Edition #01/2024 Term 1





OUTRAM SPOTLIGHT

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TERM 4 (2023) IN REVIEW REFLECTING ON ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES



SEC 4 & 5

This day marked the achievement of a significant milestone as each graduating class shared a poignant photo montage, immortalising moments from their first steps into Outram as Secondary 1 students. Witnessing their growth over the years was truly moving and heartwarming!

GRADUATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

In honour of this momentous event, the School Leaders and teachers had the honour of fastening an Outram collar pin to each graduating student, leaving them with a lasting memento of their time here.

While we will dearly miss each of these students, we know they are destined for greatness ahead! We wholeheartedly wish them success in all their future endeavours.







***** CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

The Graduation Prom is a vibrant celebration of the journey undertaken together, where the school commemorates the students' collective growth, cherished memories, the challenges overcome, and the joy of reaching this important milestone.

Cheers to the Class of 2023!

Here's to the next chapter, new adventures, and the amazing future awaiting each and every one of you.

Prom was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me. Memories were made during prom as well as the past 4 years I have been in Outram. I feel heartbroken to be leaving but excited for what the future holds for me.

Grad Prom at Outram was a sweet wrap-up to our four years. A mix of nostalgia, good music, and the realisation that we've come a long way. It was a meaningful way to say goodbye to our school life ****

COMPETITIONS

SAYA BOLEH MENGARANG 2023

Hanie Bella (4/4) has achieved the Gold award, showcasing her exceptional writing skills and creativity. Additionally, Alyssa Nur Adriana (4/3) and Layla Karina (5/1) have both secured the Bronze award, demonstrating their commendable talent in essay writing.





6TH NATIONAL TEXT RECITAL COMPETITION

A dedicated cohort of Chinese Language enthusiasts from Class 2/3 took part in the fiercely competitive 6th National Text Recital Competition. The event witnessed a gathering of exceptionally skilled students from all over Singapore, showcasing their prowess in the language and recitation. Undaunted by the stiff competition, our students exhibited extraordinary levels of determination, passion, and grace. Their outstanding efforts earned them a well-deserved Certificate of Participation.

WORLD ROBOTICS OLYMPIAD COMPETITION

On 7th September, the Outram Robotics Club (ORC) undertook a significant event, presenting their proposals for the World Robotics Olympiad competition. Months of intensive training, coding, prototyping, and presentation practice culminated in this event. The students' hard work and dedication paid off, resulting in impressive achievements. Both ORC teams received Certificates of Participation (Gold), and special recognition was awarded to the OSS Team Innovation, who were crowned in Future **Innovators** Champions the Category. Congratulations to all! Y Property 1

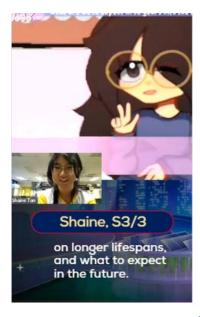




A challenge I faced while preparing for the competition was the presentation. Initially I did not know the format or how we could organise our points. There was nothing documented online about what we are doing and I was entirely new to the programming language. However I managed to overcome the challenge to learn from what I could research online and with guidance from the coach.

One highlight of the competition was the actual day. It was an eye-opening experience to see other schools' projects and other types of competitions held there. Another memorable experience was the day before the competition which we spent the entire day working on our project and learnt from our mistakes. We also learnt how to craft our script and plan the booth layout.

COMPETITIONS







FUTURE FORECAST

Future Forecast is an expansive nationwide storytelling competition that provides students with a platform to vividly envision and articulate their perspectives on the potential world of 2053. We take immense pride in spotlighting the exceptional talents of our participants: the imaginative 2/3 Kaegen Chang, the visionary 3/3 Talia Liew, and the insightful 3/3 Shaine Tan. Your contributions are truly commendable!

Although I am disappointed i didn't make it to the top 10 despite all my hard work, I enjoyed the process of researching and putting it all together into a fun video while making use of my artistic skills like editing, drawing and tweening.

- Shaine, S33

THE MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE 2023



This national event was proudly hosted by Outram Secondary School at the Gardens by the Bay and the Marina Barrage, which saw approximately 150 students from 29 secondary schools participating in the competition.

Students had the opportunity to broaden their intellectual horizons and challenge their analytical and logical abilities. Each participating team tackled four stations, where they employed a diverse range of mathematical concepts to address problems embedded in real-world contexts.

ENRICHING ADVENTURES

SECONDARY ONE CAMP

Our vibrant cohort of Secondary One students embarked on an exhilarating 3-day-2-night outdoor adventure camp at Sentosa, leaving an enduring impression on their young hearts and minds. It was a transformative journey where they discovered their inner resilience and deepened their connections with fellow classmates.

Guided by the power of teamwork, they forged unbreakable bonds, etching everlasting memories. Around the crackling campfire's inviting glow, lifelong friendships were sealed, and each camp experience became a cherished moment.





YOUTH EXPEDITION PROJECT (YEP)

On the 3rd November, a dedicated group of 17 enthusiastic Secondary 3 students, accompanied by four nurturing teachers, embarked on an immersive 8-day Youth Expedition Project to the vibrant city of Ho Chi Minh. There, they wholeheartedly engaged with the warm-hearted community of Cau Ke over the course of several enriching days.

Throughout the journey, they not only gained invaluable crosscultural skills but also left an indelible mark by making a genuinely meaningful impact on the lives of those they interacted with.



The YEP's strong service learning component showed me the importance of empathy and of contributing meaningfully to specific communities. While it was undoubtedly hard work, I believe our collective efforts as a team paid off and we gained even more from our host community's kind hospitality and sincerity.

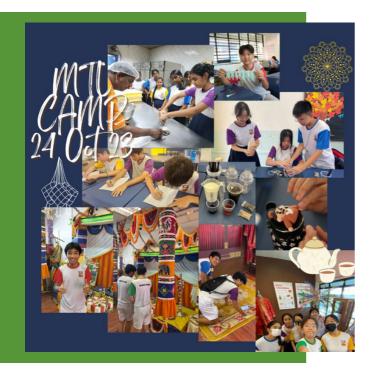
- Ms Charmiane Loke, YEP Teacher

The YEP trip has taught me the significance of sportsmanship and critical thinking. Not only did I learn more about myself and my role as a leader, I was also able to form strong bonds with my group mates and the Vietnamese children. As a group, the YEP team worked together to solve impromptu challenges and create new ways to immerse our culture with the Vietnamese and I am immensely grateful to have been given this opportunity.

- Callula Inara, S34

POST-EXAM PROGRAMME

MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGES(MTL) CAMP



The MTL Department hosted the MTL Camp on 24th October, aiming to immerse Secondary 2 students in cultural and language-learning experiences. The camp featured activities to boost language skills, comprehension, and a deep appreciation for Mother Tongue Languages and diverse cultures. Students actively participated in cross-cultural events like simulating an Indian wedding, exploring Jawi writing, and learning about Traditional Chinese Medicine. Interactive pursuits included a virtual tour of Kampong Glam, hands-on clay modeling, a visit to Ananda Bhavan, and a bubble tea-making session.

MTL Camp was educational and fun learning about other cultures and I learn how to appreciate them. I had most fun making bubble tea as I learnt how to make bubble tea and enjoy it together with my friends.

- Harris Edrica, S24

SEC 1: CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY

The post-exam phase was a rich tapestry of meaningful activities that brought forth moments of both elation and reflection for the Sec 1s as they completed the first year of their secondary school journey.

The highlights of some of the experiences were greatly cherished by the Sec 1s. These encompassed presenting their innovative upcycling project as a crucial part of their VIA initiative, engaging in techniques to manage emotions through the therapeutic act of coloring, and exchanging uplifting and appreciative words amongst themselves!



After the exams, we had activities planned by our teachers. Personally, I would say I loved the Sec 1 camp. My favourite part was the campfire and songs! It was really fun to be able to bond and enjoy with my friends.

- Ashlyn Goh, S13

POST-EXAM PROGRAMME

SEC 2: CONNECT WITH SELF

During the Youth SEAkers! sharing, students gained a broader understanding of Singapore's global importance. They also actively participated in sports and mindfulness activities, fostering a serene and balanced state of mind, contributing to overall well-being. The VIA Showcase highlighted the class's year-long commitment to community service, providing a platform for students to compete and showcase their talents during the Connecting Through Strengths activities. In addition, the girls took part in the TOUCH mental health workshop 'Do You Mind (DYM)', promoting vital awareness and resilience, equipping students with valuable tools for their mental well-being journey.

The post-exam programme, designed to empower students with self-care knowledge and facilitate holistic growth beyond academics, marked an uplifting conclusion to the year!

The post-exam activities were really fun, we did many physical activities such as human tic-tactoe. This activity allowed us to bond with our classmates while also having fun. The instructors also guided us so that we could carry out the activities smoothly.

- Mohamed Umar, S22





SEC 3: CONNECT WITH OTHERS

One delightful activity the students relished was "What Truly Matters," a thought-provoking conversational card game that prompted participants to reflect on meaningful aspects of relationships, personal development, and career pursuits.

Additionally, the Sec 3s presented their VIA projects, eloquently sharing the enriching learning journeys they embarked on throughout the year.

Exemplifying the ethos of enhancing their surroundings, the Sec 3s wholeheartedly dedicated themselves to tidying up their classrooms and various sections of the school, ensuring they left a positive mark on the environment.

One activity that I enjoyed during the post-exam period is having some bonding with my teachers and peers during the various conversations. There were also many fun activities and games that were meaningful.



OUTRAM OPEN HOUSE



On 18 November, Outram opened our door to warmly welcome parents and students to immerse in an enriching experience in understanding our unique programmes and culture. Our student ambassadors led guided tours around the school grounds and conducted activities at the various stations. Valuable information about our school was also shared by our Principal, Mr Keith Tan, and student leaders. We hope that the prospective students had an engaging introduction to our school environment, and were acquainted with our facilities, classrooms, and the many resources available.



CONNECT WITH US!

** **JOIN OUR EXCLUSIVE OUTRAM COMMUNITY!**

STAY CONNECTED:

Be the first to know about the exciting activities and programmes on our various social media channels!









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Send us an email with the subject: Connect with Us! and the following:

- 1) Name
- 2) Class
- 3) Year of Graduation
 - 4) Contact number

We will contact you shortly.

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Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to have you on board!

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