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CHR HIGHLIGHTS

Education & Career Guidance (ECG)

The future is in our hands

To support our students, the ECG team has collaborated with Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP), to enable our students to communicate with the lecturers via live video conferencing (VC) on 19th February. Our students get the chance to take ownership of their personal growth by being equipped with the knowledge of the prerequisites of the courses they are interested in. This provides a platform for our students to start exploring their options and motivate them to set academic goals for their national examinations.



"Prior to the NYP Course Advising, I only had basic information about polytechnic. I did not know what to expect and was skeptical, wondering if the course I wanted was right for me. My doubts were cleared during the course advising session as they shared what the courses offer. I have gained valuable insights which have an impact on my future."

AMIR JAHAN (5/2)

The Secondary 4 and 5 students were listening intently and asking questions during the course advising session.

"I learnt more about the Early Admissions Exercise and the application process. It was especially useful learning about when and what to prepare such as writing our own personal statements for our choice of polytechnic course."

JOSHUA GAN (5/2)

"The NYP advising courses in Term 1 has given me an idea of the courses which are suitable for me and getting me to think through what I really want for myself. I am truly grateful for the expert advice given by the staff from NYP."

YONG JUN (4/5)

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Sec 4 & 5 Course Advising



Sec 3 VIA



Sec 2 PTM



Sec 4 & 5 Leaders Appreciation



Student Leaders' Investiture



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SEC 4 & 5 LEADERS APPRECIATION

As the Secondary 4 and 5 students officially step down from their leadership roles as student leaders and CCA leaders, it was time to give them recognition and show appreciation for their hard work and heart work. The appreciation event was a bitter-sweet experience as they pass the baton of leadership to the incoming Secondary 3 leaders.



I'm thankful to our teachers and councillors for arranging this token of appreciation ceremony. One of my favourite memories of the Student Council is our teachers, who were our biggest supporters and always teaching us how to be better leaders and people in life.

– ASHVINA JAPHIRE KANNAN (4/4)

It was with mixed feelings when I received the badge of recognition from Mr Derek, our dance instructor. I felt euphoric that I had learnt and grown so much over the years under his guidance. Yet, I felt overwhelmed by sadness upon the realisation that we have to go our separate ways upon graduation. I will definitely miss my fellow dance mates, teachers and my CCA. I am truly thankful to be part of the Modern Dance group.

– UMIKO NG XI WEN (4/2)



This appreciation event made me realise how much I will miss the time that I get to spend with my Girls' Brigade juniors. CCA is a time I really get to see and talk to them. They have encouraged me throughout. When I feel like giving up, they will say "You can do it!" or "Press on!"

– GOH RAY EE YVETTE (4/2)



CHR's GOT TALENT — SYF Arts Presentation

The much-awaited Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation 2021 had finally arrived! The SYF Arts Presentation took on a different spin this year with safe management measures in place. While the audience were unable to watch the performances physically, they were still able to catch the live streaming of the performances. Let's find out how our Performing Arts students felt about the experiences!



I loved the thrill of performing live as one Band. Despite the lack of practice as a whole Band due to COVID-19, this year's SYF was truly an engaging experience that strengthened our friendship as a Band.

– JONATHAN KOR (4/2), BAND

Initially, I was nervous that I would make mistakes that might affect the team. However, my Erhu teacher and my seniors encouraged me. Even if I made mistakes, I just have to try again. Thanks to their motivation, I'm more confident with myself. I'm grateful for the enriching SYF experience.

– NG XUAN YING (2/2),
CHINESE ORCHESTRA



As the script manager, I felt purposeful and productive. One thing I learnt that will always stay with me is that when someone doesn't cooperate, we may fail because we, the Drama club, should always work as one team.

– MUHAMMAD RAMZI (2/3), DRAMA



Due to the SMM measures, there were more challenges but thanks to the encouragement from our instructors, teachers and fellow dancers, we pulled through. I'm grateful for being part of the SYF team as I learnt the importance of teamwork and perseverance.

– BELINDA CHUA (3/2),
MODERN DANCE



Student Leaders' Investiture

Captioned By Carwen Audrey Liang (2/3) & Tan Rui Ci (2/3)

Located at the heart of Singapore, St Andrew's Cathedral opened its doors to our Student Councillors and CCA leaders for their Student Leaders' Investiture Ceremony.



While waiting for the investiture to start, our student leaders posed for candid photos.



Everyone stood at attention as a mark of respect at the start of the ceremony.

The 'passing the flame' ceremony by our outgoing Student Council President, Althea, to the incoming President, Desiree symbolises the continuation of the leadership journey to another generation.



Our emcees, Ginny and Audrey, who successfully ensured the programme ran smoothly.



The EXCO of the 38th Student Council received their badges from the Bishop.

Beaming from ear to ear, our Student Councillors called it a wrap at St Andrew's Cathedral!



Back in school, the celebrations continued. The badging ceremony of the CCA leaders by their CCA teachers was a heartwarming sight.



A proud moment for CCA teachers with their next generation of leaders.



Student leaders recited the student leaders' pledge in unison. Taking the lead was President of Student Council, Desiree.



Teachers and CCA leaders came together to congratulate each other and take candid photos.

Shining, Shimmering, Splendid Honours Day (Students) 2021

Photos By Les Literato

With the theme of 'Shining, Shimmering, Splendid', Honours Day (Students) became a quest for boundless treasure. CHR was transformed into CHRshire with its people supporting 4 treasure hunters in search for treasures for its people. United as one, they cracked the code and discovered the 1 true treasure – They were the treasure!



It all began in the Cave of Wonders with 4 treasure hunters and a mystery code!



Cracking the code meant they were finally rewarded with the energy-giving snacks.



Back in the homes of CHRshire, everyone was celebrating.



Hidden behind those masks were smiles of sheer joy upon receiving their prizes and certificates.



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Art Teacher @the gallery!

By Mr Zul



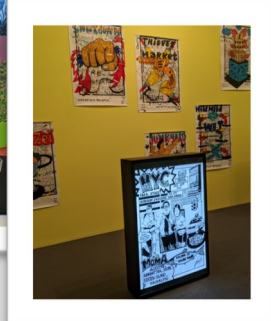
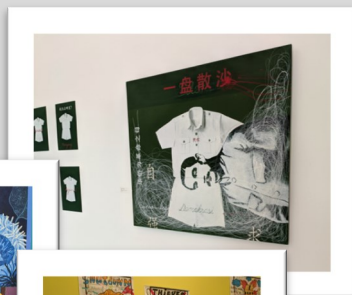
Recently, I had the chance to catch up on some exhibitions at Singapore's only art complex, Gillman Barracks! This gave me the opportunity to visit multiple art galleries at once!

As an art teacher, visiting art exhibitions provide a sense of inspiration and rejuvenation! It's always interesting to learn and understand the varying perspectives of artists. They enable us to adopt multiple viewpoints and enrich our understanding of the world.



Where:

Gillman Barracks
9 Lock Rd, Singapore 108937



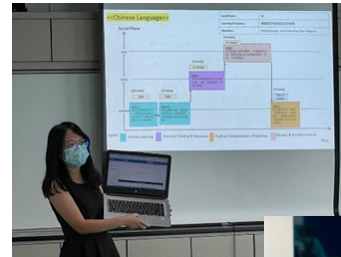
"Cher, what should I do at the gallery?"

You can begin by identifying **what attracts you** and observe it closely. Ask yourself: **What am I seeing?** Proceed by inquiring further: **What was the artist thinking?** or **What is the artist trying to tell me?** Pause and think.



Professional Development (PD) for Staff Teachers become students!

With technology becoming pervasive in our every day life, our CHR teachers become students as they explore the use of technology for lessons. Every Thursday, the teachers come together, put on their 'student' hat and actively learn and share their innovative e-pedagogy practices.



"I'm thankful for the PD sessions which provided me with not only the knowledge and skills but made me hungry for more. I'm motivated to see an improvement in the quality of the work submitted by students after applying new things I learnt during the sessions as well as through support from colleagues."

– MDM ROSLINA

"If a child isn't learning the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn." - Ignacio Estrada

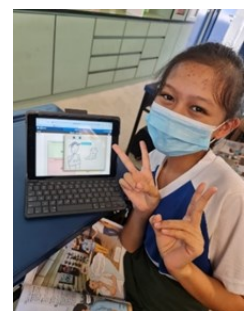
"This quote always encourages me to explore and design learner-centric lessons that meet my students' needs. I believe every child loves to play games. By bringing gamification into the classroom, we can connect deeper with students and unleash their desire for learning.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to share my Gimkit experiences with fellow teachers during our PD session. By sharing innovative ideas, we learn from one another."

– MS TEOH SHAO CING



Challenging the students to learn Chinese through GimKit.



Learning language is more fun now through the use of technology.



Fabula Vitae

By Les Literato Team:

Aravinth Thulashitha (2/1), Aliyah Nazihah Binte Ibrahim (2/3), Arushi Ajay Deshpande (2/3), Carwen Audrey Liang (2/3), Fuke Narayani (2/3), Alluru Rishitha Reddy (2/4), Cheong Xin Rui Raelyn (2/4), Riya J Shailesh Rahate (2/4), Thomas Khoo Kai Le (2/4), Bea Trisha Samaniego Bacay (3/2), Tiffanie Kayle Gil Pangan (3/2), Nur Nabilah Binte Hamzah (3/3), Moreno Ginger Sam Morelos (4/5)



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TRENDING ARTISTS

By Bea Trisha Samaniego Bacay (3/2) & Nur Nabilah Binte Hamzah (3/3)

We have our favourite songs, genres and artists. Today, we are indeed spoilt for choice. Here are 3 popular artists to keep on your playlist!

1. Conan Gray

The Gen Z rising star, Conan Gray, first started a YouTube channel in 2013 and called it 'ConanXCanon'. He began uploading vlogs of his personal life and singing songs on his channel. His fans absolutely love his distinctive voice and carefree attitude! He released many singles before releasing his debut album, 'Kid Krow' in 2020. His successful songs from the album like 'Heather', 'Maniac' gained 260 million streams on Spotify! Conan Gray's songs are definitely refreshing and full of promise. Go and give his songs a listen!



2. Ariana Grande

Now one of the world's favourite music artists, her amazing vocals and catchy songs like 'thank u, next' is loved by millions worldwide! The famous and talented singer first began her career by acting in shows like 'Victorious' and 'Sam & Cat'. Her singing career took flight when she released her debut album 'Yours Truly' in 2013. Her most viewed music video with over a billion YouTube views is 'Side to Side'. If you ever feel like listening to a song you can bop to, check out her songs!



3. ITZY

Girl group Itzy is becoming increasingly popular in the K-pop world. With 5 members, Yeji, Lia, Ryujin, Chaeryeong and Yuna, their songs spread positivity. When the girl group debuted in 2019 with their title track, 'Dalla Dalla', they gained many fans within such a short timespan. All their music videos gained more than 100 million YouTube views. Their recent song, 'Not Shy', has reached more than 70 million streams on Spotify! With their amazing charisma and strong vocals, it's no wonder their fan base is growing. Looking for songs on empowerment and confidence, Itzy is the artist for you.



COMIC CORNER

Comic by Cheong Xin Rui Raelyn (2/4)

Two best friends just joking around...

And that's how the fight started!



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CHRIAN OF THE TERM: MS AQIDAH

By Arushi Ajay Deshpande (2/3)



She wears a big smile on her face, and always rewards her students, even for the little things. An inspirational teacher, she is none other than Ms Aqidah. Ask any student and they'll say that she's a friendly and positive teacher. I managed to get up close and personal with Ms Aqidah and discovered that there is so much more than meets the eye!



Should Netflix shows be watched leisurely or binged at a go?

For me, I love to binge-watch. I watched Lupin all at once over the weekends, and even The Queen's Gambit over the December holidays.

What is one dangerous thing you have done in your life?

A couple of years back, I climbed Mount Belumut in Johor. While I was pushing some people up, I lost my footing and skidded a good 150m off the mountain. Fortunately, I caught the rope the trainers had tied along the way. Moreover, we climbed this mountain during monsoon season. Bruised with a sprained ankle, it built my resilience as I survived the ordeal.

Being a history teacher, if you could live in any era in history, which era would it be and why?

I would like to live in the 1950s of Singapore! This was post-independence at a time when our country was creating our identity and what we were going to become. Also, there was quite a bit of intriguing politics going on at that time. Furthermore, the fashion during that time was splendid! It was so modest but had tinge of fun and classy.

What are some interesting alternatives to war that countries could settle their differences with?

Just talk it out! Have a debate perhaps, just pour out your feelings, without the use of guns. Even better, I love the idea of a nerf gun battle. No one would die, yet there would still be a winner.

What is your guilty pleasure?

Ice cream! Anyone who knows me well enough would be aware that I love to eat ice cream (too much!). Any flavour, at any time of the day, in any weather!

Everyday you learn something new. Now you know a little bit more about Ms Aqidah. If it's not enough, you can try finding her on Instagram!



NIGHT

By Alluru Rishitha Reddy (2/4)

The silvery orb starts to rise
As the ball of fire sinks
The orange fades

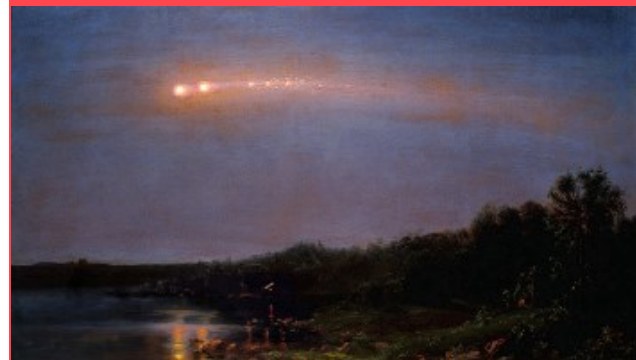
When the darkness envelops
The blanket is decorated
With gleaming dots
Forming wondrous constellations

The moonlight ripples
Through the clouds
The leaves of the trees sway
Along with the cold wind

The night is silent and calm
That the hoots of the owls
Echo throughout the seaside town

People are having sweet dreams
Under the grace of the
Moon and stars
The waves are entrancing
The deep blues reflecting
The beautiful celestial bodies

Soon darkness melts
Into bright daylight
It was time for Luna to rest
And Sol took her place burning bright



Frederic Edwin Church, *The Meteor of 1860*. Year: 1860.



RAVING REVIEWS:

Souffle Pancakes

By Aliyah Nazihah Binte Ibrahim (2/3)
& Carwen Audrey Liang (2/3)



Tamago-en is said to have the best souffle pancakes in Singapore. True or false, we went to find out ourselves. Originating from Japan, souffle pancakes became an instant hit thanks to the food photos on social media showing off the jiggly stacks. What made these pancakes different is how the egg whites were beaten and added into the pancake batter. The extra fluffiness is due to the air bubbles holding their shape inside the pancake batter.

Tamago-en offers a wide variety of tempting pancakes from pineapple tapioca pearl soufflé pancake to berry soufflé pancake. Excited to try something new, we opted for the banana and chocolate souffle pancake. When they finally arrived, the pancakes were lolling gently on top of each other, drizzled in maple syrup, dolloped with chocolate and bananas slices on the side. As we bit into the fluffy goodness, it felt as though the cottony clouds of heaven melted into my mouth! While the maple syrup was not as dominant, it balanced out the sweetness of the dish. This is definitely a must-try! But just a heads-up, these pancakes are unlikely to stay on your plate for less than a minute!

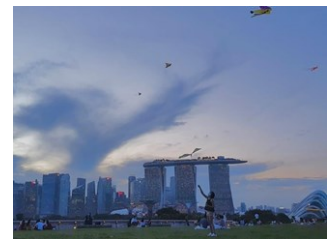
CAUGHT ON CAMERA: BREAK TIME!

By Tiffanie Kayle Gil Pangan (3/2) & Moreno Ginger Sam Morelos (4/5)

Who doesn't love games? One of the more popular games arcades in Singapore is Timezone. With claw machines to Japanese arcade rhythm games, there's something for everyone. We spent some time at Vivocity Timezone and were amazed by how huge the place was. Vivocity's Timezone has an area for bumper cars as well as a mini bowling alley.

After much time indoors at the arcades, we took a trip to Marina Barrage for some fresh air. Marina Barrage is a dam built across Marina Channel to keep out sea water. The rooftop of the barrage has a green space where you can relax, fly a kite, enjoy a picnic, watch the sunset and much more! Many people were seen having a good time with good company. The green spaces also offer a breath-taking view of the Gardens By The Bay.

To top it all off, shopping is definitely a Singaporean hobby. Visiting the mall with family or friends is a time to bond. Simply window shopping can be a fun adventure on its own. It helped in taking our minds off our worries and focus on the present. We did treat ourselves to some knick-knacks to end off our day of fun. Can't wait for the June holidays? We've only mentioned three activities you can do in your free time during the holidays. Plenty more awaits you!



How People See It

By Aravinth Thulashitha (2/1), Fuke Narayani (2/3), Riya J Shailesh Rahate (2/4), Thomas Khoo Kai Le (2/4)

Have you ever thought of being your own boss with your own shop selling your very own unique items? In this issue, we asked our amazing CHRians for their response to this question:

If you could open any shop, what would you sell and why?

I would like to open a shop that sells egg-related stuff because my shop is an egg-cellent shop! (Tessa, 2/5)

I want to open a candy shop so I can give people some of my sweetness. (Jia Xuan, 1/1)

I will probably sell some onions because I would like to see customers cry tears of joy. (Elisha, 2/6)

I will choose to open a shop that would make and sell shoes because shoemakers have such good soles. (Melody, 3/4)

I would like to sell stuff for defence against the dark arts because I am secretly from Hogwarts and would like to spread love for Harry Potter. (Pierina, 2/1)

I would like to open a shop selling books because I want people with no shelf control to buy them. (Jia Xin, 4/4)

I want to sell thyme because everyone should take their time and relax in my shop. (Amrutha, 2/6)

I would like to open a shop that provides games like Playnation! So I can battle and join in the fun with my customers! (Ms Lai, CHR Staff)

Bubble tea shop so that everyone around will be bubbly. (Ms Chye, CHR Staff)



OUR LOVE LANGUAGES



Our 'love language' describes how we receive love from others. They are: Words of Affirmation, Acts of Service, Receiving Gifts, Quality Time and Physical Touch.

So how do CHRians express their love language?



My love language to my family appears in all 5 types: Physical Touch, Words of Affirmation, Quality time, Acts of Service and Gifts.

Every morning no matter how tired, I wake up earlier to cook daily meals for my family. Before going to work, I give my kids a quick peck on the cheek and say "I love you".

MDM RAHIMAH



My love languages are to spend quality time and provide affirmation for my family. During circuit breaker, my family and I had to work and study from home. Hence, we had the time to try new things like cooking a variety of dishes. I also created cards with motivational messages and quotes to encourage them.

AISHWINI (3/5)



Most of the time I show my appreciation for my friends through listening and affirming them. Spending quality time is important to me, so my friends and I try to make time to hang out together.

MS SARAH OH



One way I show my care and affection towards my friends is by asking them if they are alright or if they needed any help. I always try to be there for my friends when they need a listening ear.

LUCAS (4/7)



My love language is to help my friends and teachers when they face challenges. For example, I try to help my teachers carry their laptop into our classroom to ease their burden.

LEVENE (1/3)



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ELISE ANG (5/2)



I drew this to show appreciation for my close primary school friend as we used to be called the 'Chaotic Duo'. We give each other fan arts to affirm our long friendship.

TEO WEN QI (2/2)



I find joy in showing appreciation to my friends and family through food. Not only is it a basic need, but it also binds people together. Food is meaningful as it showcases our rich heritage and culture.

MR TOH HONG SENG

Bundles of joy in CHR



(L) Ms Jenifer's princess and
(R) Mdm Nursyahidah's princess



'The Potter & the Clay' by Mr Adrian Cordeiro

Our new water feature located near the General Office is symbolic of our belief that each child has worth and can be moulded to his fullest potential to become a vessel of blessing for others.



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