Overview
Founded in 1886, ACS (Independent)'s mission is to be a world class institution in nurturing the holistic development of our students. It is a Methodist institution with a strong foundation in spiritual values, a tradition of excellence and a global perspective. Every staff member contributes to provide a strong and caring learning environment and educational opportunities for each student.

ACS (Independent) is an independent school under the Ministry of Education and an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. The school offers two academic tracks:
- the four-year Express programme leading to the GCE "O" Levels Examination, and
- the six-year through-train Integrated Programme (IP) where students follow the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) in their fifth and sixth years.

Student Body
The school operates as a single session with an enrolment of about 3,000 students (Years 1 – 4: Boys; Years 5 & 6: mixed). The total student enrolment for IBDP stands at about 900 and the graduating class of 2012 has 469 students.

The IBDP cohort comprises the Year 5 and 6 IP students as well as students admitted on academic performance in the GCE "O" Level Examinations. The admission cut-off point based on the GCE "O" Level Examination results in 2011 was 7 points.

Academic Calendar
The school calendar follows the Singapore school academic cycle from 1st January – 31st December with 2 semesters. Students usually take IB exams in November, with results expected in early January of the following year.

Enrichment
The school offers various programmes designed to develop niche talents and provide affective education.
- Humanities Scholarship and Programme
- Music Elective Programme
- School-based Gifted Education Programme
- Regional Studies Programme
- Pastoral Care and Career Guidance
- Deans' List
- Enrichment Programme
- Industry and Business Attachment
- Overseas Education Programme

ACS (Independent) offers over 50 Co-Curriculum Activities. The school's sports, performing arts and uniformed groups consistently emerge top in the national school rankings and competitions.

Our IBDP cohort of students also represented Singapore in the following International Science and Mathematics Olympiads:
- China Mathematical Olympiad
- International Biology Olympiad
- International Chemistry Olympiad
- International Mathematics Olympiad
- International Physics Olympiad

Community Involvement
The school actively supports community projects, local and overseas.

In 2006, the school pioneered an overseas education programme "Window on the World", where Year 5 students participate in community projects in the region.

Past projects include mangrove rehabilitation in Halong Bay, Vietnam, building water tanks in Chiang Mai, working with slum children in Khon Kaen, Thailand, China and India etc.

Curriculum
IBDP students offer the full IB diploma comprising three Higher Level subjects, three Standard Level subjects as well as the three core requirements of the IBDP:
- the Extended Essay, a 4,000 word essay which acquaints students with the independent research and writing skills expected at university.
- the Theory of Knowledge course, which explores the nature of knowledge across disciplines, encouraging an appreciation of other cultural perspectives.
- the Creativity, Action, Service 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.

The medium of instruction is English. One subject must be chosen from each of the groups 1 to 5, and the sixth subject can be chosen from any group.

Group 1: Language A
English: Literature; Language & Literature (SL/HL)
Chinese: Literature; Language & Literature (SL/HL)

Group 2: 2nd Language
Language B (SL) - English / Chinese / Malay / Tamil / Hindi
Language ab inito (SL) - Spanish / French / German / Mandarin / Malay

Group 3: Individuals & Societies
Business & Management (HL/SL)
Economics (HL/SL)
Geography (HL/SL)
History (HL/SL)

Group 4: Experimental Sciences
Biology (HL) Chemistry (HL/SL)
Physics (HL/SL)
Environmental Systems & Societies (SL)

Group 5: Mathematics
Mathematical Studies (SL) Mathematics (HL/SL)
Further Maths (HL)
Computer Science (HL)

Group 6: The Arts
Music (HL) Visual Arts (HL/SL)
IBDP Results

ACS (Independent) is the first national school in Singapore to offer the IBDP. Our first cohort of students sat for the IBDP examinations in 2007. The results for the IBDP examinations in November 2011 are given below:

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The full score for the IBDP is 45 points. 80.8% of our students who sat for the examinations in November 2011 achieved 40 points and above.

**Total No. candidates awarded 40 points and above**: 367 (80.8%)
University Placements

Our alumni have been accepted at the following universities:

AUSTRALIA
- Australia Defence Force Academy
- Australian National University
- Monash University
- Queensland University of Technology
- University of Adelaide
- University of Melbourne
- University of New South Wales
- University of Queensland
- University of Sydney
- University of Tasmania
- University of Western Australia

SWITZERLAND
- Webster University, Geneva

UNITED KINGDOM
- Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry
- Bristol University
- Central St Martins College of Arts and Design
- Durham University
- Imperial College
- Keele University
- King's College
- London School of Economics
- Queen Mary, University of London
- Trinity College
- Trinity College Dublin
- University College Cork
- University College London
- University London
- University of Bath
- University of Birmingham
- University of Cambridge
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester
- University of Middlesex
- University of Newcastle
- University of Nottingham
- University of Oxford
- University of Sheffield
- University of York
- Warwick University

UNITED STATES
- Boston University
- Brown University
- California Institute of Technology
- Carleton College
- Carnegie-Mellon University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Harvard University
- John Hopkins University
- Lafayette College
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Oberlin College
- Parsons School of Design
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Rice University
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- St Andrew's University
- Stanford University
- Tufts University
- University of California, LA
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Chicago
- University of Georgia
- University of Michigan
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Southern California
- University of Texas
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Wellesley College
- Yale University

Scholarships

Our alumni have been awarded the following undergraduate scholarships:

A*Star (Agency for Science, Technology and Research) Scholarship Award
A*Star Biomedical Sciences
A*Star MBBS Phd
A*Star National Science Scholarship
A*Star Talent Search (A*TS)
A*Star Undergraduate Scholarship (AUS)
Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Scholarship
Defence Science and Technology Agency Undergraduate Scholarship Award
Economic Development Board Scholarship
Firefly Scholarship Award
Housing Development Board Scholarship
IE Singapore Undergraduate Scholarship
Jardine Scholarships
Ministry of Foreign Affairs Scholarship
Ministry of Information, Communication and the Arts Scholarship
MOE (Ministry of Education) Merit/Teaching Scholarship Award
MOH Health Science and Nursing Scholarship
National Health Group Scholarship
National Science Scholarship
President's Scholarship
PSC (Public Service Commission) Scholarship Award/Overseas Merit Scholarship (OMS)
PSC/Singapore Government Scholarships (SGS)
SAF Defence Merit Scholarship (DMS)
SAF Merit Scholarship (SMS)
SAF Overseas Scholarship Award
Singapore Airlines Open Scholarship
Singapore Police Force Overseas Scholarship
STB (Singapore Tourism Board) Scholarship
ST Engineering Scholarship
Urban Renewal Authority Scholarship