



YEAR ONE REGIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMME PARENTS' BRIEFING 2024

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Regional Studies

Programme Co-Ordinator



Regional Studies Programme (RSP)



- A prestigious scholarship programme introduced by our Prime Minister in 2008
- Established in five schools
 - ACS (Independent)
 - RI, RGS, Victoria School, Cedar Girls Secondary School
- Around 100 scholarships awarded per cohort across the five schools



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Objectives of RSP



To nurture a group of students who can:

1. Converse in Malay
2. Understand the culture and contemporary development in the nearby region



Y4 trip to Kuala Lumpur



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Objectives of RSP



To enable these students to effectively engage in the region through local field trips, cultural immersion overseas trips and Values-In Action programmes



Y4 RSP VIA at orphanage
in Kuala Lumpur

Objectives of RSP



To nurture and prepare future leaders who can be more comfortable operating in the region



Y3 trip to Brunei



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RSP comprises



1. Malay Special Programme (MSP)
2. Understanding Southeast Asia (USEA)

NOTE : RSP lessons are curriculum lessons and take precedence over CCA activities and remedials unless students are representing the school in competitions



Y2 trip to Penang

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Lessons Schedule



Level	MSP lessons	RSP lessons
Year One	Mondays	Wednesdays
Year Two	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
Year Three	Wednesdays	Tuesdays
Year Four	Thursdays	Mondays

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Understanding Southeast Asia (USEA)



- An enrichment module specially designed by the school
- Key pedagogy: Collaborative Learning
- Lessons conducted outside curriculum time
 - Wednesdays for Year Ones (3:30 to 5:30 pm), weekly, from February onwards
 - Coursework and group presentations



Y4 trip to Kuala Lumpur

RSP Scholarship



- Scholarship allowance of \$1,000 per annum
- Annual school fees subsidy of \$2,400
- Subsidised Enrichment Programmes including fieldtrips and seminars
- Funding for overseas cultural immersion trips (maximum of \$100 per day)

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Y4 trip to Kuala Lumpur

Eligibility for RSP



- Year 1 Singapore citizens (PR and Foreigners not eligible)
 - Not taking Malay or Higher Malay as Mother Tongue (MT)
 - Those exempted from MT are also eligible to apply
 - Attained excellent PSLE scores
 - Will be taking Malay Special Programme as 3rd language (*if accepted into RSP, student will be registered by the school to offer MSP*)
 - Exhibit scholarly qualities including leadership and other personal attributes
 - Passed interview with the panel of RSP teachers
- (more details will be informed to the successful applicants)

Year One RSP lessons conducted in 2023



- On 8th Feb, 13th Feb, 22nd Feb, 8th Mar, 22nd Mar, 5th Apr, 28th Jun, 5th Jul, 12th Jul, 21st Oct
- Learned more on Malay culture by visiting Kampung Glam and Arab Street
- Visited the Hari Raya Bazaar
- Learned more on the lifestyle of the Malays in the guided tour of Kampung Lorong Buangkok
- Attended the MSP cultural daycamp at the Wisma Geylang

Visit to Kampung Glam to
learn more on Malay culture



Year One RSP lessons conducted in 2023



- Learned more on traditional Malay cuisines, use of spices and herbs and games



visit to Malay Heritage Centre



scholars completed MSP daycamp



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Year One RSP activities



visit to Hari Raya bazaar

Learning to play kompang and angklung



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Scholars are facilitators on Racial Harmony Day



Year Two RSP lessons conducted in 2023



- Theme: Racial Harmony in Singapore
- Visited Chinese Cultural Centre, Indian Heritage Centre, Eurasian Heritage Centre and Peranakan Museum to learn more on the Chinese, Indian, Eurasian and Peranakan culture
- Learned to play traditional musical instruments of kompang and angklung
- Visited Hari Raya bazaar
- Overseas trip to Penang in November was not conducted



Year Two RSP activities



visit to Chinese Cultural centre, Peranakan Mansion, Eurasian Heritage centre



Year Three RSP lessons conducted in 2023

- Theme: Religious Harmony in Singapore
- Visited Petempatan Melayu Sembawang mosque, Sri Mariamman Temple, Buddhist Tooth Relic temple, Central Sikh and Jewish Museum to learn more on Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Jewish respectively
- Visited Hari Raya bazaar
- Overseas trip to Brunei in November was not conducted

Visits to Religious Organisations



visit to Sikh temple,
Hindu temple,
Mosque and
Buddhist temple



Year Four RSP lessons conducted in 2023



- Theme: Stories from Singapore community
- Peer-led tours of Golden Mile Complex, Peninsula Plaza and Lucky Plaza to learn more on the life of the Thai, Myanmar and Filipino migrant workers respectively
- Visited Hari Raya bazaar
- Overseas trip to Kuala Lumpur in June was not conducted



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Year Four RSP activities



visit to Golden Mile complex, Lucky Plaza, Peninsula Plaza and Hari Raya bazaar



Year Four trip to KL in 2019



Malay Special Programme



- Offered as a Third Language
- Examinable yearly
- Lessons conducted outside curriculum time in the school
- Mondays for Year Ones (3 to 6 pm) – Every Week
- No changing of dates since MSP teachers have to teach other levels on other days



Y4 scholars visit to school in Kuala Lumpur



Malay Special Programme



- Scholars will take the GCE - O level MSP examination at the end of Year Four
- O-level Exam format (total 100 marks)
 - Paper 1: Email and Essay writing in Malay (20 marks)
 - Paper 2: Grammar, Vocabulary, Comprehension passage, Cloze passage in Malay (30 marks) (Multiple-choice and open-ended questions)
 - Paper 3: Oral Conversation and Listening Comprehension in Malay (50 marks)

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MSP COMPETITIONS



- Ikan oh Ikan (Language quiz)
 - Overall champion in 2022
(8 award winners)
- Tari Pena (Creative Writing Competition)
 - 10 award winners in 2023



MSP competition prize giving ceremony during morning assembly




MSP GCE O-level exam 2022



Baca forum berikut dan berikan respons kamu terhadap perkara-perkara yang terkandung dalam forum tersebut.


Biodata **Pelajaran** **Jadual** **Forum**

[Sharon Ho] 31-10-2022: 11.30 pagi



komen **keluar**


[Edmund Seah] 31-10-2022: 10.30 pagi



Di sekolah, remaja sibuk belajar dan menyertai aktiviti kokurikulum. Selepas seharian di sekolah, kebanyakan remaja perlu menghadiri kelas tuisyen pula. Oleh itu, mereka sering berasa penat. Pada pandangan saya, remaja boleh melakukan kerja rumah seperti mengemas bilik tidur pada hujung minggu.

komen **keluar**

[Cikgu Erma Yusri] 31-10-2022: 8.00 pagi







Remaja hari ini tidak mempunyai masa untuk melakukan kerja rumah. Mereka bergantung pada keluarga atau pembantu rumah untuk membersihkan rumah mereka. Dalam sesi perkongsian ini, kita akan berbincang tentang perkara-perkara yang berikut:

1. Sebab remaja tidak mempunyai masa untuk melakukan kerja rumah.
2. Cara untuk menggalakkan remaja melakukan kerja rumah.

Sila mulakan.

komen **keluar**

BAHAGIAN B (15 markah)

Arahan: Tulis karangan yang panjangnya tidak kurang daripada 170 patah perkataan berdasarkan satu daripada tajuk-tajuk yang berikut.

3 Perhatikan gambar bersiri yang berikut. Ceritakan peristiwa yang berlaku.



4 Kamu sering tidur lewat malam. Namun, satu kejadian yang berlaku membuat kamu sedar bahawa tidur awal mempunyai banyak kebaikan. Ceritakan kejadian tersebut dan terangkan kebaikan-kebaikan yang kamu peroleh apabila kamu tidur awal.

5 Sebab-sebab kita harus berhati-hati apabila berkongsi maklumat di media sosial.

MSP GCE O-level exam 2022



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BAHAGIAN A (10 markah)

Arahan: Bagi setiap soalan, terdapat empat patah perkataan yang disenaraikan. Pilih perkataan yang paling sesuai daripada senarai yang diberikan itu. Kemudian, letak bujukan berhuruf di dalam Buku Jawapan yang disediakan berdasarkan jawapan pilihan kamu itu.

Soalan A1 (5 markah)

Anggun



Syampu Kering



Syampu kering semakin popular pada masa kini. Syampu kering merupakan sejenis produk rambut yang dikatakan dapat (1) _____ minyak dan kloran pada rambut. Maka, syampu tersebut menjadi pilihan orang yang (2) _____ dan tiada masa untuk mencuci rambut.

Berbeza daripada syampu biasa, syampu kering (3) _____ digunakan pada rambut yang kering sahaja. Syampu yang telah (4) _____ ke rambut itu tidak perlu dicuci. Namun, penggunaan syampu kering yang (5) _____ akan menyebabkan kulit kepala menjadi kering dan gatal. Oleh yang demikian, syampu kering tidak disarankan untuk digunakan selama dua hari berturut-turut.



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|--|--|
| 1 (A) berkurang
(B) kekurangan
(C) pengurangan
(D) mengurangkan | 2 (A) rajin
(B) sibuk
(C) lincah
(D) cergas |
| 3 (A) pafut
(B) sudah
(C) hendak
(D) mungkin | 4 (A) semburan
(B) tersembur
(C) disemburkan
(D) menyemburkan |
| 5 (A) bergiliran
(B) berterusan
(C) berkekalan
(D) beransuran | |

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Soalan A2 (5 markah)

Fesyen Singapura

Edisi November

Motif Kebaya



Syarikat penerbangan Singapore Airlines mula memperkenalkan pemakaian kebaya untuk pramugarinya pada tahun 1968. Kebaya tersebut dihasilkan oleh (6) _____ fesyen terkenal, Pierre Balmain. Kini, motif batik yang terdapat pada kebaya tersebut telah diberi (7) _____ moden. Motif batik yang terkini dilukis dalam bentuk digital yang (8) _____ sepuluh jenis bunga tempatan yang terdapat di Singapura.

(9) _____ motif batik tersebut juga mempunyai pelbagai warna. Warna-warna (10) _____ yang digunakan sesuai dengan negara Singapura yang dikenali sebagai Bandar dalam Taman. Motif terbaharu ini juga terdapat pada produk-produk lain yang dijual oleh syarikat penerbangan tersebut.



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|---|---|
| 6 (A) pereka
(B) penulis
(C) pencipta
(D) pengarang | 7 (A) sentuhan
(B) tersentuh
(C) bersentuh
(D) menyentuh |
| 8 (A) mengisahkan
(B) memaparkan
(C) menerangkan
(D) menayangkan | 9 (A) Malah
(B) Lagipun
(C) Sebaliknya
(D) Sesungguhnya |
| 10 (A) segar
(B) rancak
(C) menarik
(D) bersinar | |

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(lihat halaman sebelah)

MSP GCE O-level exam 2022



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BAHAGIAN C (19 markah)

Arahan: Baca teks berikut dengan teliti.

Amirul memandang rakan-rakannya yang seronok berbual-bual sementara menunggu masa untuk menaiki bot naga di Sungai Kallang. Ternyata, mereka tidak sabar untuk turut serta dalam acara bot naga yang akan diadakan sebentar lagi.

"Mengapakah awak kelihatan pucat, Amirul? Awak tidak sihatkah?" tanya Malik apabila melihat Amirul berdiam diri sahaja.

Malik bimbang akan keadaan rakannya itu. Biasanya, setiap kali mereka melakukan aktiviti bersama-sama, Amirul pasti cina. Namun, sepanjang perjalanan dari sekolah, Amirul hanya membisu. Amirul berasa ragu-ragu untuk memberitahu Malik tentang keadaan dirinya yang tidak tahu berenang. Pasti Malik akan mentertawakannya. Amirul dapat membayangkan saat Malik memberitahu rakan-rakan yang lain tentang perkara tersebut. Hal itu pasti memalukan dirinya.

Sebenarnya, Amirul tidak mahu rakan-rakannya tahu akan kelemahan yang ada pada dirinya itu. Maka itu, sewaktu rakan-rakan Amirul mengajaknya untuk menyertai acara bot naga, dia bersetuju.

"Awak tidak boleh berenang, ya, Amirul? Usah bimbang. Kita akan menggunakan jaket keselamatan. Bot naga ini juga stabil. Awak tidak akan berasa seperti awak akan terjatuh ke dalam air," balas Malik.

"Bagaimanakah awak tahu bahawa saya tidak boleh berenang?" tanya Amirul kehairanan.

Malik hanya tersenyum. Sebenarnya, dia juga tidak boleh berenang. Namun, dia masih ingin mencuba aktiviti tersebut. Walaupun takut, Malik percaya bahawa dia perlu mencair dirinya untuk membina keyakinan diri. Malik pasti bahawa Amirul juga akan berasa sedemikian pada akhir aktiviti itu nanti.

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Arahan: Berdasarkan teks di halaman 8, jawab soalan-soalan yang diberikan. Tulis jawapan kamu di dalam Buku Jawapan yang disediakan.

- 16 Mengapakah Amirul dan rakan-rakannya berada di Sungai Kallang? (2 markah)
- 17 Nyatakan kelemahan yang disembunyikan oleh Amirul. (2 markah)
- 18 Berikan sebab-sebab Malik tidak mentertawakan Amirul. (4 markah)
- 19 (i) Berikan maksud perkataan 'membayangkan' berdasarkan penggunaannya dalam teks. (1 markah)
(ii) Berikan perkataan dalam perenggan kelima yang bermaksud risau. (1 markah)

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Frequently asked questions



2) My son's CCA clashes with the MSP or RSP lessons. Is there another day for make-up lesson?

There is no make-up lesson since the same MSP teachers are teaching other levels on other days. Please select a CCA that will minimise any clashes with both MSP and RSP lessons.

3) What are the days for MSP and RSP lessons for the different levels?

MSP lessons are on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for Year One, Two, Three and Four respectively. RSP lessons are on Wednesdays, Wednesdays, Tuesdays and Mondays for Year One, Two, Three and Four respectively.

4) Is a scholar allowed to be absent for RSP or MSP lessons due to CCA competitions or trainings?

He is allowed to be absent with valid reasons from RSP and MSP lessons due to CCA competitions. An email from the CCA teacher needs to be submitted to the RSP or MSP teacher. He is not allowed to miss any lessons due to regular training for CCA competitions.

Frequently asked questions



6) How many sessions are there for MSP and RSP lessons in a year?

MSP lessons are conducted weekly. There will be around 12 sessions for RSP for the whole year. The dates for all RSP lessons will be given to your son by the teacher-in-charge for the level on the first RSP lesson.

7) How tough are the RSP and MSP lessons? I am unsure if my son can cope with his other academic subjects and CCAs.

RSP lessons are not strenuous as they consist of mostly local learning journeys, class discussions and relevant group presentations.

MSP is a third language which needs constant revision and prompt submission of assignments. The MSP teacher is preparing the students for the GCE O-level MSP examination at the end of Year 4. Hence, your son needs to ensure that he can cope with academic studies and CCAs before choosing RSP and MSP.

8) Is a parent's email or letter allowed for any absence from MSP or RSP lessons?

Only a medical certificate is allowed for any absence due to illness. An email from CCA teacher is required for any absence due to competitions. On a case-by-case basis, will a parent's letter be accepted for any absence from lessons.

Frequently asked questions



10) What are the advantages of being in the RSP?

Apart from learning a third language namely Bahasa Melayu, Southeast Asian culture, history and geography, RSP scholars will also benefit from the experiences of the yearly overseas cultural immersion trips and improve on his presentation and teambuilding skills. Students in the Express stream can also deduct 2 bonus points from their L1R5 GCE O-level examination points if he achieves a pass grade for the MSP GCE O-level examination. MSP grade can also be used in the calculation of the L1R5 points in the Humanities subject category in the GCE O-level examination.

11) My son is allocated French/ German/ Japanese as his third language by MOE. Must he withdraw from that or is he allowed to take the third language and be in the RSP?

According to the MOE's criteria, he has to withdraw from the other third language since MSP is already a third language.

Frequently asked questions



14) How is a student selected for the RSP?

If a student is interested in both MSP and RSP and meets the eligibility requirements, he needs to submit the RSP application form, found in the school website, before the closing date. He will then receive a letter for an interview by the panel of RSP teachers. Interviews will be conducted in English where he will be judged on his oral skills, confidence level, aptitude and interest in the programme.

15) Is the renewal of the RSP scholarship automatic yearly? Does MOE track the academic progress of my son?

The renewal is not automatic yearly. Scholars need to pass the MSP final year examinations and fulfil MOE's criteria of less than 20 points for the L1R5 and more than 26 IB points in the Final Year examination for those in the Express and Integrated Programmes streams respectively. The school submits every RSP scholars' overall examination results to MOE yearly for renewal of scholarships.

16) Is my son required to take History in Upper Secondary to be in the RSP?

It is not a requirement for him to take History in Upper Secondary. However, if he intends to continue with the RSP in Year 5 and Year 6, he needs to take History at Higher Level (HL) as one of the IB subjects.

Frequently asked questions



1) Is the examination marks for MSP counted in the final year examination total marks?

MSP examination marks is calculated in the Year 1 and Year 2 examination overall marks since MSP is an additional subject. In the Year 3 and Year 4, MSP marks can be used in the calculation of L1R5 points or IP points for the Final Year Examination.

4) My son did not apply for MSP as third language. If he is accepted for the RSP, do I need to apply for MSP at the MOE Language Centre (MOELC)?

The school will liaise with the MOELC for application of MSP as third language for the selected RSP students.

5) Is the MSP lesson conducted in the school by school teachers or at the MOELC?

Lessons are conducted in school for the RSP students by the Malay Language teacher, from 3 to 6pm weekly. There will be no MSP lessons during school holidays or the weeks before school examinations.

RSP Application Form



Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)

Deadline for Submission
to Front Office: Monday
15 January 2024, 3 pm

REGIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMME APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please fill in or type all relevant details neatly and accurately.
- Indicate 'Not Applicable' (NA) for items that are not applicable to the applicant.
- Please attach a copy of Primary 5 and Primary 6 examination and PSLE results and other relevant supporting documents with the application.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF STUDENT

Full Name				Affix recent passport size photo here
Class in 2024		Birth Certificate Number		
Date of Birth		Citizenship		
Name of Primary School				
Mother Tongue	Chinese / Higher Chinese / Tamil / Higher Tamil / Others / Exempted * (* please circle)			
Accepted in MOE's Malay Special Programme (MSP)	Yes / No / Did not apply * (* please circle)			
ACADEMIC RECORDS (please attach photocopies of Primary 5 and Primary 6 examination and PSLE results)				
Primary 5 (Exam AL score)				
Primary 6 (PSLE AL score)				

ACHIEVEMENTS' RECORD

Please provide details in the table below and attach copies of relevant supporting documents, if any.

	Indicate Level and Year of Participation (in Primary 5 and / or Primary 6) (International, National, School, Individual or Group award)
Academic Awards and Achievements	
Co - Curricular Activities (CCAs)	
Leadership and Community Involvement	
Others	



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About

The Regional Studies Programme (RSP) is a prestigious scholarship programme for Years 1 – 4 students. Students in the RSP will offer Malay (Special Programme) or M(SP) as a third language.

Currently there are five schools who offer the RSP and up to 100 scholarships will be awarded per cohort of students across the five schools. The scholarships will cover a school fee subsidy, an annual allowance of \$1,000 per annum, various subsidies and funding.

RSP curriculum will include overseas immersion programmes and structured enrichment programmes spread out during the course.

RSP Application form

RSP Application



- Application form from the school website or QR code, submit to **front office** with the supporting documents in **hardcopy** by **Monday, 15th Jan at 3 pm.**
- Interview on **Monday, 22nd Jan from 3pm to 4:30pm.** More details at interview letter to successful applicants.
- Result on **Thursday, 25th Jan at 10am.**
- MSP lesson start on Monday, 29th Jan.
- RSP lesson start on Wednesday, 7th Feb.

RSP Application



- Please email us if you have any queries:
 - Mdm Salinah, RSP Co-Ordinator at salinah@acsindep.edu.sg
 - Ms Mira Azunah, MSP Co-Ordinator at miraazunah@acsindep.edu.sg



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