Open House 2016

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Factors to Consider in Choosing a School

- Environment
- Opportunities
- People

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The core purpose of ACS (Independent) is to nurture ACSians to be catalysts for change with Godly values and robust character, equipped and willing to serve and lead in the family, nation and global community.

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School as a Family

School is a family – safe to be yourself and to relate to others and a community to ...

- Love and be loved
- Respect and be respected
- Belong to and be accepted by others
- Celebrate and be celebrated
- Encourage and be encouraged
- Accept and be accepted
- Forgive and be forgiven

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Academic Programmes

- Express Programme (Years 1 – 4)
- Integrated Programme (Years 1 – 4)
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (Years 5 – 6)

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Academic Programmes

INTEGRATED PROGRAMME 'IB' DIPLOMA

1st Intake
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4

2nd Intake
- Year 5 (IB 1)
- Year 6 (IB 2)

EXPRESS PROGRAMME GCE ‘O’ LEVELS CERTIFICATE

Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4

Candidates sit for the Singapore-Cambridge GCE ‘O’ Level Exam

Candidates take the IBDP, GCE ‘A’ Levels or Polytechnic Diploma

Candidates sit for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Exam

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Express Programme

- Rigorous, broad-based holistic education

- Four year programme leading to the GCE “O” Level Examination, and thereafter a pre-university course of study (IB Diploma Programme or GCE “A” Level course)

- Opportunity for lateral transfer to IP at Year 3

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Integrated Programme

- Six year programme leading to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) in their fifth and sixth years.

- Students spend six years in ACS (Independent) and are not required to sit for the Singapore-Cambridge GCE ‘O’ level examinations, except for Mother Tongue.

- Wide array of subject combinations with interdisciplinary approach.

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Curriculum Summary

Integrated Programme

Express Programme

Year 1 & 2
Foundation Years

Year 3 & 4
5 Compulsory Subjects
+ 3 Option subjects
4 Compulsory Subjects
+ 4 – 5 Option subjects

Year 5 & 6
IBDP
3 Higher Level Subjects
3 Subject Level Subjects
Extended Essay
Theory of Knowledge
Creativity, Activity & Service

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CCA & Talent Development
Over 50 different CCAs

Participation in CCA is compulsory for all pupils from Year 1 to 4.

Each student participates in 2 CCAs: a Uniformed Group and either Sports, Service, Clubs and Societies or Cultural Activities.
CCAs Offered

**Sports And Games**
Badminton, Bowling, Canoeing, Cricket, Cross-country, Golf, Football, Frisbee (Yr 5 & 6), Health & Fitness Club, Netball, Rugby, Sailing, Shooting, Softball, Squash, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Waterpolo

**Uniformed Groups**
Boys' Brigade, National Cadet Corps (Air, Land & Sea), St John Brigade, National Civil Defence Cadet Corps, National Police Cadet Corps (Land), Scouts

**Performing Arts**
Choir, Chinese Performing Arts Club, Dance Venia (Yr 3-6), Drama Club (Sec/IB), Guitar Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble (Yr 5 & 6)

**Clubs And Societies**

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Talent Development

- ACE 21 (*Communications Programme*)
- ACS Accelerated Class for Science/ Advanced Science Programme
- Dr Goh Keng Swee Nation Building Series
- Dr Lee Suan Yew and Dr Lee Li Eng Speaker of the Year Award
- Humanities Scholarship Programme (Years 5 & 6)
- ImaginaXium (*Innovation & Creativity*)
- Music Elective Programme (Years 1 – 4)
- Regional Studies Programme (Years 1 – 4)
- School Based Gift Education Programme

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Flagship programme for English Language and Literature Department

Honing oral communication skills through presentations, debates and listening

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Inspiring and nurturing a life-long interest in innovation.

Modules on innovation incorporated as part of the curriculum across disciplines in the Lower Secondary

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Accelerated Class for Science

- Differentiated learning programme for the students with special science talents.
- Ensure that talented students are nurtured from a younger age.
- To groom budding scientists and prepare them for future challenges/career in the international science arena.
- Advanced Science Programme for Year 5&6
Humanities Scholarship Programme

- MOE scholarship which encourage outstanding students to study the humanities at the pre-university level
- ACS(I) is the only HSP centre to offer the IBDP.
Music Elective Programme

- MEP prepares secondary level students for the GCE ’O’ Level Higher Music Examination.
- Year 5 students may apply for MES and sit for the IB Higher Level Music Examination.

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School-Based Gifted Education (SBGE) (Years 1 – 4)

- Embedded in the Integrated Programme
- Allows for differentiation and enrichment of curriculum

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Ethos of Care/Student Support

- At least two teachers overseeing each class
- Class size: 25 – 35 students
- Dedicated and caring teachers
- Pastoral Care
- Careers, Opportunities & Guidance
- Agape Counselling Sanctuary
- Financial Assistance Scheme
- Zero Tolerance Policy for Bullying
- School Family Activities & Events

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Admissions

PSLE Centralised Posting, Direct School Admission
Sec 1 Centralised Posting

- Students can decide whether to apply for the IP track or the Express track (or both)

- This can be indicated clearly in the school choices in the centralised posting system

- Cut Off Point:

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## DSA: Selection Criteria

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Submission of application forms by **17 June 2016**

Refer to school website for additional details

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Selection trials are conducted for Athletics, Badminton, Bowling, Cricket, Rugby, Squash, Softball, Tennis and Waterpolo.

For Swimming, Sailing and Chess, the students’ national age group rankings and national inter-primary school competitions will be used for consideration.

Registration fee: $30 payable in cash / cheque / internet banking. Fees are waived for students on Financial Assistance Scheme.

Refer to school website for selection trial dates.

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DSA: Higher Ability Selection Test

- **Only for IP applicants:**
  - Reading Comprehension (45 minutes)
  - Mathematical Reasoning (40 minutes)
  - Abstract Reasoning (30 minutes)

- **Closing date for registration of the Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST):**
  - 10 June 2016 for 24 June HAST
  - 17 June 2016 for 1 July HAST

- **Registration fees:**
  - $80 - waived for students on FAS
  - Payable in cash / cheque / internet banking

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Students can apply for:
- Integrated Programme alone
- Express Programme alone or
- Both Programmes

Indicate on the application form

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**DSA Timeline**

16 April – 17 June 2016
DSA Exercise

Selection Trial and/or HAST

17 June 2016
Deadline for submission

End August
Results of DSA

October
DSA Option forms issued

October
Registration of DSA choices

November
Results of DSA with PSLE results

At ACS (Independent)

Through the Primary school

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Successful DSA applicants will register their choices in October 2016*.

Placing a Waitlist offer over Confirmed Offer will **not** affect the validity of the Confirmed Offer.

*tentative

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**Admission via DSA**

- **DSA is a commitment made by the School to the students, and by the students and the parents to the School.**

- **Transfers to other schools after the release of PSLE results may only be considered under extenuating circumstances.**

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Financial Assistance

No Singaporean admitted to ACS (Independent) will be turned away because he/she is unable to afford school fees.

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Why ACS (Independent)?
Why Choose ACS (Independent)?

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- People

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