



Learners for Life
Leaders of Integrity
Contributors with Compassion

Newsletter

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Sec 1 Orientation

Sec 1: Connect with Outram Community



Some of the games were tough but we figured out solutions and managed to find a way to our problems.

Hernie Andini, S1B

I feel joyful to be able to connect with my peers and interact with the seniors.

Ivan Low, S1C

The commencement of the fresh academic year was characterised by the exuberant reuniting of friends, their faces adorned with radiant smiles, and the exchange of joyful high-fives. The newest additions to the Outram family were warmly embraced into the school community through a heartfelt introductory speech delivered by our Vice-principal, Ms Guineve Yeo.

Our Principal, Mr Keith Tan, delivered a motivational address, espousing and unpacking the school vision, fervently urging Outramians to be the best version of themselves.

The freshmen experienced a series of exciting activities which they bonded within the class and with the affable seniors who led them. They learnt quickly to sing the school song and were soon able to navigate around the school campus.





Start it Right! Programme

Sec 2: Connect with Self

Sec 3: Connect with Others

Sec 4 & 5: Connect with Future

The *Start It Right!* programme comprising different components is an immersive initiative that empowers students through a holistic approach.

The Leadership Challenge fosters essential leadership skills, while the Mental Wellness Workshop promotes emotional resilience. Students also learnt to manage conversations to enhance their communication skills.



I have greater awareness of the different pathways available and what I can do to realise my passion.

Yamika Tay, S42



Career Guidance talks provides clarity for future paths, and the various learning journeys ensure continuous development. Students benefited profoundly by honing leadership acumen, prioritising mental well-being, embracing growth mindsets, mastering effective communication, and gaining strategic career insights.

Initiating the year with acquiring life skills and nurturing learning dispositions prepares Outramians to navigate challenges, fostering personal and academic success for the year.

Conversation with Distinguished Guest Series Term 1

Theme: Learners for Life

Mr David Hoe

Mr Hoe's tumultuous childhood was a recipe deemed for failure. However he managed to turn life around with the fervent passion for teaching and the heart to pay it forward of the help he was given after the unfortunate passing of his mother and obtaining a dismal PSLE aggregate score.

His sharing of the tenacious spirit and resilient mindset exercised to overcome multiple adversities encouraged many Outramians. His passion for continuous learning despite numerous obstacles inspired the audience. Mr Hoe also provided valuable insights on how to help individuals navigate their educational journey.



Mr. David Hoe's sharing taught me that not all things will go your way in life. However, you have to make the most of what you get. Even if the route is longer than what you wanted, you can still make it in life.

Eka Idraki Bin Suwandi, S2/2

Through Mr David Hoe's talk, I learnt that not everything in life goes the way you plan for it to go. When things don't go as you planned, there will always be other opportunities and we have to seize the opportunity and improvise on the spot.

Sonya Koh, S3/4

**NEVER LET EACH DAY GO WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING
GOOD & LEARNING SOMETHING NEW.**

MR DAVID HOE

Achievements

iBarista Competition

JOEL TAN, 2ND RUNNER-UP

Joel Tan from Secondary 4/2 achieved the 2nd runner-up position in Republic Polytechnic's iBarista competition finals.

Joel demonstrated a commendable growth mindset by embracing failures in the learning process. Leading up to the finals, Joel invested exceptional effort in crafting a vibrant green espresso infused with matcha powder and chocolate, creating a visually appealing and rich coffee.

During the finals, Joel faced an additional challenge with a mystery ingredient – lime, which he ingeniously incorporated, adding a unique flavour to his final cup.

His unwavering dedication and passion set him apart, showcasing a remarkable example of transforming problems into opportunities and actively seeking growth for extraordinary success.

Congratulations to Joel for his outstanding achievement in the competition!



Achievements

National School Games

B Division

Completed the South Zone Preliminary Rounds

Although this year we did not qualify for the second round, I've learnt three main values from our NSG experience. They are perseverance, patience and most importantly, teamwork. Without these three values, we wouldn't have won our last match. which happened to be one of our most memorable games.

Despite the fact that we were down during the second and third quarters, we fought till the very end and finally caught up during the fourth quarter. It wasn't easy, but I could see the fighting spirit in everyone as we brought down every single ball during the last quarter. I look forward to playing with the B Division team again in our upcoming Daisy Tan Competition!

Cheyenne Peh, S4/3



NETBALL

This year, following the change of the coach and with only a handful of trainings with our new coach, we headed into NSG with the mindset to do our best. While it felt surreal, all 4 matches went by incredibly quickly. Even though we didn't win our first few matches, we took our mistakes in our stride and worked on them during the very few training sessions we had in between games.

The team trained relentlessly to regain our "flow". With the vigorous trainings and desire to win a game, we finally won. Through all the tough times, we stood together supporting one another, be it from the sidelines or on court. I am forever grateful to have played alongside my teammates and coach Debra for always understanding and believing in us. LET'S DO BETTER FOR DAISY TAN Competition!

Jaether Chan, S4/3

This NSG season is the last time I will ever participate as an Outram netballer. I am grateful and proud of how far this team has come and the effort we put in together. Even though we didn't meet our goals this year, I cherished every moment I had with my teammates and enjoyed being with them.

Abigail Chua, S4/3



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BASKETBALL



As Captain of the Outram Basketball Team, I observed that the values of resilience, sportsmanship and teamwork were cultivated throughout our NSG journey. We were up against strong competition, but we managed to score one win. I will cherish this season deeply as it is my last NSG and I have forged strong bonds with my teammates.

The NSG was a wonderful experience. We learnt that winning or losing isn't everything; instead, it's the improvement we make to be better than before.

Camus Chee, S4/4



From the NSG I learnt to lead and communicate better with my team. Not only have I learnt that winning or losing is not everything, it's all the small mistakes that I had made prompt me to further improve myself whether it's on or off the court.

I am also very grateful to my coaches, teachers and especially my teammates who pushed me beyond my limits throughout this NSG and making this experience a very fulfilling one.

Ng Jun Xiang, S4/3



Achievements

National School Games

B Division

Competing at the National Preliminary Rounds and qualified for the National Winners' Pool

WATER POLO



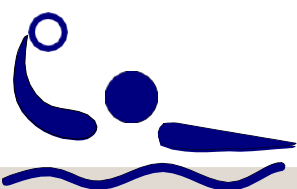
We started from the humble beginnings when we trained so hard for the past three years. After failing and being in the last position for the past 2 years, we finally did it! Now we have a chance to achieve more.

Abel Ng, S4/4



I'm deeply passionate and proud of the development of Outram Water Polo, celebrating each small success that propels us towards our ultimate goal. Through immeasurable effort and sacrifice, this National School Games reflects our team's progress and collective growth over the years. I'm confident that we can exceed expectations and bring honor and recognition to Outram as underdogs.

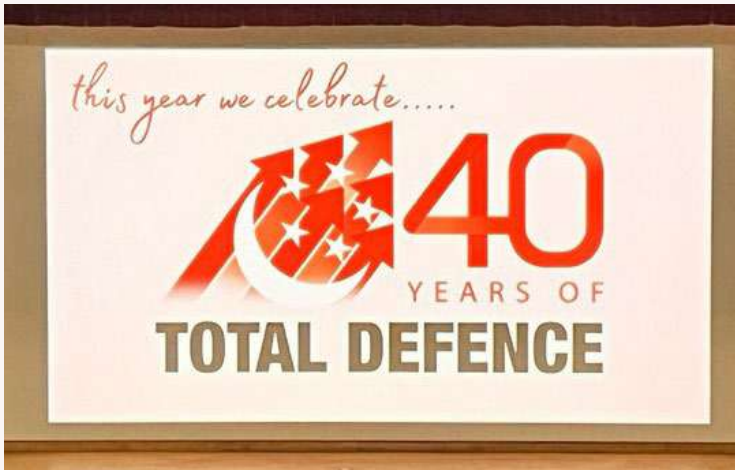
Rayyan Bin Samat, S4/3



Commemorations

Total Defence Day 40

15 FEB



2024 marks 40 years of Total Defence in Singapore. The theme for this year's Total Defence campaign is **"Together We Keep Singapore Strong"**.

The focus for TD40 is on Singaporean's readiness and resilience in the face of crises and disruptions. The CCE Committee has prepared a unique experience for all Outramians – SFA Food Resilience Experience.

This exercise enhances students' understanding of pre-packaged meal options as a viable food source that can be conveniently stored for extended periods at room temperature, ready for immediate use during emergencies or crises where cooking facilities or power and gas access are unavailable.

Moreover, it fosters adaptability in their dietary selections during times of food shortages or crises.



Celebrations

Spring Festival

NEW HOPE, NEW BEGINNING
9 FEB





Coldplay Concert

On January 23, 8 lucky students, chosen for their passionate write-ups expressing a desire to attend the Coldplay concert, were picked to experience a captivating performance by the immensely popular British band, characterised by electrifying and heartwarming moments. They were captivated by lead singer Chris Martin's formidable vocal prowess and the group's impressive showmanship.

The shared insight among the students is that every stage performance is the result of extensive effort, prolonged practice, and seamless teamwork, leaving a lasting impression.



REFLECTION

"I want to emphasize the warmth and friendliness of everyone I encountered. The tea session, in particular, was a delightful experience where I had the chance to meet new people who had traveled the world and generously shared their experiences. It was both exhilarating and fulfilling.

I am grateful for the valuable opportunity to step outside the confines of the school environment and immerse myself in learning meaningful life lessons in more social settings."

Rayyan from Secondary 4/3

REFLECTION

"Gaining insight into the music industry and understanding how we secured the opportunity to participate in the event was truly enlightening. Meeting the partners who played a crucial role in making the event possible during the high tea was a valuable experience. It became evident through our conversations that confidence is a key factor in opening doors to new opportunities. I am committed to embracing confidence and seizing every chance to achieve more in the future.

REFLECTION

I also want to express my gratitude to the school, the British High Commission, and Access Singapore for providing us with the chance to not only have fun but also learn through this enriching experience. Reflecting on this gainful opportunity, I am thankful for the connections made with the various event partners who shared their passion for change, providing me with a broader understanding of different perspectives."

Hannah from Secondary 4/4

Tea@Eden House

Following the Coldplay concert, the British High Commissioner, Her Excellency Kara Owen, graciously invited our students for afternoon tea at her official residence, Eden Hall, on January 30.

The students enjoyed a delightful afternoon, savoring an array of tea delights and sharing animated conversations about their memorable Coldplay experiences. They also explored the historic Eden Hall on a charming tour, marvelling at its well-preserved architecture and rich historical tapestry.



Deepest thanks to Access Singapore for the tickets and facilitating the tea session!

Outram Relocates!

We are moving to Sengkang

The announcement of Outram Secondary School relocating to Sengkang in 2026 was met with a mix of emotions and sentiments.

As the iconic landmark on York Hill since 1968, it holds a special place in the hearts of the numerous batches of Outramians spanning decades.

Yet, this transition heralds a horizon of promising opportunities and new experiences for the forthcoming generations of Outramians.

The indelible school spirit and heritage of Outram live on as we embark on a fresh chapter that promises to soar to unprecedented heights in the vibrant locale of Sengkang!



We are on the News!



Former Outram Secondary students express sadness, nostalgia over school's relocation to Sengkang

The school will be relocating to a new campus in Sengkang in 2026, to cater to the higher demand for secondary school places in the north-east area.



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Do You Know?

Outram Swimming Pool

The idea for the pool was first mooted in 1972 by the then SAC Chairman, Mr David Chew. Fundraising the building of the swimming complex was carried out through two walkathons and one fun fair.

The Outram swimming pool was officially opened in 1977 after 8 months of construction. It is a 25m x 21m short course pool with eight lanes for competition swimming and a grandstand which can hold up to 300 people.



Sporting Achievements



Water Polo in Outram started in 1991, and the "B" Division Boys won the Inter-school Water Polo Competition for the first time in 2013 (22 years after the pool was built) and again in 2017.

Ardi Azman (Class of 2020) is the first male Malay national swimmer who earned a place in the SEA Games and Asian Games squads.



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More Exciting Events Ahead!

- Mission X Learning Journey (Selected S3 students)
- ApLM
- International Friendship Day
- Hari Raya Celebrations
- SEN/ B&E /ECG Learning Journey
- 118th Speech Day
- Space Exploration Programme Talk by Science Centre

To receive more updates about events for ex-Outramians, follow us on our social media platforms!

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