholarship
- National Heritage Board Scholarship
- National Health Group Scholarship
- National Library Board
- Nanyang Technological University Undergraduate Scholarships
- NUS Kent Ridge Merit Scholarship for Law
- NUS University Scholars Programme
- President’s Scholarship
- PSC (Public Service Commission) Scholarship Award/Overseas Merit Scholarship (OMS)
- PSC/Singapore Government Scholarships (SGS)
- SAF (Singapore Armed Forces) Defence Merit Scholarship
- SAF Merit Scholarship (SMS)
- SAF Local Medicine Scholarship
- SAF Overseas Scholarship Award
- Singapore Airlines Open Scholarship
- Singapore-Industry Scholarship (SgIS)
- Singapore Police Force Overseas Scholarship
- Singapore Press Holdings Scholarship
- Singapore Tourism Board Scholarship
- SPRING Executive Development Scholarship Award
- ST Engineering Scholarship
- SUTD Asian Leadership Programme Scholarship
- SUTD Global Leadership Programme Scholarship
- Urban Redevelopment Authority Undergraduate Scholarship
- Yale-NUS Global Leader Scholarship
- Yale-NUS Sharon-Ann Eravelly Scholarship

IB Diploma Programme Class of 2015
The graduating class of 2015 has 445 students, the majority of whom are Singaporeans. Students may be admitted at Year 1 (Grade 7), Year 3 (Grade 9) or Year 5 (Grade 11) and sit for the IB Diploma examination at Year 6 (Grade 12). The IB Diploma comprises the IP students in their 5th and 6th years as well as top performing GCE ‘O’ Level students.

ACSI(I) IBDP students offer the full IB diploma comprising three Higher Level (HL) subjects, three Standard Level (SL) subjects as well as three core requirements of the IBDP:

- **Extended Essay (EE)**, a 4,000 word essay which acquaints students with the independent research and writing skills expected at university.
- **Theory of Knowledge (TOK)** course, which explores the nature of knowledge across disciplines, encouraging an appreciation of other cultural perspectives.
- **Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)** which encourages students to be involved in artistic pursuits, sports and community service work, fostering students' awareness and appreciation of life outside the academic arena.

One subject must be chosen from each of the Groups 1 to 5, and the 6th subject can be chosen from any group, except Group 2. Our students are allowed to take a maximum of 3 HL and 3 SL subjects. The medium of instruction is **English**.

### Grading System
We do not rank our students or calculate GPA. Predicted IB Grades are not revealed to our student and are sent by the school along with their academic transcripts for university applications if required.

Students in the Express track follow the GCE ‘O’ Level grading system while those in the IP track follow the IB grading system. The tables below show the grading scale for individual subjects.

#### GCE ‘O’ Level Examination Grading System
*The lower the numerical score, the better the academic performance*

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#### IP/IB Grading System
*The higher the numerical score, the better the academic performance*

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## Overall Subject Results

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<th>Subject</th>
<th>Cumulative Percentage of Students who scored</th>
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<tr>
<td>SL CHINESE A: Literature</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 16</td>
<td>≥ 6: 93.75</td>
<td>School Average Grade: 6.38*</td>
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<td>HL ENGLISH A: Lang and Literature</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 34</td>
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<td>HL ENGLISH A: Literature</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 62</td>
<td>100: 88.71</td>
<td>6.29*</td>
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<tr>
<td>SL ENGLISH A: Lang and Literature</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 271</td>
<td>100: 87.88</td>
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<td>No. of candidates: 66</td>
<td>100: 85.24</td>
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<td>No. of candidates: 32</td>
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<td>SL BUSINESS &amp; MNGT</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 124</td>
<td>100: 75</td>
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<td>HL ECONOMICS</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 192</td>
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<td>SL ECONOMICS</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 133</td>
<td>100: 72.18</td>
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<td>HL BIOLOGY</td>
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<td>HL CHEMISTRY</td>
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<td>HL PHYSICS</td>
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<td>HL COMPUTER SC.</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 4</td>
<td>100: 25</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>SL MATH STUDIES</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 3</td>
<td>100: 25</td>
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<td>HL MATHEMATICS</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 328</td>
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<td>SL MATHEMATICS</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 118</td>
<td>100: 76.27</td>
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<td>HL MUSIC</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 2</td>
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<td>HL VISUAL ARTS</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 15</td>
<td>100: 66.67</td>
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<td>SL VISUAL ARTS</td>
<td>No. of candidates: 4</td>
<td>100: 75</td>
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* Maintained or exceeded 2013 School Average Grade
University Placements

Our alumni have enrolled at the following universities:

AUSTRALIA
Australia Defence Force Academy
Australian National University
James Cook University
La Trobe University
Macquarie University
Monash University
Murdoch University
Queensland University of Technology
University of Adelaide
University of Melbourne
University of Newcastle
University of New South Wales
University of Queensland
University of Sydney
University of Tasmania
University of Western Australia

CANADA
McGill University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo

CHINA
Fudan University
Peking University

FRANCE
3iS International Institute of Image and Sound
Sciences Po – College Universitaire du Havre

HONG KONG
Chinese University of Hong Kong
City University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
University of Hong Kong

INDONESIA
Maranatha Christian University
Universitas Pelita Harapan

JAPAN
Kyushu University
Waseda University

KOREA
Seoul National University
Yonsei University

MALAYSIA
International Medical University

NETHERLANDS
Delft University of Technology

NEW ZEALAND
Auckland University of Technology
University of Auckland
University of Otago

PHILIPPINES
Ateneo de Manila University

SPAIN
IE University

SINGAPORE
Nanyang Technological University
National University of Singapore
Singapore Institute of Management
Singapore Management University
Singapore University of Technology & Design
Yale-NUS College

SWITZERLAND
Webster University, Geneva

UNITED KINGDOM
Architectural Association School of Architecture Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry
Bristol University
Central St Martins College of Arts and Design
Durham University
Glasgow University
Imperial College London
Keele University
King’s College London
London School of Economics
Queen Mary, University of London
School of Oriental & African Studies,
University of London
St George’s, University of London
Trinity College Dublin
Trinity College London
University College Cork
University College London
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Dundee
University of Edinburgh
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of London
University of Manchester
University of Newcastle
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
University of York
Warwick University

UNITED STATES
Amherst College
Bates College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
California Institute of Technology
California Polytechnic State University
California State University Long Beach

Carleton College
Carnegie-Mellon University
Claremont McKenna College
Colgate University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Duke University
Emory University
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
Georgetown University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grinnell College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Indiana University
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Lewis & Clark College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlebury College
New York University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Parsons the New School for Design
Pennsylvania State University
Pomona College
Princeton University
Rice University
Ringling College of Art & Design
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Skidmore College
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
The Cooper Union
Truman State University
Tufts University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, LA
University of California, San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of Texas
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Washington University in St Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Williams College
Yale University

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