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Singapore Youth Festival Song Writing Contest
Winners Terry Ng Tian Yu and Goh Jing Wen
presenting their winning song, 'Stage'

Honours Day 2018



Stefan Liew Jing Rui received the Outstanding Leadership Award, RV Student of the Year Award, RV Academic Excellence Award and the SPF Scholarship



Chan Tze Cheng Tricia received the Outstanding Values-in-Action Award - MOE Teaching Scholarship 2018 (Local) from Dr Ng Chin Siau



Mendell Yap Haw Chuen (recipient of Bronze in Spore Junior Biology Olympiad 2017 - BEC Award) receiving ASTAR Science Award 2018 from SAC Chairperson Mr Lim Lee Meng

On 4 August 2018, the River Valley High School auditorium was filled to capacity as school leaders, invited guests, teachers, students, alumni and parents gathered to celebrate the RV family's achievements.

There was much to be joyous about as the numerous awards and accolades won by students past and present attest to the dedication and diligence on the part of the teachers and students. The wide array of competitions in which the students participated and won top tier prizes was a testament to the cultivation of many talents in the school community.

In her speech, Principal of River Valley High School Mrs Teo Khin Hiang spoke at length about the resilient spirit of RV students, and how they have shown themselves to have exemplary character, leadership and a commitment to serve the community. She reminded the audience that RV students are well-poised to do so because they have a strong team of passionate teachers, an excellent RV Balanced Education Curriculum and the Integrated Talent Development Framework.

This sentiment is also echoed in the Guest-Of-Honour's speech. Dr Ng Chin Siau, Member of RV's School Advisory Committee, shared how an RVian such as himself, can excel in his arena of influence, and impact the community both locally and overseas. Embracing challenges and possessing bilingual acumen, he founded Q & M Dental Group and expanded the dentistry franchise to China. In a world where skills like collaboration and critical thinking are essential, Dr Ng exhorted the students to make the best use of their time in RV to cultivate the entrepreneurial spirit so as to embrace the adventures to come.

The highlight of the event was when the scholarship awardees were honoured on stage with outstanding RVians who became Public Service Commission awardees such as Jocelyn Wong, Tan Seet Ynn, Tseng Fan Shuen, Stefan Liew Jing Rui, Nicolle Ng Hui Min and Eugene Chia Guole demonstrating how far one could go with the support of River Valley High School. Indeed it was another good year!

Honours Day 2018 Organising Committee

Wushu Performance



President's Scholar and Singapore Police Force Scholar



Stefan Liew receiving the President's Scholarship Award from President Halimah Yacob at the Istana

Our first President's Scholar under the RV Integrated Programme

Stefan Liew Jing Rui is the first graduand of River Valley High School's Integrated Programme to be awarded the President's Scholarship. The President's Scholarship is the most prestigious of all undergraduate awards from the Public Service Commission (PSC). Recipients have a strong ethos for Public Service, sound character and a steadfast dedication to improving the lives of Singaporeans. Along with the President's Scholarship, Stefan was also awarded The Singapore Police Force Scholarship.

Stefan Liew Jing Rui (Class of 2017) was heavily involved in the Student Council, the Science Leaders' Academy, and various other activities. Stefan's time as the President of the Student Council (2016-2017) saw him helm many school-wide events and initiatives. He was also an executive committee member of the Science Leaders' Academy in 2016. His research project under the Science Mentorship Programme organised by the Ministry of Education was awarded the GlaxoSmithKline Sustainability Researcher Merit Award in 2016. His exceptional performance led to him representing Singapore for the MOE Overseas Student Attachment Programme in Gottingen,

Germany. Stefan also takes a keen interest in national affairs. He was a member of the National Education Council where he actively engaged in meaningful exchanges on issues of national concern. Despite his busy schedule, Stefan still found time to contribute to society by volunteering regularly at the Buona Vista Community Club where he tutored underprivileged Primary School students in Mathematics. He was keen to share his knowledge with the students and always demonstrated patience in guiding them. These experiences developed him as a civic-minded citizen with a strong understanding of the needs of our community.

Stefan has remained humble in spite of all his achievements. As the valedictorian of the Class of 2017, he reminded RVians that 'education is a privilege that we frequently take for granted, a blessing that is denied to many, but the most important weapon to fight inequality and injustice'. Stefan truly exemplifies our school values as he continues to pursue excellence while remaining resilient, and proactively serves the community with empathy and kindness. We wish Stefan all the best as he pursues a liberal arts education at Yale-NUS College!



Top: Stefan Liew with the Principal, Mrs. Teo and his teachers of RVHS

Above: Stefan Liew with his teachers

2018 RV Scholars

Public Service Commission Scholarships 2018

Jocelyn Wong
Tan Seet Ynn
Tseng Fan Shuen
Stefan Liew Jing Rui
Nicolle Ng Hui Min
Eugene Chia Guole



A*STAR Scholarship 2018

Lim Yuhua
Liu Yincheng
Nobel Ang

Teaching Scholarship 2018

Andrea Tan Li Yao
Tricia Chan Tze Cheng
Neo Wen Xin
Lee Wen Jie
Koh Hong Kai
Geradine Tan Rou Jing



Ministry of Transport Scholarship 2018

Tan Seet Ynn
Kenneth Pang Chong Zheng
Alyna Khoo Yi Jie
Tan Ning Xuan

Ministry of National Development Scholarship 2018

Bernice Lim Si Min
Tan Yi Shiuan



Ministry of Health Scholarship 2018

Ng Wei Qing
Lim Wei Liang
Yaw Qin Ping
Ong Qian Ying
Tiong Ung Sing
Claudia Loh Hwee Tze
Gan Jia Yi

Singapore-Industry Scholarships 2018

Lim Yu Cheng
Sean Chan Hin
Sherman Ng Wei Sheng
Wang Wei Han
Lum Wei Boon
Eugene Chia Guole



PSC & The SAF Overseas Scholarship

2015
Lee Ken Chun
Navy

2017
Tommy Poa Ming Chuan
Army

2018
Eugene Chia Guole
Air Force

Ministry of Defence Scholarship 2018

Eugene Chia Guole
Anson Woo Wing Hung
Andy Koh Jun Hoong



2018 International Mathematical Modelling Challenge

In March, our team, comprising four Year 5 members of the Mathematics Leaders Academy, participated in the International Mathematical Modelling Challenge (Singapore). The task in the Challenge required the team to develop and apply an original mathematics model to solve a real-world problem over a period of five consecutive school days. This year's task was to create a mathematical model that was able to generate an ideal hospital for a patient to visit by analysing the patient's conditions as well as the information of various hospitals. Our team used neural networks in our approach as well as coding in Python to generate our model.

Despite it being our first year participating in the Challenge, we did remarkably well to attain the High Distinction Award. With this achievement, our team represented Singapore to compete with 55 other teams from other countries. Given the high standard of the competition, we are proud to have attained the Honourable Mention in the International round. We will continue to strive for excellence for the academy!

Hor Jasrene (5L)



Performance during the competition

5th Singapore International Choral Festival

River Valley Chorale participated in the 5th Singapore International Choral Festival (SICF) on 21 July 2018. This festival brings to Singapore an international panel of choral clinicians to lend their experience and guidance to participants during their choral journey. After seven months of preparation, we were finally able to showcase a performance that we were proud of. We achieved Gold in this competition, and was one of the only two choirs in our category to do so. Hence, we were really glad that our hard work paid off. The journey to Gold was never an easy one but we were glad to have conquered it as a team, together with our conductor, Miss Choy, and our teachers-in-charge. We also had the privilege of attending a workshop by Mr Māris Sirmāis. Highly recognised in many international conducting and choral competitions, Mr Sirmāis is also a frequent jury member of international choir and conductor competitions. Through the workshop, we gained new perspectives on choral singing and acquired new tools on how to sing better. Being able to learn from a world-famous conductor was indeed a valuable opportunity we would never forget.

In sum, the SICF experience was impactful and enriching, given the fact that we could perform on an international stage and learn from choirs all over the world. We are extremely thankful for these opportunities and this year's participation certainly motivated us to strive for greater success in future.

Rehearsal



Choral workshop



Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Songwriting Contest 2018



The Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Songwriting Contest 2018 was organised by Arts Education Branch, MOE, as a platform for students to showcase their interest and flair for songwriting.

In December 2017, I chanced upon an email publicising The Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Songwriting Contest 2018 organised by MOE's Arts Education Branch. As this contest was a platform for students to showcase their interest and flair for songwriting, Jing Wen (6L) and I decided to submit our original composition "Stage". This is a song about youthful idealism towards the arts. Despite the lack of professional recording equipment (all we had was a simple audio workstation) and experience in songwriting, we submitted our entry and hoped for the best. We did not expect to win anything, given that we were up against talented students from all over Singapore.

But Lady Luck favoured our brave attempt and we soon received the thrilling news that we were the overall winners of the contest. Our teacher-in-charge, Mr Paul Hung, told us to expect a wild ride ahead of us and indeed it was. Once-in-a-lifetime opportunities lined up before us, such as getting to record our song in a professional setting, together with an accompanying special "foley music video" with industry experts. Even more exciting was the chance to perform at the world-class Esplanade Theatre. These would eventually remain one of our fondest memories in our school lives as we graduate from RVHS this year.

Through this experience, our biggest takeaway is to never shy away from pursuing what we love and to grab opportunities that will help further our dreams, for we never know where they may take us. Herein, we would like to highlight the contributions of our school and teacher-in-charge Mr Hung for his hard work behind-the-scenes to make this dream a reality for us. As with all things wonderful, it is never just about our own work but about everyone else who chipped in to make it happen. So we hope that this song, too, will inspire everyone who listens to it.

Terry Ng Tian Yu (6L)

Recording



End of the Concert

Tian Qi (4D) with her 2nd Prize entry and trophy

Toy Design Competition

The Toy Design Competition 2018, which ran for the 13th consecutive year, was organised by Singapore Polytechnic's School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering to promote design innovation among secondary school students.

Our Achievements:



Cheng Jiajun (4C) with his winning entry and trophy



Category	Level of Achievement	Student's Name
School with the Most Number of Winning Entries (10th consecutive year)		
Most Amazing Playground Award		
Autodesk Fusion 360 Toy Design Category (Playground)	1 st Prize: River-side Cabin	Cheng Jiajun (4C)
	2 nd Prize: Castle of Dreams	Tian Qi (4D)
	Merit Award: Unstoppable	Nadia Vong Xiang Xin (2J) Sheila Chen Sing Hui (4E)
	Merit Award: Rotating Mickey	Lin Sihui (3E)
	Merit Award: Slope Climber	Wai Jone Sher (1J) Ong Rou Jie (1J)
	Commendation Award: Kick Carousel	Tan Ke Xin Jolene (1I)
	Commendation Award: Agility	Ong Min Yi (1B)
	Commendation Award: Through the hills	Da Ruolin (3B)
	Commendation Award: Water Mouse	Li Haoying (3A)
	Commendation Award: Secret Garden	Tong Siyuan (3E)
Toy Design Category (Automata)	Commendation Award: Mickey Go Round	Yang Yujun (3F)
	Commendation Award: The Mickey Explosion	Clarice Lim Yin Jie (3F)
	3 rd Prize: A Short Getaway	Yang Kaichun (4C) Tian Qi (4D) Sheila Chen Sing Hui (4E)
	Merit Award: The Climber	Wang Zixun (3D) Shi Jijiaoyang (3J)
	Commendation Award: The Little Things in Life	Yang Yujun (3F) Clarice Lim Yin Jie (3F)
	Commendation Award: Steps to Healthy Lifestyle	Dana Ong Zi Yi (4H) Gwee En Xin Erere (4L) Loh Hui Lin (4L)
	Best Virtual Animation Prize: Dragon Fly Lion Leap	Li Haoying (3A) Lin Sihui (3E)

The Singapore team is working hard to build their bridge



7th Shanghai International Youth Science & Technology Expo 2018

In July this year, five students and two teachers from our school were invited by the organising committee of the 7th Shanghai International Youth Science and Technology Expo 2018 and "Science & Technology Stars of Tomorrow" Invitational Tournament (SIYST Expo 2018) to participate. The SIYST Expo 2018 was held in Shanghai, China, from July 20 to 23; it was a platform designed to improve and cultivate the creative spirit of young students. SIYST Expo uses science and technology as platforms to promote understanding and connect youths from various countries. Into its 7th edition since 2005, the Expo has become a stage for young students from all over the world to learn from one another and share best practices. This event was co-organised by the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission, Science and Technology Commission of Shanghai Municipality and Shanghai Science Education Development Foundation.

At the Expo, students from different countries showcased their research or innovation projects at their booths and the Project Release Show. In addition, there was also a Science and Technology Innovation Education Forum for teachers to share their ideas and practices.

Level of Achievement	Student's Name
First Prize (一等奖) "Viband"	Loh Teck Weng (5E) Ng Hong Xuan (5N)
Second Prize (二等奖) "Phoenix on the Parasol tree"	Fan Kerong (5L)
Third Prize (三等奖) "Space Hunter"	Zhang Chunjie (5F) Zhu Jiachen (5H)
"Science & Technology Stars of Tomorrow" Invitational Tournament ("明日科技之星"邀请赛), Second Prize (二等奖)	Loh Teck Weng (5E) Ng Hong Xuan (5N) Fan Kerong (5L) Zhang Chunjie (5F) Zhu Jiachen (5H)
Science and Technology Innovation Education Forum Organising Committee Award – Facilitation of Knowledge Construction through collaborative learning in the Physics Classroom	Mrs Lee-Teo Lak Tin



Our booth presenters

Students' reflection:

At the Expo, we showcased our creations consisting of 3D printing and coding with Arduino at the Shanghai Exhibition Centre. We also visited other booths to learn about their projects and had a meaningful time discussing future development of their prototypes. I also learnt that the environment one lives in would provide different sources for their ideation. For example, the Swedish created a mobile shelter for the hikers as Sweden is situated in a mountainous region. The Chinese also invented a body wash heating set to ensure warmth when one showers during winter. Although these ideas would not be applicable in Singapore, we learnt from the exchange of opinions and viewpoints, and how different ideas worked in different environments.

The Science and Technology Stars of Tomorrow Invitational Tournament was held over three hours during the expo and we had to create a bridge based on the theme "Silk Road Economic Belt". It was an enriching experience as we had to incorporate various elements from different bridges worldwide. We also had to race against the clock and work with limited resources. Despite some hiccups when constructing the bridge, we persevered and clinched 2nd position amongst 40 teams in this tournament. I also had the chance to co-host the release show of the students' creation. It was an eye-opener for me as I could observe how the Chinese students organised this programme and compared it to how we did it in Singapore. I had to use both English and Mandarin to introduce the projects and I realised that if I were not bilingual, I would not be able to capitalise on this opportunity to effectively showcase our work.

All in all, this experience allowed us to learn about how science and technology have shaped our future and the role we have to play in creating a better world for all to live in.

Ng Hong Xuan (5N)

7月20至23日这一周，我们有幸前往上海，参加了第七届上海国际青少年科技博览会暨“明日科技之星”国际邀请赛。这届青博会围绕“科技，创新，梦想”的主题，聚集了来自世界各国各地的青少年学生，开展交流和展示活动。整个博览会以青少年科技创新成果展示为主，让我们有机会见识到其他国家青少年的奇思妙想。我们也借这次机会和其他参赛者交流自己的想法，探讨各自的创意，不仅结交了许多新的朋友，也对创新科技有了更多的思考。此外，主办方还安排了盛大的联欢晚会，各个代表队都献上了具有自己国家民族特色的表演。我们也穿着新加坡不同种族的传统服饰，表演了一首经典的国庆歌曲，《家》。在这之后的中国文化体验活动，让我们不禁惊叹于中华文化的博大精深，来自几位手工艺人的非物质文化遗产展示让我们大开眼界。这次的上海之旅不但给予了我们与外国同龄人交流沟通的平台，还让我们领略了不同种族文化的魅力，的确是一次让我们受益匪浅的经历。

Zhu Jiachen (5H)

Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award 2018



Vivienne Tan (5D), Cui Yanning (5Q) & Chan Po Shan (5K) received their Merit Award from Mr Chee Hong Tat

Jiachen (5H) & Chunjie (5F) demonstrating to Mr Chee Hong Tat how the "Save Space!" works



Student's reflection:

The Tan Kah Kee Young Inventor's Award was an interesting opportunity for my team members and I to come up with novel ideas to design a board game. During the process, we had to consider a number of factors. These included evaluating the game mechanics and objectives of the game as well as ensuring that the elements of fairness and fun were present in the game. It was a challenging yet enriching experience indeed.

Xavier Tan Yi-En (2F)

The Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award was launched in 1986. The idea of setting up such an Award was first mooted by the Foundation's advisor and mentor, Nobel Laureate in Physics Professor Yang Cheng Ning. The award seeks to stimulate creative thinking among young people and cultivate a vibrant innovation environment in Singapore. It is an annual activity jointly organised by the Tan Kah Kee Foundation, the Agency for Science, Technology and Research and the Defence Science and Technology Agency with the support of Science Centre Singapore.

Our Achievements:

S/N	Name	Class	Type of Award	Project Title
1)	Tan Ning Vivienne Chan Po Shan Cui Yan Ning	5D 5K 5Q	MERIT	ATOMISE
2)	Xavier Tan Yi-En Jin Sheng Xu Zhengbang	2F 2F 2F	MERIT	BATTLE MAZE
3)	Zhu Jiachen Zhang Chujie	5F 5H	COMMENDATION	Save Space!
4)	Lim Hong Wei Oh Sheng Jun	2E 2E	COMMENDATION	Quadra Handler
5)	Jolene Ng Jing Lin Chiu Sarina Fanyu	2I 2I	COMMENDATION	Picnic Tabox
6)	School Award (School with the most number of quality entries shortlisted for interview)		First Prize (14 th time since 2001)	

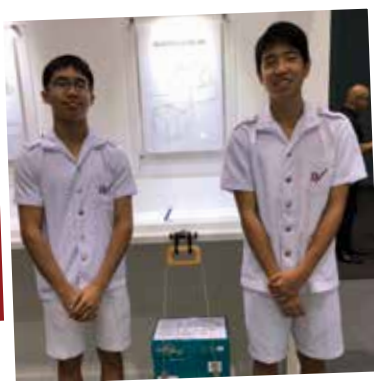
Oh Sheng Jun (2E) and Lim Hong Wei (2E) with their innovation project "Quadra Handler"

Design & Technology Award 2018

The Design & Technology (D&T) Awards are given out annually to students for their good design work. The award aims to encourage D&T students to engage in a thoughtful design thinking process to derive meaningful design solutions. This event was organised by the Ministry of Education, National Institute of Education, and Design & Technology Educators Society, and was supported by the Science Centre Singapore.

Achievement:

S/N	Name	Class	Type of Award	Project Title
1)	Oh Sheng Jun Lim Hong Wei	2E	Creative Innovation	Quadra Handler



Receiving the 'Creative Innovation Award' from the President of Singapore Institute of Aerospace Engineers Mr Lim Yeow Khee

Students' reflection:

"Throughout this journey in making the prototype, we learnt many valuable lessons. 'Quadra-Handler' was not our initial idea; we initially attempted to modify a doorbell and rewire the components of an electronic whistle. Unfortunately, we did not succeed and it wasted time. These failures made us realise that we lacked the knowledge and experience in the area of electronics and soldering. We decided to work on a simpler idea which was the 'Quadra-Handler'. Through this experience, we learnt to work within the constraints and acquired the right techniques to solve problems efficiently."

Oh Sheng Jun (2E) & Lim Hong Wei (2E)

2018年通商中国擂台赛

5R 白宁萱、5N 杨安妮



立化中学第一组参赛者与通商中国总裁陈佩玲女士合影

2018年7月25日，一年一度的通商中国青年擂台赛决赛在巴耶利峇的终身学习学院（Lifelong Learning Institute）举行，共吸引了包括华侨中学（高中部）及德明政府中学等多所知名初院与理工学院的约120名师生前来观赛。

今年，擂台赛的主题是“创新时代·青年舞台·打造未来”，比赛共分成初赛和决赛两个环节。所有参赛队伍必须在8分钟的呈现和5分钟的问与答环节体现他们对以下两个问题的认识：一、科技如何造福下一代？二、科技如何帮助社会上的弱势群体？立化中学共派出两组修读中国通识的高一同学参加初赛。这两组同学的呈现主题分别是建立科技领航的未来“梦想小镇”，以及讨论科技能否使人类具有更大的决策权继而成为“人类上帝”。6月8日的初赛共吸引来自9所初院、理工学院和大学的14支队伍参加，最后有五支队伍入围决赛，其中包括在初赛表现优异的立化第一组。她们是来自5N的杨安妮、5R的孙雯桢和5R的白宁萱。

为了切合“创新科技”的主题，立化第一组以中国杭州一个名为“梦想小镇”的现有市镇为蓝图，并从一间新加坡建筑咨询公司的视角出发，为“梦想小镇”制定2.0发展计划。三位同学从小镇居民的每日出行、小镇养老设施、小镇青年创新创业三方面切入，提出了三大创新想法，分别是：一个全方位覆盖的“城市大脑”交通路况检测系统、一个主打物联网和自动化科技的“智联网养老院”，以及惠及小镇青年的网络创客平台。通过这三个案例，立化第一组有条不紊地为在场观众解释科技造福人类的多种途径，也客观地指出伴随科技出现的弊端，如资料泄露，以及如何最大化地避免这类失误。为了让小镇的规划理念更加鲜活地展示在观众面前，她们不仅打造了小镇的3D实体模型，还使用 Autodesk Inventor 软件制作了虚拟的小镇3D模型，观众只需要扫描屏幕上的QR码就可以观赏小镇的虚拟模型，使评审连连赞叹：“只要闭上眼，简直和真正的咨询公司一模一样！”

通商中国主席李奕贤高级政务部长、通商中国总裁陈佩玲女士均为这场赛事的评审。他们对小组的呈现内容赞赏有加。在决赛提问的环节中，评审对呈现中出现的物联网，大数据，云端科技等领先科技表示赞同，也好奇小组为什么会提出“未来城市”的概念。对此，小组代表杨安妮回答道：“在查询资料时，我们发现新加坡国家发展局最近提出了‘未来城市’的概念，与我们的主题不谋而合。最后我们结合中国的梦想小镇与新加坡的新概念，发挥自己的创意打造出了独一无二的梦想小镇2.0。”

决赛当天，共有35名立化中三、中四双文化班的学生到场支持，为本校队伍加油打气，现场气氛热烈高昂。经过两个月的准备，立化第一组过五关斩六将，从参赛的顶尖初院、理工学院和大学的参赛队伍中脱颖而出，击败所有参赛初院，荣获全国亚军。这三位同学获得了价值450元的Capitalland 礼券和每人一张价值4000元的慧眼中国论坛的入场门票。然而，对她们而言，收获远远不止于此。白宁萱表示：“参加这次擂台赛除了让我们对当今世界的领先科技，创新和城市规划方面有了更深的了解，我们的双语也得到提升。由于比赛规定呈现必须要以中英文展开，因此我们大量阅读并翻译了所有的呈现资料，既有中英翻译，也有英中翻译。我们也在准备呈现的过程中锻炼了口语能力。这些经验对我们来说都非常宝贵。”

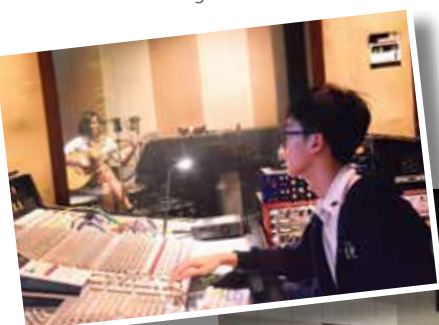
最后，立化第一组成员均表示：“身为青少年的我们应该负起责任，利用创新科技和理念来解决社会所面临的问题，共同打造出一个智能且宜居的未来城市，改善未来的生活方式。”



颁奖仪式：三位同学与评审谢锦发律师合影

2018 Pre-University Seminar

RV's Chee Wen participating in the recording process of the Seminar Song #TransformingOurSG



In the midst of a Panel Discussion with a panel of experts and industry leaders



Arrival of Guest-of-Honour Minister for Education Mr Ong Ye Kung, accompanied by Mrs Teo Khin Hiang

The 2018 Pre-University Seminar, a signature event for pre-university institutions in Singapore, was jointly organised by River Valley High School (RVHS) and the Ministry of Education (MOE). It was a successful four-day programme for student participants representing 33 institutions held at two tertiary institutions, the Singapore Management University (SMU) and the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) from 28 May to 1 June 2018.

Mr Ong Ye Kung (Minister for Education) was the Guest-of-Honour for the Opening Ceremony on 30 May 2018. Ms Indranee Rajah (Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for Education and Second Minister for Law) was the Guest-of-Honour at the Closing Ceremony and Exhibition on 1 June 2018.

An estimated 800 people attended the Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony. Of these, 546 were Seminar participants from 33 participating institutions; 17 Junior Colleges, Millennia Institute, 5 Polytechnics, 5 Integrated programme schools, 2 Specialised Independent Schools, and 3 Privately Funded Schools (ACS International, HCI International and SJI International). Besides these participants, there were guests comprising principals of the participating institutions, Pre-U Seminar resource persons and panellists, teacher advisors from participating schools and MOE officials. In addition, there were teacher facilitators, student facilitators and student helpers from RVHS who were present at both ceremonies.

The theme for Pre-University Seminar 2018 was '#TransformingOurSG'. The theme focused on the need for young Singaporeans to cherish the strong foundations they have inherited whilst re-evaluating established assumptions and practices, and exploring novel ideas and approaches. The theme incorporated the use of the hashtag to symbolise the underlying importance of technology in every area of Singapore's transformation. The theme also recognised the ubiquity of social media and the opportunities to guide and mentor participants in developing personal and communal responsibility when sharing ideas, and expressing themselves online.



RV Staff - Organisers of Pre-university Seminar 2018

A triumphant team during the #TransformingOurSG Challenge, an island-wide trek





Teacher Facilitator Ms Peh mentoring a team to evolve their thoughts and ideas about the future of Singapore

Participants were assigned to one of 25 teams with each team researching one specific area of focus. The inter-school nature of the teams enabled the 22 members to interact and build friendships with peers from different institutions. The 3-I (Investigate, Ideate and Inspire) approach was used to guide each team to consider multiple perspectives, explore ideas from the pragmatic and conventional to the visionary and creative, and generate transformative solutions. Over the course of a few months, each team also drafted a Transformation Roadmap that charted their journey in research, discussion, interviews with resource persons, and also included the #TransformingOurSG Challenge, a team trek to sites or organisations relevant to their area of focus. The Transformation Roadmap culminated in an exhibition of project ideas on the last day of the seminar to inspire and drive change in Singapore.

With a packed programme that included a pre-seminar workshop, resource person interviews and tasks that teams had to carry out online using the Google Classroom team site, there were lots to engage the participants. The programme commenced with a full-day Pre-Seminar Workshop for participants on 10 March 2018 where they were briefed on the Seminar objectives, theme, sub-themes, key activities, rules and expectations, and the preparations they would be undertaking. Participants also met and bonded with their team mates and the Teacher and Student Facilitators who were leading their team. Participants' aspirations on the future of Singapore were also captured to create the 2018 Pre-University Seminar theme song.



Director-General of Education Mr Wong Siew Hong studies an exhibition booth on the last day of the Seminar

The 4 days of the seminar kicked off with 3 concurrent panel discussions where industry leaders and senior government officials as well as academics spoke about the

challenges and opportunities that Singapore faced. They also answered insightful questions from the audience candidly and expanded the scope of the teams' Transformation Roadmap substantially with their expository answers. After that, the #TransformingOurSG Challenge made the teams fan out across Singapore in search of answers, perspectives and valuable game points. The seminar resumed after Vesak Day and that Wednesday saw a grand Opening Ceremony where Minister Ong Ye Kung reminded the audience that education continues to be the great leveller in Singapore. Subsequently, the seminar saw teams working on their display booths and the hard work paid off when visitors to the display booths were stunned by the creativity, workability and innovative proposals to transform Singapore. At the Closing Ceremony, Minister Indranee ran a fast-paced forum and took on an unending stream of questions from eager participants.

Yet end it must, and Pre-University Seminar 2018 finally came to a close with a rousing rendition of the seminar theme song, led by the Pre-U Sem-sations, a band made up of student musicians from institutions across Singapore. Spirits were high, optimism was palpable and the future of Singapore was in good hands as the future leaders of the country demonstrated their enthusiasm with plans to make a difference for fellow Singaporeans!

It was indeed an incredible journey for River Valley High School, for it echoed the nation's belief that size indeed does not matter, for an IP school with a cohort that is half of most junior colleges can still pull off an event that can successfully imbue in the participants a sense that Singapore can and must reach for ever greater goals. The competence, commitment and confidence of the staff and students are indeed affirmed in this event, and River Valley High School is justifiably proud of this achievement.

Minister for Education Mr Ong Ye Kung taking on questions from the floor with Sin Yee and Jason moderating



Questions from the floor were relentless during the Panel Discussion



Participants generating preliminary ideas for their Area of Focus during the Pre-Seminar Workshop

Ms Indranee Rajah, Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for Education and Second Minister for Law, listens intently as a Seminar participant posed a question



Making waves at the Henderson Waves

RV Senior High Cohesion Hike

The Cohesion Hike represents a lot more than what the name may seem to imply. My first hike was from Marina Barrage to East Coast Park in 2016. My second one was along the Green Corridor and this year, it was along the Southern Ridges. These were thoroughly enjoyable hikes. Apart from the sense of satisfaction that came with walking with peers and teachers, the morning scenery as well as the class bonding during the walks were valuable takeaways. We had a chance to keep fit while getting to know parts of Singapore which we would not usually visit.

This year's hike to the Southern Ridges allowed me to get closer to my classmates through little actions like sharing portable fans, umbrellas and snacks. We blasted loud music and broke into a chorus en route. The hike ended with a class lunch at Vivocity, thus making the hike a memorable gastronomical experience as well.

Overall, the Cohesion Hike was a perfect opportunity for us to find out more about the history of Singapore, promote class bonding and to get to know our teachers better in a relaxed informal setting.

Lee Swee Leng (6D)

Taking a pit stop along the Southern Ridges*The Year 6 cohort getting ready for the Marang Trail**Junior High Students were keen in playing Kinball*

RVHS Sports Carnival 2018

Each year, the Sports Carnival is organised in conjunction with the Healthy Lifestyle Month to promote healthy living, and to encourage RVians to exercise more and play more sports. This year, I was part of the Organising Committee of Sports Carnival 2018. The carnival commenced with inter-class games such as the 62 kilometre challenge for the Year 1s, football for the Year 2s, and basketball for the Year 3s. In addition, we also had House Games such as Kin-ball and Inter-House Basketball Shootout Challenge.

A Year 1 participant shared, "The sports carnival's engaging activities brought out the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship. Overall, I deeply appreciate the staggering amount of effort put into the event." I was heartened to know that our hard work had been appreciated, and that our juniors enjoyed their first sports carnival experience in RV.

The success of the carnival can be attributed to two factors. The first factor was the Organising Committee's teamwork which made it a breeze to work during the planning process. Together, we surmounted challenges, and worked over a few afternoons to discuss the fixtures and groupings. The second factor was our close collaboration with the House Captains and the Department of School Spirit. I am very grateful for their cooperation on the various activities.

I am very glad that my juniors had a memorable Sports Carnival and I hope that the Healthy Lifestyle Month is something that they would look forward to every year!

Clarice Yeo (3L)

Teacher running alongside Year 1 students during the 62km class challenge*Year 1 students cheering for their classmates*

国庆庆典点燃了 我们爱国的心

薛佳瑞、麦祺 (2C)

8月8日，立化中学的大礼堂里尽是一片红，大家都穿上了国庆主题颜色的服装，翘首以待我校今年国庆庆典的开始。

开场节目是学生军的花式步操表演。团员们个个昂头挺胸，步伐整齐有序地随着流行乐曲进行操演。他们的“千手观音”手操，令人惊叹，欢呼声不绝于耳，也博得了观众雷鸣般的掌声。

紧接着是国庆大汇演。这次的演出破天荒地以多幕剧的话剧形式呈现。通过一个阿公与孙子们的对话，道出了新加坡在建屋、水供、国民服役和全民防卫这四大方面的发展。

第一幕中，表演者穿着不同种族的传统服装进行日常活动，反映了组屋里区让人感觉愉快温馨的一景。我校的校工们也同来自文礼德教太和观的乐龄人士参与演出，在台上呈现了一段充满动感的舞蹈，展现了活跃乐龄的概念。甘榜虽早已被组屋代替，其精神依然存在。各种族和年龄层的人民和平相处、相互尊重，形成了我国组屋区的独特风景线。

第二幕是最近非常热门的水供问题。听了我国水供发展的简史以及国家领导人对国家水供永续的承诺，全校2300位师生在司仪的带领下，高举手中的新生水，集体干杯，庆贺我国在水源供应上的成就。干杯的一幕十分壮观，让我为新加坡从无到有感到骄傲。

接下来，阿公与一个女军人交谈，道出了两代人在国民服役方面的异同，并显示了如今在国防方面，巾帼不让须眉。在最后一幕中，阿公和他的家人则经历了一场炸弹惊魂，在孙女的指导下学会了运用SGSecure应用程序，并见识了其威力以及国人们如何为突发状况做好应对准备。我们学到了，只要大家团结一致，齐心协力，就能守护我们的家园。

为了这场精彩绝伦的表演，我校国民教育理事会的学生们尽心戮力，精心筹备了近两个月。虽然碰上了无数次的难题与挑战，但他们仍坚持不懈，为的就是给观众一个全新的体验。负责幕后工作的陈崇瑄说：“我们的挑战是如何让演出娱乐和教育性兼具。为此，大家难免会意见不合，要花费心思重新策划。但今天看到成果后，我发觉所有的努力都是值得的。”饰演孙女的黄美嘉说：“主持的过程让我对新加坡的历史有了更深的了解，一举两得。”

身为观众的杨静颖觉得今年的庆典非常有意义。她说：“庆典不仅带出了新加坡的历史、社会特色以及对未来的理想与憧憬，也鼓励我们为将来可能会面临的挑战，如恐怖袭击，做好心理准备。我觉得学生们也玩得很开心，在国庆歌曲播出时，我们也一起跟着唱。”

总的来说，今年的庆祝表演，充满了生机与朝气，也激起了大家的爱国精神。它让我们明白每个人都能为国家做出贡献，也让我们身为新加坡人而感到自豪！我们沉醉在这欢腾的气氛中，期待着明年国庆日的到来，期待着再一次与同学们一起全情投入地高唱爱国歌曲！

Mr Mohamed Irshad from Roses of Peace
sharing at the Y5-6 RHD Assembly

Racial Harmony Day Celebration

River Valley High School commemorated Racial Harmony Day (RHD) on 26 July, Thursday. The theme is "Diversity Our Strength". Through the commemoration activities, students had a better understanding of their role in promoting social cohesion in Singapore and appreciated the importance of togetherness amongst Singaporeans.

Through class discussions, the Year 1 and Year 2 students identified the values and attitudes needed to maintain racial harmony in Singapore, and understood the importance of demonstrating them. They also recognised that they could play a part in fostering social cohesion by eradicating misconceptions and debunking racial stereotypes.

As for the Year 3 and Year 4 students, they learnt that harmony stemmed not from mere tolerance, but from a deep understanding of other races. Through a panel discussion with our RV teachers, Ms Kasturi, Ms Shobah, Mdm Zainab and Ms Maria Straaten, students learnt how they could practise sensitivity and develop empathy when interacting with people of other races.

Through a talk by Mr Mohamed Irshad, founder and president of Roses of Peace, Year 5 and Year 6 students understood the strengths and weaknesses of current approaches to racial harmony, and how the limitations of these approaches could be addressed in a rapidly changing world.

Another highlight for the Racial Harmony Day's commemoration this year was the school-wide Racial Harmony Quiz. Students from the National Education Council provided the student body with a set of engaging slides which shared information about customs of different races. The aim was to allow students to learn more about the customs and traditions of various races in Singapore. Student participants then attempted a short online quiz.

We are happy to see active student participation in the various RHD activities. We are sure that students have learnt a lot more about Racial Harmony and had fun at the same time!

Ng Jerale (4F) and Cassandra Yap Pin Xuan (5R)

5Q in their ethnic costumes with their
Form Teacher Mr Christopher Chok



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演员走进观众群互动

Events and Activities

Aerospace Summer Camp

Lim Xin Yi (5F, 3rd from left) and her group mates visited the China Space Museum



From 15 to 21 July, I participated in the Aerospace Summer Camp at Beijing, China, organised by the Stanley Ho Astronautics Training Foundation. This annual event saw the congregation of 120 students from Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and Singapore.

Throughout the seven days, we took part in dialogue sessions with accomplished scientists such as Professor Long Lehao, Chief Designer of the China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology, who was also the Guest-of-Honour at the Opening Ceremony of the camp. Another main highlight was the visits to the China Aerospace Museum and the China Satellite Application Centre. These visits enhanced our understanding of the uses of different satellites. We also saw the backup of a navigation satellite which was recently launched into space, and had a glimpse of the earth through an interactive augmented reality simulation of views from various orbit satellites in the atmosphere. In addition, we attended a lecture by an aeronautical scientist. On the last day, there was also an exciting quiz on the learning we have had throughout the camp, in which my team won 2nd runner-up!

Apart from activities in aerospace science, we also had the opportunity to visit other prominent attractions in Beijing, such as the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden Palace and Wangfujing. All in all, the Aerospace Summer Camp was an exciting yet insightful trip where we learnt more about space exploration as well as the culture, food, history and way of life in Beijing. I have also made friends with other like-minded peers from other parts of Asia.

Lim Xin Yi (5F)



Biomedical Engineering Society (Singapore) Scientific Meeting



Participants at Biomedical Engineering Society Scientific Meeting

On 19 May 2018, four students participated in the Biomedical Engineering Society (BES) Scientific Meeting organised by BES Singapore. This annual symposium provides a platform for students from junior colleges, polytechnics, undergraduate and graduate levels to interact and share biomedical engineering knowledge of the biomedical engineering industry.

In the Design Challenge Category, the team comprising Tan Wen Cong (6H) and Vanessa Chia Yun Yao (6N) clinched the Silver Award. Their project, the Auditory Time-Tracking Medicine Storage System (ATTMSS), is designed for visually impaired and partially blind elderly with built-in functions such as audio instructions, large symbols and colour-coded pill-boxes. With further fine-tuning, the ATTMSS could increase adherence to medication routine in the elderly. In addition, Winnie Chang Cai Wei (6H) also won the Merit Award in the Poster Presentation segment.

All in all, the meeting was an enriching experience which allowed us to encounter other like-minded students including those from tertiary institutions. This professional conference helped us understand more about the field of biomedical engineering, especially the challenges faced in coming up with new innovations to create solutions to address key points in the clinical field.

Tan Wen Cong (6H) &
Vanessa Chia Yun Yao (6N)



2018 Young Defence Scientists Programme Congress

On 16 April, several RVians received awards at the Young Defence Scientists Programme (YDSP) Congress from the Guest-of-Honour, Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Four students won the YDSP Academic Award for Mathematics:

Year 6 – Lincoln Choo Xin Da (2017:6M),
Year 5 – Ivan Tan (6N),
Year 4 – Mao Yudi (5M), and
Year 3 – Gladwin Tan Ye Kai (4A).

Hubert Choo Jin Cong (6M) and team sharing their project with Dr Mohamad Maliki bin Osman, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Awardees with Dr Mohamad Maliki bin Osman, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Another group of students earned the YDSP Academic Award for Physics:

Year 6 – Steven Zhu Shaohan (2017:6L),
Year 5 – Neoh Tzeh Yuan (6L),
Year 4 – Karen Chong Wei Qi (5K), and
Year 3 – Jolene Chan Jie Ying (4G).

Jonathan Chew Jian Pin (3A) and Robin Low Voon Bin (3D) received the YDSP Scholarship.

Six groups of students conducted science research with the DSO National Laboratories and the Defence Science and Technology Agency under the Research @ YDSP in Nov to Dec 2017. Hubert Choo (6M) was selected to share his team's findings on their design of reaction wheel robotic actuators for all-terrain locomotion at the Student Keynote presentation at the Congress. The YDSP activities were enriching for all participants. Students had the opportunity to gain knowledge in physics and engineering beyond the classroom, as well as work in teams with other like-minded students from other schools.

Hubert Choo Jin Cong (5F)

Industrial Visit to GlaxoSmithKline



Participants with the GSK staff

Peering into the reaction vessel at the production plant



A hands-on game to learn about the importance of quality control

On 16 March, an industrial visit to GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) was jointly organised by GSK and the West Zone Centre of Excellence for Science and Technology @ RVHS. This visit involved more than 100 students from 12 different junior colleges and secondary schools in Singapore.

The visit aimed to provide students with deeper insights into the pharmaceutical industry and to appreciate the applications of chemistry. More importantly, the visit showed students how the company has evolved to keep up with technological advancements to ensure that they remain relevant and dominant in the industry.

During the visit, students gained entry into the plants and laboratories, and

toured its operational facilities. Activities, quizzes, games and demonstrations were also carried out to illustrate GSK's core values - patient focus, integrity, respect for people and transparency. In addition, the students were exposed to technological tools beyond that found in textbooks. These included the use of virtual reality to train workers on how to carry out elaborate tasks and data analytics to ensure minimal chemical waste for environmental sustainability.

In the closing address, the Site Director, Mr Lim Hock Heng, who is also an RV alumnus, urged the students to pursue their passion in their future careers and contribute to society. The visit to GSK has indeed been an inspiring journey!

Xie Yuxuan & Lee Jiawen (6H)

All the participants of #startathon Junior



#startathon Junior



Champion team for #startathon Junior

Proudly organised by the RVHS Science Leaders Academy and Nanyang Technopreneurship Center, #startathon Junior is a 24-hour competition that aims to inspire creative thought in entrepreneurship and value-creation. This year's theme, 'Health Transformation', challenged 29 teams from various secondary schools and junior colleges to generate ideas based on the given challenge statements and to bring their ideas into reality.

During the event, each team member had to play one of the five roles: coder, dealer, maker, designer or empathiser. Over a span of 24 hours, the teams went through a series of rigorous ideation processes to propose solutions to health-related problems faced by the community. Thereafter, they showcased their ideas through prototypes constructed with the use of 3D printers, Arduino kits, as well as coding on open-source platforms. During the intense judging round by a panel of established entrepreneurs, the teams displayed synergy and creativity in pitching their business plans to the judges.

As a result of the students' hard work, many teams managed to impress the judges and the Year 4 team led by Jarren Oh Ming Rui from RVHS clinched the 1st prize. For Jarren and his team, #startathon Junior provided them with a platform to innovate, develop and showcase their entrepreneurship skills.

#startathon Junior was definitely an invaluable experience which promoted inventive thinking amongst participants. We hope that the event inspired them to start synergising, innovating and creating value in their entrepreneurship journey.

Tan Wee Leng (5J) & Sun Baizhen (5M)

Values-In-Action Projects

Year 1

On 14 July, we participated in a Values-In-Action (VIA) activity as Housing Development Board (HDB) Heartland Ambassadors. Prior to that, we had VIA training by HDB. I looked forward to this activity as I had never been in such a project that involved the residents of Boon Lay community directly. On the day of the ambassadorship, we shared with the residents ten key messages on how to be a friendly and considerate neighbour. Some of these messages included keeping the noise level down at night, participating in community activities actively and keeping the corridors clutter-free. We also raised awareness by sharing water and energy saving tips such as the use of a water-saving device and the merits of using energy-saving bulbs.

I feel that this VIA experience benefitted me as much as the residents. As a HDB Heartland Ambassador, I had to step out of my comfort zone to communicate confidently and teach the residents how to be a considerate neighbour. I also learnt to show respect to the residents even when they seemed unfriendly and disinterested. I also managed to interact with people from different walks of life, hence allowing me to understand the community better.

At the end of the VIA, I realised that kindness is the key to building a friendly neighbourhood. I am grateful to the school and the teachers-in-charge of the VIA for the opportunity to participate in this programme.

Wei Junyi (1D)

Stepping out of our comfort zone to interact with the residents



Sharing with the residents the ten key messages



Values-In-Action Activity at St. Luke's Hospital

This year, the Year 2s conducted their Values-In-Action Project at St. Luke's Hospital, a community hospital taking care of the elderly who are ill. As Singapore faces an aging population, it is important for us to learn how to interact and take care of the elderly. At the same time, the elderly have many experiences and things that they can teach us. With this in mind, each class visited St Luke's Hospital for three sessions and had to plan a programme prior to their visit.

Many of us were apprehensive at first due to our limited prior experiences in interacting with the elderly. When we first visited the hospital, it was a little daunting as some of the elderly looked too tired to interact with us. However, with our performances ranging from singing and dancing to magic shows, engaging activities such as bingo, colouring, origami and table games like foosball, they warmed up quickly to us and they had immense fun.

This VIA session pushed many of us out of our comfort zones and made us learn how to interact with elderly people. Seeing that our efforts were rewarded with their warm smiles, it certainly made our day!

Getting to know you



Interaction with the elderly at St Luke's Hospital



Boon Lay residents
working out together



Year 3 Values-In-Action Projects

This year, we were given the opportunity to initiate a Values-In-Action (VIA) project which allowed us to contribute to the community. We conducted a needs analysis in our community and found that there was a pressing need for health-related events. We decided to organise a carnival that would allow participants to interact across generations through fun activities in order to strengthen the bond within our community while meeting their needs.

Through various games, participants were given tips on how to lead a healthier lifestyle and healthy snack packages were given out as prizes. In collaboration with Ng Teng Fong General Hospital, a health talk was also held during the carnival to promote healthy living through good lifestyle habits and raise awareness on the importance of healthy living.

Throughout the event, we saw members of the community having fun with their families and friends. After the event, participants provided positive feedback on the meaningful and insightful knowledge gleaned from the health talk and game booths. The residents shared that they were motivated to lead a healthier lifestyle by exercising more and changing their diets.

We have benefitted much from this VIA activity as we honed our communication and collaboration skills, from reaching out to the community to inviting them to participate in our event. Lastly, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and gain invaluable lessons when organising this event.

Lee Jia Xue (3B) & Yeo Yong Sheng (3D)



Spot the difference!

Arts and craft with the little ones

4E VIA at Whampoa SilverACE



Art and Craft activity

On 25 May, our class carried out a VIA Project at Whampoa SilverACE. It turned out to be an enriching and eye-opening experience for all of us.

Our interactions were initially challenging and this sentiment was echoed by many who felt that it was difficult to communicate with the elderly. We struggled to communicate with those who only spoke Malay or a specific dialect, but a sense of humour and a spirit of perseverance helped tremendously!

As we spent the morning with the elderly residents, we got a glimpse of the daily struggles that they face such as chronic medical problems like weakened muscles and back problems which limited their mobility and sometimes made even the most basic movement impossible. We realised that we tend to take these actions, such as the ability to walk, for granted.

We also saw their need for company. Many of the elderly people who went to SilverACE on a daily basis do not have a family and they live alone. They came to SilverACE because they needed the social interaction and care. As we engaged them in our plethora of activities and interacted with them, we realised that their lives would have been much better and happier if they had a family to care for them, and to simply spend time with them. Apart from these, the elderly were eager to share with us stories from their past, allowing us to learn about the significant milestones in Singapore's history. One man shared about how he and his family escaped from Malaysia to Singapore before fleeing to Australia during World War Two. Another told us about his experiences during the 1964 Racial Riots and others reminisced about former Singapore landmarks such as Haw Par Villa. Through these accounts, we understood the significance of these past events and lost icons of Singapore.

Through it all, the most rewarding part of the experience was the smiles on their faces. One of my classmates, reflected that he was no longer hesitant to interact with the elderly and he would try his best to continue showing them support. Indeed, this has inspired us to look for future opportunities to interact with the elderly.

Jonathan Lim Kai En (4E)

Chatting with the elderly at SilverAce Whampoa



我们亲手制作的红龟粿！



《西游记》师徒四人来到位于西部的立化中学取经了！

中一母语双周 寻根之旅

陈欣慧 (1B)

我们中一生在六月假期前参加了由学校华文部举办的母语周活动。为期一周的活动丰富精彩，且引人深思，远远超出了我们的预期。

老师们精心为我们安排了历史讲座、会馆之旅、黄梅戏、相声、成语泥塑、红龟粿制作等活动。让我印象最深刻的内容之一是在有178年历史的冈州会馆学到了很多有关粤剧的知识。它让我了解到粤剧已有400余年的历史，19世纪中传入新马，而且它也被联合国教科文机构列入人类非物质文化遗产名录。粤剧有很多角色，如：生、旦、净、丑等。它是以唱、舞、动以及服装来展开剧情。冈州会馆的粤剧是由长辈们表演的，他们大都上了年纪，却精神饱满，而且优雅的气质让人折服。他们鼓励我们上台尝试，虽然我们一开始有些害羞，但后来有几个同学主动登台，还有一个同学男扮女装，让我们啼笑皆非。长辈们鼓励我们应该多多参与会馆举办的活动，将来才能把会馆的精神传承下去。这不禁让我想起我们这群年轻人总是嫌这些传统戏曲土里土气，不愿意尝试，或者根本不想去

接触，这导致我们对华族传统文化越来越生疏。那次的会馆之旅，让我了解到了传统戏曲的魅力，也让我反思年轻一代如何承担起文化传承的使命。

让我印象深刻的另一个内容是我在先贤馆学到了一些伟大的先辈为新加坡做出的贡献。令我最敬佩的是陈嘉庚先生。他一生中最大贡献是在教育方面，他坚持“取诸社会，用诸社会”的原则，强调了教育乃强国之本。陈嘉庚倾资办教育，创办的学校主要有华侨中学、道南学校及南洋女校等学校。陈嘉庚先生也在1938年出任南侨总会主席，领导东南亚华侨支援中国抗日战争。没有像陈嘉庚这样的先贤们的付出，就没有今天和平繁荣的新加坡。他们总是在国家危难时，挺身而出。这种“大我”的精神，在现今个人主义至上的社会尤为珍贵。

我从这次的母语双周活动中学到了很多与华族历史、文化有关的知识，更进一步了解了我们的先辈们为新加坡做出的贡献，也有了很多感悟。那一周，真是让我大开眼界！



宗子杰与立化学生亲切合影

午言媒体艺人宗子杰周会演讲 — 华文华语，多用就可以！

陈心怡 (4B)

2018年8月1日，我校为推广讲华语运动，邀请午言媒体公司旗下的艺人宗子杰，在中三中四、高一高二周会上与同学们分享他学习华文的心得，并与同学们一起参与游戏。周会上，观众反应十分热烈，大家都兴致勃勃，纷纷踊跃参与两个游戏，想借机会跟偶像近距离接触，赢取奖品。游戏要求参与者以飞快的速度说出“华文华语多用就可以”的口号，然后猜出大屏幕上的词语或成语，再解释该词或成语的意思。通过这个趣味游戏，同学们有机会接触并学到“卅”、“差强人意”、“登高必自卑”等较常用但不广为人知的词语。同学们不仅学会了这些字词的正确读音，如“差强人意”的“差”为第一声，也有助于提高学生们的词汇量，通过有趣的方式激发学生们对学华文兴趣，改变以往同学们对学华文的既定印象，让学生们觉得学华文并没有想象中那么枯燥乏味。

身为艺人的宗子杰，在分享学华文的心得时提到自己平时都会通过读书、听华文歌曲等方式来提高自己的华文水平。他建议大家在听歌曲的时候，可上网搜索歌词，把自己不熟悉的单词背下来，然后运用在作文里。宗子杰认为若要提高华文水平，应该选择适合自己的方式去学华语，使这个过程更加轻松有趣。他提到，由于自己的母亲是华文老师，所以平时讲华语时若用词不当，母亲都会及时纠正他所犯的错误。宗子杰也指出，如今自己从事演艺业，必须经常接触华语剧本并使用华语与观众交流。但由于他在中学时期没

有打好华文基础，所以刚出道时背华文剧本吃尽苦头。因此，他对中学时期没学好华文一事表示遗憾，而今他已意识到学好华文的重要性，所以呼吁同学们和他一起学好华文，鼓励大家将华语活学活用。



宗子杰与上台参加游戏的学生

4G班的王宇恒同学在受访时表示，宗子杰的分享激发了他学习华文的兴趣。他说：“虽然现在我的华文程度并没有那么好，但宗子杰的经历，也让我意识到，只要自己肯努力学习华文，就一定能取得进步。而且我未来从事的职业很可能需要用到华文，因此学好华文十分重要。”4M班的梁诗玄则认为让新生代的偶像担任宣传大使能够鼓励更多年轻人学华文讲华语，意识到华语的“酷”。她指出：“现在的年轻人都爱追颜值高的韩国明星，甚至肯为追星而学韩文，但其实让本地的新生代偶像担任宣传大使也可起到相同的作用。”

正如讲华语运动标题所言：“华文华语，多用就可以。”相信经过这次周会的活动，同学们都深受启发，更有动力打好华文基础。希望同学们能在今年“O”水准会考中考获佳绩，并意识到华语的学习永无止境！

校内华文大比拼

章楚颖 (3B)

今年，双文化领袖学研中心为中一、二年级的同学们举办了首届校内华文大比拼。比赛的题目涉及本地文化常识、流行音乐、电影、经典文学、中英翻译、Singlish、成语俗语等多个领域，考验的是参赛者全面的知识储备。同学们积极参与，从中获得了丰富的华文知识，体验了华文别样的趣味。

华文大比拼的初赛于7月19日与7月20日的晨读时段进行，经过紧张刺激的网络答题选拔，每个班级派出一个四人小队，参加第二轮的年级淘汰赛。

淘汰赛于7月23日举行，启用了争分夺秒的抢答模式，参赛者们紧握抢答器，争夺每一个答题机会。每个年级的前三名队伍，背负着全班的希望进入了总决赛的角逐。

决赛在8月1日的年级大会时段拉开帷幕。当天，选手们聚精会神地思考，大脑飞速运转的同时手上一刻也不慢。在翻译Singlish “Tiao Gang” 时，参赛者们迟迟没有按下抢答器；热门歌曲《凉凉》播放的瞬间，现场完全被同学们大声的尖叫点燃。当1A班的参赛者毫不犹豫地答出“立化体育服上蚕头燕尾的书法字‘立化’的字体”是隶书时，大礼堂里掌声雷动；“华文虐我千百遍，我待华文如初恋”这个网络热门句式也将同学们逗得哈哈大笑。

最终捧得冠军的是2F班，参赛者之一刘欣然同学说：“我认为双文化领袖学研中心举办的这次大比拼充分激发了我们对华文的兴趣，给了我们展示自己华文水平的机会，同学们也能在紧张又欢乐的氛围中学到许多知识，真希望比赛可以不要那么快结束。”

来自5N班的蔡易琪同学是这次华文大比拼的总负责，总揽全局的她表示：“华文大比拼是今年双文化领袖学研中心推出的新活动，我们团队都很高兴看到学弟学妹们热烈的反应和积极的参与。虽然我们在最开始的时候毫无头绪，但经过多次摸索和负责老师卢老师的精心指导，华文大比拼终于圆满落幕了！希望明年的华文大比拼可以办得更好！”

中一中二的同学们，敬请期待明年的华文大比拼吧！

River Valley Mathematics Challenge

Participants worked collaboratively to solve the mathematical problems

The River Valley Mathematics Challenge (RVMC) is an annual Mathematics competition organised by the Mathematics Department and Mathematics Leaders Academy (MLA) for Primary 6 students.

The 10th RVMC was organised and held on 6 April 2018, with students from 40 primary schools. As with previous years, the theme for RVMC 2018 remained as “Explore. Extend. Excel”, a message to encourage and motivate students to discover and pursue their interest in Mathematics. This event aimed to cultivate students’ interest in Mathematics and deepen their love for the subject.

This year, students went on an intergalactic journey through space – a concept as vast as the world of Mathematics. Challenging problems were introduced to the students in an engaging manner through the story of Professor K whom they assisted in escaping from an unknown planet in an unknown galaxy after a crash. The students worked collaboratively and used heuristics taught in school to solve these problems, putting their skills and knowledge to the test.

Through this challenge, students were driven to push themselves to the limit of their abilities and achieve greater heights. At the end of RVMC, we were happy to see that students had developed an insatiable hunger for more knowledge on topics new to them and that they were enriched by the activities that we planned for the RVMC.

Chan Xin Hui (4A)



Education and Career Guidance Experience

The Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Experience was conducted for all Year 4 students to explore their career possibilities. It started with a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator workshop, which helped them to understand the various personality types and how their personal preferences may impact their career choices. They were given the freedom to conduct self-initiated interviews with working adults to learn more about the nature of their work, the skills needed and the challenges they face in the respective fields of employment.

The evening Fireside Chats were a highlight for the students as they were able to have in-depth conversations with working professionals and seniors who were currently pursuing their studies in various local and overseas universities. The casual small-group setting in the canteen and the friendly atmosphere proved to be a hit as they could have in-depth discussions over dinner with the guests.

Many of the students gained a deeper understanding of the realities of different professions and attained greater clarity when it came to charting their future career pathways. The ECG Experience was enriching, and will certainly prove to be useful when the time comes to consider higher educational and career pathways.



Students participating actively in the MBTI workshop

Students learning about their personality type during the MBTI workshop



Finale of Concert

The biennial Arts Fest was held in April this year with a concert named ReVerie, an art jamming session and art exhibitions. The main intention of the Arts Fest was to promote the love of the arts to our students. The huge turnout for the two concerts by parents, teachers and students was a positive indication of the support of our Aesthetics CCAs in our school.

The first concert started with a performance by both the Senior High String Ensemble and Junior High Band. This was followed by a rendition of a series of heart-warming stories with the theme 《说情》 by the River Valley Dance Society. The River Valley Chinese Orchestra then presented a total of 4 pieces of music, including the spirited 《太阳颂》 and the mysterious 《绕境随想》, enchanting the audience with their verve, while the Senior High Chinese Drama Society provided the audience with further insights about dementia through their ability to tap into the emotions of the characters. The concert ended with a joint performance by both the Senior and Junior High String Ensemble.

The second concert started with the River Valley Chorale performing a variety of songs from 《悯农》 to "Mundi Renovatio". This is followed by Junior High Chinese Drama Society's 《赌戒》 which cautioned the audience about the detrimental effects of gambling, while the Junior High English Drama Society's "Cloud Play" explored the unexpected troubles of a young student. The Senior High English Drama Society's heart-wrenching story of a race against time followed next. The concert ended on a high note with the dancers rendering their energetic finale 《鼓韵宏程》.

《回家》- 患失智症的老人2



《说情-姐妹》

The success of ReVerie can be attributed to the hard work and dedication put in by all performers, instructors, teachers-in-charge and the Aesthetics Council. Indeed, this year's ReVerie means much more than just a pleasant daydream; it is a constant reminder for us to dare to pursue our dreams and reach greater heights through the arts.

Yap Ting (4C)
Vice-President, Aesthetics Council 2018

Performance
by String
Ensemble



Having fun with the American cadets



International Cadet Exchange Programme (USA)

The International Cadet Exchange Programme (ICEP) United States of America 2018 was held in Charleston, South Carolina. I was privileged to attend the week-long United States Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet Leadership Course with nine other Cadet Leaders from the National Cadet Corps (Singapore) in June.

Completing the course was no easy feat. The officers were determined to push us to our limits, challenging us both physically and mentally every single day to work as a team to overcome our obstacles. However, I soon realised that despite their different teaching styles, their motive was clear -- to instil resilience and teamwork, and develop important leadership skills while ensuring we understood their importance.

Besides being challenged to adapt to a totally different environment, taking part in this course also enabled me to experience American culture and the different types of training American cadets undergo. We also forged great friendships and we were able to keep in regular contact with one another. In all, ICEP (USA) was an insightful and rewarding experience as it was a unique and effective leadership course.

Flavia Yen Xuan Lin (3E)



Footdrills and commands
exchange with an American cadet

Students with their completed artworks!

West Division Heritage Trail

One of RV Girl Guides' signature events is the West Division Heritage Trail. Through the series of activities conducted during the trail, Brownies and Guides from the West Division were able to gain a better understanding of the heritage of the places they visited. This year, the three of us, along with three Guides from Nanyang Girls High School, were tasked to organise the trail.

This trail enabled the six of us to grow in confidence. For most of us, it was our first time leading a group as large as 100 students from various schools and working together with Guides we had not met before. Although it was daunting, we managed to work effectively with the Nanyang Girls' Guides, and were able to relay messages to a large crowd with clear instructions and confidence.

We also learnt to think flexibly by weighing our options and generating alternative solutions. For example, during the trail, some participants were lost along the way and thus had less time for their allocated station games. We decided to make some adjustments to some of the games on the spot so that participants could make the most of their experience.

This trail also taught us the importance of effective communication. There were times when we were unable to move

The West Division Outdoor Skills Training aims to build the Guides' competencies in outdoor skills and promote teamwork amongst West Division Guides. During the training, we had a refresher course on the skills we had learnt before. It allowed us to clarify any misconceptions we had and improve the skills needed for the competition.

On the day of the competition, it rained. This led to a delay and the programme was modified. The kitchen dresser, which should have been built outdoors, was done indoors instead. Despite not being able to mallet the poles to the ground due to indoor restrictions, we tried our best to make the kitchen dresser as stable as possible. The change in the location was unexpected but we did not let it affect our performance.

Although we faced some challenges, we were glad that we managed to emerge third for tent pitching and first for emergency shelter. It was a fruitful experience for us and we hope to bring the skills and tips we learnt back to our CCA.

This training also provided a platform for the Young Adults (YA) to give back to the movement that has nurtured them. During the West Division Outdoor Skills Training, we helped out as Resource Personnel to prepare units in the division for the upcoming skills competition. We also helped out in the setting up of the kitchen shelter organised by the Camp Committee from Girl Guides Singapore. Through such platforms, we were able to interact with other Guide units and share our Guiding experiences and skills to impact Guides beyond River Valley High School.

Chan Yin Leng Ysabel (3A), Chang Chin Yee (1J), Li Jiajing (5A) & Jolene Teo Mian En (5J)

WDHT 2018 Group Photo



Brownies having fun

to the next step of planning and execution because we had not informed everyone about the changes we had made and this slowed down our planning process. With effective communication, everyone was better able to see the big picture and we realised that it was key to the smooth running of a programme.

Although there is still much room for improvement, the West Division Heritage Trail was a very fruitful experience for all of us and we thank the school for giving us this opportunity to learn!

Anne Leong (3E), Tang Rui Yi (3F) & Lee Yan Qing (3J)

West Division Outdoor Skills Training and Competition (21 July and 18 August 2018)



Our finished product!



Our emergency shelter



Celebrating a successful collaborative performance with Annette Lee at Singapore Rhapsodies

String Ensemble at Singapore Rhapsodies

As part of the Singapore Rhapsodies music series, the River Valley High School String Ensemble performed at the site of the unique Red Steinway concert Grand Piano at the National Museum of Singapore on 20 July.

The ensemble brought an engaging repertoire comprising classical and modern musical elements under the batonship of Mr Jesher Loi. The string ensemble delivered Zane Cheong's (4G) original music composition "Ficelle Dernier" which means "Last Strings" in French, a musical expression of the feelings that the CCA is going through in their last few years as one ensemble.

An evocative solo rendition of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" on a red Steinway concert piano by Tan Jing Yang (2B) and a captivating duet performance of Brahms' "Allegretto Grazioso" by Pang Ji Wei (2I) and Darren Tan (2D) was also featured. For the finale item, the string ensemble collaborated with Singaporean singer-songwriter Annette Lee for two of her hit songs "All He Had" and "Remind Me", ending the performance on a perfect note.

Our performance for the Singapore Rhapsodies music series was indeed a new experience for all of us. It gave us the opportunity to showcase what our CCA truly has to offer – experimenting with a mix of various musical elements and performance arrangements without taking away the beauty of classical music. What was heartening for us was the audience's warm reception to our music and we will always treasure that memory.

Hu Hui Ying (5K) and Zane Cheong Wen Jie (4G)

Pang Ji Wei performs Allegretto Grazioso by Brahms, accompanied by Darren Tan



RVGE Guitarists: From Zero to Pro Learning Journey

March and April saw the start of a series of guitar concerts which all RV Guitar Ensemble (RVGE) members had the privilege to attend. First and foremost was the "Protego Maxima" concert held at the School of the Arts (SOTA) concert hall, presented by the Expose Guitar Ensemble. Memorably, this was the first-ever concert RVGE got to attend together as an ensemble, providing us with the chance to build deeper bonds and see first-hand how other ensembles perform as one.

We also attended a concert by the National University of Singapore's Guitar Ensemble, GENUS, at the University Cultural Centre. The opening piece was Tik Tak Polka, a light-hearted and fast paced piece which was amplified by striking the strings and the board.

三月二十五日晚上，立化中学吉他社团成员有幸受邀观赏新加坡国立大学GENUS乐队的Grande De Bal吉他合奏。音乐会在国立大学文化中心大剧院(University Culture Centre)举行。掀开序幕的是全体成员演奏的曲目Tik Tak Polka。这是一首很轻快的曲目，表演者在原有曲目的基础上充分融入了吉他演奏独有的特色，通过击弦和叩击吉他板面来制造独特的节奏感和音效，再加上低音鼓的伴奏，改编后的曲目更加热情洋溢，富有活力和生气。

接着，乐队又演奏了Candy Waltz、La Partida、Town of Lights、Song of Japanese Autumn等十首曲目，其风格变化多样，令人听出了耳油。其中一首Waltz of Flowers正是我们学校吉他社团近期正在练习的曲目！同样的曲目，在GENUS的演绎下，呈现的效果与我们的截然不同。在他们行云流水般的演奏中，每一个音符都十分清晰，强弱分明。演奏会在一首舞曲Spanish Dance No.1中落下帷幕，优雅的舞曲充满了西班牙民族色彩和异域文化风情，令人陶醉其中。长达近两小时的演奏会丝毫不会令人感到沉闷，反而有意犹未尽之感。

A wide variety of music genres was portrayed through a total of 11 pieces. Each of these performances was captivating in its own special way, but the one that left the deepest impression on us was "Sandpaper Ballet". In this song, the dancing of fingers on the guitars was harmonised with the unconventional percussive shuffles of sandpaper. Although the sound of sandpaper might be grating at times, this piece made us rethink our pre-conceived notions of how guitar pieces should be played and we saw how two elements, if chosen appropriately, could complement each other. This performance spurred us to think about the many possibilities we could bring as we played our music! This ensemble provided an inspirational experience. It also served to remind us how important it was to put in our effort to hone our skills if we were to strive for excellence.

We would like to thank our CCA teachers-in-charge, Mr Paul Hung and Ms Lee Wei Min, for constantly giving us opportunities to attend such concerts so as to observe and learn how professionals make music.

Zhu Jiachen (5H) and Zhang Yifei (5P)



UCC Concert with Guitar Ensemble Alumna Goh Qiuyi

Performers from RVGE



We can sing and play the guitar!

Showcasing RV Guitar Ensemble during RV's Open House

The RV Open House has always been a platform for the RV Guitar Ensemble (RVGE) to showcase our repertoire of skills to the visitors. This year, the ensemble put in much effort to prepare a variety of songs spanning various music styles. Thus, it was heartening to receive a warm reception from the audience. More notably, it was a fruitful experience for our RVGE members to come together to plan, rehearse and perform as one. Through it all, we had a fulfilling and rewarding experience. Not only that, we also had the chance to enjoy the performances put up by the other Performing Arts groups, thereby picking up some useful performance tips. We are grateful for the opportunity given and we will continue to strive for excellence!

Joanne Huang Yu Huan (5I) & Koh Yiling (5J)

RVHS Chamber Singers at MND's National Day Observance Ceremony

This year marks Singapore's 53rd year of independence and the River Valley Chamber Singers were extremely fortunate to be invited to perform at the Ministry of National Development (MND) National Day Observance Ceremony on 8 August 2018 to celebrate our nation's birthday.

We sang our hearts out and celebrated this joyous occasion with our very own local music. The songs we performed were Bunga Sayang (Flower of Love), Home and this year's theme song "We are Singapore". The rendition of the song was arranged by River Valley High School Chamber Singers's own student conductor, Dylan Tan.

While it was not easy as we had only a few weeks to practise and were singing with a completely new choir configuration, it was definitely an enjoyable and worthwhile experience to be able to spread the joy on this very special occasion. We certainly look forward to more of such experiences in the future and once again, Happy Birthday Singapore!

Honey Shwe Sin (5B) & Vivian Tan Yan Zhen (5R)

On stage



Talking with Minister Lawrence Wong

Seniors mentoring the juniors



PASS IT ON (传承)

Our journey towards the UK Guitar Examination, offered by Trinity College London, was a platform for us to showcase our guitar skills but more importantly, allow us to impart these skills to our juniors during the arduous training we had to go through. Together as one guitar ensemble, we persevered and did our best to the very end, encouraging and helping one another along the way. Looking back, we are heartened that our efforts paid off!

The process of preparing for the five intermediate-level examination pieces proved to be challenging especially when we had to juggle both CCA and revision for the exams. Thus, it was heartwarming to see the ensemble members turn up for every CCA session, practising diligently to master the examination pieces. As the more senior members in

the ensemble, it was rewarding for us to see our juniors hone their guitar-playing skills after being coached by us. Despite the hard work, it was gratifying to see how they had grown over the course of time and achieved the certification in a span of five months.

The event marked the end of the Year 6's journey in the ensemble. We hope that the juniors will continue to tackle the repertoire of guitar pieces and find joy in playing them. We also hope this experience has broadened their perspectives and equipped them with the skills required to prepare for the Singapore Youth Festival next year. Having achieved a certificate of distinction accorded by Trinity College London, it is also our wish for our juniors to continue to challenge themselves and step out of their comfort zone in their quest towards excellence. All the best Year 5s!

Liberty New Xin Yi (6Q) (RVGE President 2018) & Choo Yu Wei, Patricia (6Q) (RVGE Vice President 2018)

Our alumnus RVGE leading a practice session

Events and Activities



Concert Band at the Istana Open House

On 1 May 2018, River Valley High School's Concert Band performed at the Istana Open House. Our repertoire had a great variety of music, ranging from excerpts from movie soundtracks like *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Ponyo on the Cliff by the Sea*, to local favourites such as 早安老师 and 失恋阵线联盟. With 10 songs in the repertoire, the practice sessions in school prior to the performance were inevitably tiring. However, we spurred each other on due to our love and passion for creating music together as one band and strove to perform the beautiful arrangements for our audience. During our practice sessions, we worked together as one band regardless of the pieces played.

With our band motto "One Band, One Sound", all of us felt an exhilarating sense of accomplishment at the end of the performance as we were able to showcase our musical capabilities together. This opportunity was extremely rare and we were honoured and grateful to be given this chance. We would like to express our gratitude to our conductor, Ms Chan Peck Suan, for guiding us throughout the journey as we prepared for the performance. We would also like to express our gratitude towards our teachers-in-charge, parents and friends for their unwavering support and for always being there to help and encourage us.

Jody Tng Jin Zi (4G)

"Connectedness" is a series of art pieces done by our very own Art Clubbers to celebrate our differences while working as one in commemoration of this year's Racial Harmony Day. The exhibition is made up of 12 individual pieces, connecting through their lines, colours and themes to form a collection with unique styles exemplified by each artwork.

After mounting them, RVians were invited to create their own art piece which contributed to the concept of one big RV family. The invitation turned out to be a success and was a very enriching experience for our participants. It stretched their creativity as each participant tried to express his or her own unique individuality, and yet match and align with others in terms of lines and colours at the same time.

All drawings put up and connected



Art Jamming

On 14 August 2018, Art Club held an Art Jamming session for the Performing Arts CCA module exchange.

Through this Art Jamming session, we aimed to encourage students from other performing arts CCAs try out painting, an activity that some of them might not have had the chance to do so. We hoped to see them unleashing their creativity through the Art Jamming session as they paint whatever they wanted with the limited materials they had.

We started off by addressing some rules and teaching them how they should clean up. We also gave some simple tips such as the use of colours and textures especially for those that have not had any canvas painting experience. They started work on their canvas thereafter.

The participants completed their masterpieces faster than we expected, and so the clean-up process was well done. At the end of the session, we got everyone to take a photo with their artwork. During debrief, we asked the participants about some possible challenges they faced during the painting. Although it was initially hard to get the participants to speak up, some of them eventually voiced out that it was hard to get the various colours of acrylic paint to blend as it was a medium that they rarely used, and some others who shared that they were not used to painting on a canvas.

Nonetheless, many of them felt satisfied with their painting and all went home with a masterpiece of their own. As for us, this art jamming session was also a chance for us to take the lead and help others too.

Tong Wan Jing (2A)

Connectedness

The exhibition and fringe activity helped the Art Clubbers and participants to work together as a team. We had many art pieces to complete, and some participants had to work on two pieces simultaneously and thus had to bring them home to complete them on time. However, it was certainly satisfying to see our work exhibited collectively and become part of something greater. It was difficult initially to get many people with different styles and of different ages, and who barely even knew each other, to work together. But nothing could compare to the sense of curiosity as we wondered about the outcome of the various art pieces. We were very proud when each art piece was finally mounted, together as one, connected.

Yu Jia Lu (3B) & Lam Cui Xi (3H)

Students at the exhibition fringe activity



《时间都去哪儿了》献给敬爱的老师

中文学会戏剧社表演，演绎老师决定离开时，同学们的疑惑与不舍



“伴我同行·温暖我心” 教师节庆祝会

陈心怡、林俐萱 (4B)

2018年立化教师节庆祝的主题是“伴我同行·温暖我心”，在节目的流程中我们精心安排了新旧“教师”的互动，进而更好地诠释主题。和往年不同的是，今年的表演分成三个章节：热情似火、不忘初心和温暖我心。第一章主要表现了新晋教师刚进入职场时的满腔热血；第二章，新晋教师偶遇资深教师，聆听其诉说教学生涯的无奈与困惑，以及为何选择辞职的决定；第三章，新晋教师帮助资深教师找回了她决定教书的初心，继而使其回心转意，决定继续留在学校培养更多的学生。

值得一提的是，今年我们尝试把所有演出都融入到统一的故事线中。中文学会戏剧社真情演绎了资深教师决定辞职那一天的经历，使整个节目流程更加生动感人。我们感谢每一位教职员的辛勤付出，希望通过这个故事唤起老师们一开始选择教书育人的回忆，并希望他们不断在自己的工作中寻求突破。

此外，今年压轴的歌唱表演也寓意深刻。一首《相亲相爱》，由杨承融老师、柳公凯老师、王俊麟老师带领学生理事会同学共同呈现。歌词中的“有缘才能相聚，有心才会珍惜”和“有福必然同享，有难必然同当”也凸显出了立化师生同心协力，关爱彼此，携手共进的情怀。不管相隔多远，时隔多久，在立化我们都是一家人！



立化武术队表演，老师教导学生武德更重要

老师带领学生共同合唱《相亲相爱》



The finalists with our Guest-of-Honour, Vice Principal Mr Gay

Post-match celebration



Soulful dance moves by our street dance alumni



ReVel Fest

The theme for ReVel Fest this year is "Busk Till Dawn", an interesting and unique theme that we explored with the aim of encouraging performers to truly enjoy and embrace their talents. "Busk" conveys the idea of people performing and expressing themselves freely through songs and dances, with the aim of providing pure entertainment to others on the streets.

There were six categories - English Solo, Chinese Solo, Band, Dance, WOW and Singer-songwriter – for this year's event. The singer-songwriter category is a new one that we introduced this year to encourage RVians to compose their own songs and demonstrate their creativity, and to express themselves through their original lyrics and melodies.

After months of hard work, all of us witnessed an amazing night put up by the organising committee and the finalists. It was a challenging journey for the organising committee as we were able to overcome tremendous challenges posed by logistics, the lack of time and the pressure of wanting to do well. It was heartwarming to see everyone grow and learn on this journey. In all, ReVel Fest 2018 was an extraordinary one and we know that everyone who came enjoyed it!

Lee Xin Yi (5E)



Yizhuo performing static juggling

Chee Wen and Fion singing a song composed by them



Joy is the flag flown high! - FIFA World Cup Finals Live Screening

The aim of the 40th Student Council is to continue to build camaraderie amongst all students in River Valley High School and to find joy in our schooling life. The World Cup Finals on 15 July 2018 provided a timely opportunity for us to come together as One RV to meet those goals.

The World Cup is the biggest and most-watched sporting event in the world, and for tens of millions around the world, it is often considered the ultimate cultural expression and a universal language that we speak with different accents. It is thus a very apt event to get our Y1s to Y6s together.

From the approval of the live screening by our supportive principal Mrs Teo, to the collation of consent forms and the management of the screening that night, it was not an easy journey. Despite the possibility of a logistical nightmare developing, what kept us going was our vision to see RVians create common memories.

It was truly a night to remember. When can we find a crowd of RVians and teachers uniting as one to scream "GOAL!" in our school hall, and at midnight no less? Watching football from three big screens with schoolmates and teachers was an experience like no other. The post-match spirit was electrifying as students ran around the hall with the French flag flying high while others enjoyed taking pictures at the special photo booth created out of a goalpost.

This experience taught us that the possibilities to bring joy to the student body are limitless. This energised us, Student Councillors, to continue to lead and serve the school with timely, relevant and creative initiatives.

Championing the voice and welfare of RVians would not have been possible without the support of our school leaders and teachers. We hope to be able to do more during our term with the support of the student body. That way we will score more for sure.

Lee Hwee Liang Ian (5B)

Site visit to the Ariake
Water Reclamation
Center with a
newfound friend —
Earth-kun!



Water is Life Conference

The biennial 'Water Is Life' International Conference was held in Tokyo, Japan, from 24 to 28 July 2018. It aimed to explore the themes of water security and water sustainability through keynote addresses, dialogue sessions and student presentations on water management strategies and challenges in their countries. The conference saw participants from 26 schools across five continents, with students from Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Indonesia, Poland, South Africa, Thailand and United States of America. Our two school teams clinched three awards — a Gold Award for Best Poster Presentation, the First Runner-Up Suntory Award for Project Innovation and Sustainability, and the Super Global High Award for Community Outreach and Multidisciplinary Education.

Over the five-day conference, we gained a greater appreciation of the importance of sustainable water management through the numerous site visits, keynote speeches and interactive activities. The cultural exchange between participants was truly one of the highlights of our trip where new memories and friendships were made. It exposed us to different perspectives shaped by one's culture, and it made every project unique to their country and its water situation. Of the 12 immersion activities designed to introduce the Japanese culture to the participants, the site visit to the Ariake Water Reclamation Center was the most insightful in showing us the integration of Japanese technology with water sustainability. It gave us an invaluable opportunity to learn from Japan's innovative solutions in sustainable development.

Each of us was extremely fortunate to be hosted by a student from Shibuya Makuhari Senior High School during our stay in Japan. The host families exhibited excellent hospitality, and welcomed us warmly into their homes, helping us to settle in and assimilate into Japanese culture. The homestay offered a unique window to life as a local. Despite the language barrier between us, our Japanese buddies ensured good communication with extra effort and ingenuity. From taking the subway during the infamous Tokyo morning rush hour to greeting "itadakimasu" before every meal and wearing the "yukata", we were immersed in the Japanese culture, customs and way of life. Having received such warm hospitality from our buddies who took care of our every need, which ranged from preparing authentic Japanese meals to bringing us to school, the homestay was indeed an authentic experience and we left with a newfound respect for them.

We are very grateful to the school for allowing us to broaden our horizons and gain invaluable insights through the conference. We would especially like to thank our teachers who mentored us during the two-year research project in The Eco-Sustainability Leadership Academy (TESLA) and made this experience possible.

Megan Chua Tsui San (5A), Lua Yi Jin (5A)
and Tan Hui En, Joanne (5H)



Group photo with our buddies
in front of the Asakusa Shrine

上海、扬州学习之旅

今年5月下旬,中二A班的学生一步一脚印地完成了七天六夜的中国学习之旅。虽然我们许多人都是初次踏足神州,但这个学习机会让我们能深入地地了解中国丰富的文化历史、人文风俗以及现代科技。

在上海,我们到外滩游览,感受到上海的繁华,也参观了大众汽车制造过程,还亲手学习了如何制做小笼包。前往杭州时,我们体验到中国高铁的舒适与快捷。在杭州,我们游览了景色宜人的西湖,还去了龙井茶的产地——梅家坞,了解龙井茶的由来并品尝了当地的龙井茶。最令我们班印象最深刻的是参观盒马超市。它的运作模式非常现代化,就连一条鱼都有专属的二维码,顶上悬挂的输送带更是让我们大开眼界,这个输送带可以用来完成打包与订单配送服务。比起新加坡,中国的超市先进多了。我们也观察到那里

的人多数都使用微信来进行无现金付款,这使付账时省时方便多了。之后,我们还参观了杭州最大的企业之一——娃哈哈集团有限公司。从中了解到企业走向成功的窍门,并明白到诚信是生意走向成功的最主要的因素。

第四天,我们来到了扬州并且观赏了千秋粉黛表演。这场结合了传统文化和现代表演艺术的演出,古今韵味相交融,精彩万分。我们也到访树人中学,那里的学生非常热情地欢迎我们,大家一下子就打成了一片。在交谈后,我们才发现在中国读书并不轻松。学生每天呆在学校的时间可长达十二小时,几乎没有多余的时间娱乐。

这趟中国浸濡之旅,让我们感受到中国传统文化的独特魅力,也了解到当代中国在不同领域的发展和成就,有很多值得我们去探讨和学习的地方。

同学们绘制纸扇

陈缘真、郑凯滨 (2A)



在扬州树人中学的大门口合影

在扬大附中上武术课



雕版印刷体验



上海、扬州学习之旅

戴予洵、叶恩妮 (2B)

2018年5月18日，我们抵达了上海浦东国际机场，展开一个星期的学习之旅。

上海，是中国最繁华的城市，但却又不失她传统的文化。第二天傍晚，我们在夕阳的包围和毛毛细雨的陪伴下，一起走过了外滩。这样的气氛，想必是我们2B班师生们共同的美好回忆。下一站，我们坐了四个小时的巴士后，终于抵达了扬州。所谓“烟花三月下扬州”，我们到访了东关文化街，那里面向京杭大运河，不仅保留了古代街道的外观，也保留了高大的城门。

记得我们到扬大附中交流的那一天，虽然只听了一节课，却让我们看到了两国教育的差异，了解了学生学习方式和上课情况，还参观了校园，学习了中国的传统乐器以及编制中国平安结。

在扬州，我们还学习如何串成一颗颗的水晶球，看似容易，做起来却让我们叫苦连天。除此之外，我们在扬州中古雕版印刷博

物馆还体验了传统的雕版印刷。这些都让我们不禁联想到新加坡的传统文化习俗和手工艺，是否还能传承下去？

瘦西湖，景色美丽得让好几位诗人都写诗赞美它：“六月扬州百卉悠，瘦湖潋滟画中游。轻岚浮荡五亭侧，垂柳频摇古渡头。”此趟一行瘦西湖，美丽的景色充满了诗意。古代保留下来的观水亭，添加了古色古香的气息，让我们感受到了大自然的魅力。

时光流逝，七天六夜的旅程就来到了尾声，我们又一次踏上了浦东机场。“读万卷书不如行万里路”，这趟旅程让我们了解了中国深厚的文化历史底蕴和中华文化的博大精深，目睹了当代中国飞速的发展，认识了中国社会风貌与文化遗产。这一周的点点滴滴，将成为我们学习生涯中不可磨灭的美好回忆。

北京学习之旅

王静儿、程梓芸 (2C)

5月18日，2C班兴致勃勃地开始了我们的中国北京浸濡之旅。

旅程的其中一站是游览老北京胡同，并在一座四合院里学包饺子。师傅教我们包饺子的时候轻而易举，还能边示范边说话。他不到30秒就完成了饺子，比餐厅包得更好看。我们不禁想：包饺子有什么难，师傅可以我们也可以。但是我们包出来的饺子奇形怪状的，皮也合不紧，如果拿去煮馅料必定会露出来。可见，看似容易的事，并不是一朝一夕能练成的，是靠经验才能熟能生巧的。

到北京九中进行学生交流时，我们发现，那里的学生都坐姿笔直，专心听课，学习态度极佳。当老师发问时，同学们都积极尝试回答，不怕他人取笑。相比之下，我们觉得新加坡的学生较被动，不太敢随意发表意见。中国学生踊跃发表意见的态度是值得我们学习的。就像老师们常说的，学校本来就是让我们犯错的地方，那么一来，我们才能从错误中学习。

旅程的第四天，我们迫不及待地来到闻名中外的万里长城。爬万里长城比想象中更耗体力，不到一会儿，大家都气喘吁吁，非常疲惫，步伐也渐渐地慢了下来。正当大家萌生放弃的念头时，身旁的朋友都会相互勉励道：“加油！别放弃，就快到了！”短短的一句话，却带给了落在后头的同学力量。最后，我们班34个人，都成功爬上万里长城！如果我们选择半途而废，就不可能看到令人心旷神怡的宜人景色。所谓“成功者永不放弃，放弃者永不成功。”从中，我们领悟到了坚持到底的重要性。

这次浸濡，让我们获益甚丰。我们学到了犯错是成长的必经之路，也了解到“梅花香自苦寒来”的意思。此外，一个星期的旅程，让我们这一班有许多展现互助的机会，拉近了我们之间的距离。谢谢2C班的每一位同学，因为有你们，我们的北京之旅才如此难忘。



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与九中同学交流





同学们学习染布



与南京伯乐中学的学生交流

上海、南京学习之旅

杜雨潼 (2D)

午，同学们登上了东方明珠塔，沿窗眺望，上海风貌尽收眼底。晚餐后，我们漫步在外滩，两岸的灯饰五光十色，感受着“不夜城”的韵味与浪漫。

读万卷书不如行万里路，在这七天的行程里，我们感受到了一个生机勃勃的中国，让我们开阔了视野，更加深了师生间、同学间的深厚情谊。

5月19日，我们2D班乘坐新航班机飞往南京，开始了期盼已久的中国之行。南京，是中国的四大古都之一，市中心高楼林立，与一些古老的历史景区交相辉映，构成了这个城市独有的一道风景。我们参观了庄严肃穆的皇家墓地——明孝陵；登上了宏伟壮观的中山陵；也在夫子庙、秦淮河畔缓行漫步，欣赏着南京老城区的淳朴风貌。当我们置身于南京街头时，那随处可见的手机支付、共享单车和各种快递服务广告映入眼帘时，我们深切的感受到南京这座古老的城市正在用崭新的方式召唤着年轻的一代。

第三天，我们拜访了南京伯乐中学，体

验了半天的校园生活，同龄人的热情友善，让我们彼此的陌生感很快就消除了。我们欣赏他们精彩的表演，也给他们表演了有新加坡特色的印度舞和马来舞。小伙伴们一边给我们介绍当地的风土人情和风味小吃，一边把这些知识融入了游戏环节。半天的时光很快就过去了，我们在互相交换了礼物之后就依依惜别了。下午，学校还特意带我们去游览燕子矶公园，目睹了滚滚的长江水，感觉十分壮观。

到了上海，同学们在上海虹口区青少年活动中心体验了做木工的乐趣，也参加了蜡染活动，这两项活动让我们获益良多，也引发了我们对中国传统文化的的兴趣与思考。下

苏州学习之旅

余恩希、李倩倩 (2E)

2018年5月19日，我们2E班抵达中国，开始了为期一周的学习之旅。期间，我们拜访了许多地方，学习知识、增广见闻。

体验刺绣

让我们印象最深刻的地方是造访苏州立达中学。在那里，我们感受到了新加坡学校与中国学校的差异。中国的学校，两节课之间会有十五分钟的休息时间，使学生能得到短暂的放松，消化上一节课的知识，劳逸结合，从而使学习更有效率，下一课时才能聚精会神。他们的食



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堂也和新加坡的大不相同，每个摊位只卖一种食物，不像新加坡学校的摊位每一家都提供多种食物选择。令我们感到震撼的是，中国学生在学校食堂、文具店消费时，都是刷卡学生证来付钱，卡里已经提前充好了金额，支付方便快捷，十分节约时间。在新加坡，我们都是用现金支付，携带钱包、付钱找零钱都占用不少不必要的时间，也更不卫生。这让我们体会到了无现金支付在中国的普及，早已深入了人们的日常生活，连没有个人银行卡的学生团体也早就加入了无现金支付的行列。我们十分期待新加坡也能尽快普

及无现金支付，让我们的日常生活更加便利。

另一个让我们印象深刻的地方是无人超市。无人超市依靠人工智能的科技来经营一个小型的便利商店。超市里没有任何员工，从选购商品到付款，顾客完全可以独立完成。由于无现金支付的技术，收银员就完全是多余的了，商家就能省下雇佣员工的成本，用在其他能够提高服务品质的地方。但是，无人超市也有一定的风险，超市里会有不诚实的人没有付款就拿着物品离开了，超市外也没有雇佣任何保安进行监督，由于智能科技的不够成熟，即使顾客没有付款，刷了二维码仍可以离开，这就给超市运营带来了风险。

我们这次在中国的学习之旅中获益不浅，增广了见闻。希望明年的学弟学妹们也可以在学习之旅中收获满满，学到新知识！

2018年5月20日，我们班踏上了翘首已久的浸濡学习之旅，前往东方文明古国，一探她的神秘。

短短七天，我们先来到“上有天堂，下有苏杭”、素有中国威尼斯之称的古城苏州。苏州特有的“白墙黛瓦，河街相邻”的民居风格与美轮美奂的园林建筑使我们眼前一亮。夜色低垂，徜徉在网师园古典夜花园中，丝竹声声，弦音缭绕，民乐、评弹与昆曲等多种表演令人沉醉，让我们感受到园与曲的完美结合。

翌日，我们前脚刚迈出机器人博物馆的大门，思绪还流连于对高科技未来的幻想中，散发着古朴美的七里山塘又使我们有了梦回旧时光的恍惚错觉。舸舻何泛泛，空水共悠悠，阳光撒在水天一色的河面上，不紧不慢的桨声抚平了人们焦躁的情绪。而苏州工业园区让我们了解

在上海学做小笼包

上海、苏州学习之旅

刘欣然、姚澎云 (2F)

在徐汇中学与伙伴合影

了新中两国间的密切合作，也惊叹于中国为了打造一个崭新苏州城所采用的各种先进策略和设备，处处可以看到新加坡的痕迹。

之后乘搭高铁抵达上海，上海之行的重头戏一定是东方明珠了。站在高空中的玻璃栈道上俯瞰上海，整个城市的繁华一览无遗。我们也参观了上海城市历史发展陈列馆，近距离的了解历史悠久的老上海。无论是老上海人的日常生活，还是夜上海的灯红酒绿，都是我们未曾接触过的。

在徐汇中学的交流体验也令人深思：在保留着法国文艺复兴时期建筑风格的校园，无论是普通的测验还是课上的听写，这里的

学生都会投入百分百的努力与汗水，这种积极主动的学习态度正是我们所缺少且需要的。

此行最奢侈的活动恐怕就是上海星巴克臻选烘焙工坊之行了。在世界最大规模的星巴克里小口啜着香醇的咖啡，疲劳在一瞬间烟消云散。之后漫步在外滩上，让徐徐的海风吹拂脸庞，欣赏着外滩附近保留的万国建筑，在水泄不通的南京路感受上海如今的繁荣。

启程回国前我们还学做了小笼包、参观了可口可乐工厂以及上海独有的石库门建筑，而海底捞则为这次的浸濡之旅画上了完美的句号，汤底咕嘟咕嘟的翻滚声和同学们的嬉笑打闹交织在一起，构成了大家最美好的回忆。



到科大附中交流



在黄山聆听导游介绍不同的植被



合肥、上海学习之旅

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2018年5月18日, 2G班期待已久的海外学习之旅开始了。5个小时后, 飞机安全地抵达上海浦东国际机场。我们直接从机场坐大巴前往第一站——安徽省黄山市。由于车程遥远, 深夜我们才到达酒店。

第二天, 我们游览闻名中外的黄山, 它位于安徽省南部。我们在半山腰停车, 改乘缆车上山。缆车在云雾里穿行, 四处白茫茫一片, 若仙境一般, 缆车缓缓驶出层层云海, 映入眼帘的是随风涌动的漫天云雾。环顾四周, 是巍然屹立的巨石群山和生长在山中的奇花异草, 闭眼倾听, 是悦耳的鸟鸣声, 潺潺的流水声和树叶随风飘动的声音, 交织成一曲舒心的乐章。停下来仔细观察, 发现山上植物与众不同。听了导游的讲解才知道黄山松是变种的马尾松, 是因黄山的特殊生长环境形成的。攀登黄山, 没有想象中的容易。当天下着绵绵细雨, 地上湿漉漉的, 台阶湿滑, 寸步难行, 同学虽然疲惫不堪, 但我们仍然互相鼓励, 坚持到底, 结束了黄山之旅。

第三天, 我们游览了宏村, 感受到徽派建筑独特的风格。宏村的一大特色是它有着一套完善的供水系统和颇具特色的“牛”形布局。我们也参观了胡开文墨工厂, 学习制作黑墨, 明白制墨的过程长达三年, 果然慢工出细活, 才能做出优质的墨。

第四和第五天, 我们走进了合肥科大附中的校园, 与当地学生交流学习。因为中国人口很多, 所以学生竞争压力大。父母对孩子寄予厚望, 希望孩子能以优异的成绩, 考上好的大学, 从诸多竞争者中脱颖而出。学生们的态度非常认真, 老师还没教的单元, 许多同学都会先预习。很多学生周末都得上补习班, 有的还上舞蹈和音乐课, 可见学生的生活是很忙碌的。

在合肥, 我们也到淮海路步行街逛逛, 处处可见崭新的建筑, 购物商场鳞次栉比, 见识到中国的繁华。我们还参观了美菱企业, 了解制作冰箱的过程, 这让我们意识到随着中国经济的崛起, 企业要在市场上立足, 需不断求新、求变。

第六天, 我们乘搭高铁返回上海, 逛了田子坊, 晚上品尝了海底捞后, 就去外滩欣赏华灯璀璨的夜上海。在上海虽只逗留短暂的一天, 但我们却深刻地体会到中国科技的进步与发展。现在支付宝和微信支付在中国各地流行, 让购物变得十分快捷方便。我们认为这是新加坡应该迎头赶上的。

最后一天, 我们参观了全球最大的星巴克和盒马鲜生超市, 星巴克宽敞明亮, 除了咖啡豆烘焙区之外, 更有5座不同的咖啡和茶吧台可让人坐下聊天喝咖啡; 盒马鲜生超市是最近刚兴起的新型超市, 多开在居民聚集区, 下单购物需要下载盒马App, 只接受支付宝付款, 不接受现金、银行卡等任何其他支付方式, 参观之后, 的确让我们大开眼界。

这次学习之旅, 不只让我们更加了解中国, 也让同学们之间的感情增进了不少, 我们在一起度过的美好时光, 将永远烙印在大伙儿脑海中。



在北京前门大街合影



海淀进修实验学校的长廊上

北京学习之旅

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2018年5月20日, 2H班踏上了期盼已久的北京学习之旅。

还记得那天, 到达长城时, 下起了绵绵细雨, 骤然降温, 天气非常冷。尽管如此, 我们依旧兴致勃勃地准备爬长城。我们愈爬愈起劲, 雨势却越来越大, 但始终无法浇灭我们想爬上长城的欲望。我们互相鼓励, 不久后我们终于上到了长城, 大家都是一条好汉!

另一个令我们印象深刻的是天坛。从中, 我们了解到天坛的设计体现出古人“天圆地方”的思想, 也显示出古人对天神的尊

敬以及依赖。我们在外面观看了祈年殿的内部, 了解到祈年殿甚至连一根钉子都没用就能支撑起6米高的建筑物, 这令人叹为观止, 充分的展现出中国古代人的智慧。

此外, 我们还参观了中国科技馆以及海淀进修实验学校, 并与当地的学生进行交流。他们的校园设备先进, 教室里备有一个触摸屏电子白板, 令我们大开眼界。我们和当地的学生进行了论坛, 讨论两国的科技发展。通过论坛, 我们了解到中国的新四大发明: 扫码支付、高铁、共享单车和网购, 不仅让我们见识到中国科技发展的迅速, 更令

我们明白到新加坡若要与时俱进, 必须与中国保持密切的合作关系。

我们也在北京体验独特的胡同文化。我们先是乘坐人力三轮车, 在胡同里穿梭, 观赏美丽的风景; 然后再去胡同里的一户人家的房子外学习包饺子。包饺子虽看似简单, 其实非常需要技巧与耐心。晚上, 我们到游人必到的王府井大街, 各自分成小组寻找和品尝当地的美食, 还逛了书局。

美好的时光总是过得特别快, 七天的学习之旅让我们获益匪浅, 满载而归地返回家园。

陈嘉庚纪念胜地留影



福建学习之旅

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2018年5月21日-5月27日, 21班前往中国福建省进行了7天的文化浸濡之旅。

“集美学村”是我们的首站。它是著名华侨领袖、企业家、教育家陈嘉庚亲自出资和指导创建的。集美学村的建筑特色就是闽南式屋顶和西洋式屋身的巧妙融和, 形成了独特的中西风格。参观了鳌园、陈嘉庚先生故居和归来园等景点, 让我们深深地感受到“陈嘉庚精神”。他一生屡受挫折而绝不屈服, 身处逆境而奋起抗争, 几经波折而处变不惊。最终, 他在经济、教育、社会活动等诸多领域硕果累累。正如陈嘉庚所说: “世上无难事, 唯毅力与责任耳”。陈嘉庚先生饮水思源以及坚韧不拔的自强精神, 是我们学习的典范。

下一站是音乐之岛一鼓浪屿。精美雅致的欧式建筑, 碧海蓝天的风景, 形成了一幅极致的美景, 让大家不禁频频拿起手机留

影。在岛上行走, 你立即能感受到浓郁的音乐气息: 钢琴博物馆里展示着各种稀世名贵的钢琴、小街石板上雕刻着的五线谱音乐符号、鼓浪屿音乐厅每晚都会有免费的音乐会。我们羡慕岛民们能从小就沉浸在这独特的文化气息中, 深受音乐的熏陶, 难怪这小岛上培育出无数享誉国际的优秀音乐家。

接下来, 我们来到新加坡凯德集团旗下的厦门盛捷软件园服务公寓(Somerset Service Residences)参观。它们的目标客户是企业的中高层管理人员, 因此离厦门市中心的商圈和阿里巴巴等大公司很近, 出行非常便捷。一流的环境与设施, 让我们感受到盛捷的温馨, 闲适与安静; 贴心的服务, 让我们感觉宾至如归。通过酒店员工的讲解, 我对这个酒店式公寓的营运理念有了更深的了解。此站给我们的启发是: 细节决定成败。盛捷之所以能在业界成为领头羊, 是因

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为它总是站在客户的角度想, 关注细节, 才能提供出受客户喜欢的产品或服务。

我们也到了五缘实验学校进行交流。校园不仅宽敞整洁, 其设计和装饰都营造了浓郁的人文气息。该校提供的课程多样化, 除了主修课, 还有心理课、道德课、机器人课等, 这些都是新加坡没有的课程。此外, 五缘实验学校的同学们在课堂上都很积极地回答问题和认真地参与讨论, 思维都很活跃, 学习气氛浓烈, 这是很值得我们新加坡学生学习的。

这一次的学习之旅收获颇丰。我们不但在游学中体验了新中文化的异同之处, 也拓展了视野, 认识了书本外的世界。我们不仅认识了一群新朋友, 也对同班同学有了新的了解。

合肥学习之旅

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制作手工糕点



今年5月, 经过了一个星期的中国学习之旅, 我们都受益良多, 不仅有新的体验, 也改变了我们对许多事物的看法。

第一个让我们印象深刻的是文化古镇宏村。一踏进宏村, 让我们仿佛到了影视剧中的世界, 充满了诗意。村中的南湖湖水清澈, 远远望去, 连房子的倒影也都看得一清二楚。经过导览员的详细讲解, 我们加深了对宏村的认识, 学到不少当地特有的文化习俗。比如宏村人会在家中的桌上摆着一台钟, 两旁摆了镜子与花瓶, 这代表了“终生平静”。他们都过着简单而古朴的生活, 一切都是人们用双手建造起来的, 和现在摩登城市恰恰相反。村民们主要靠耕田来维持生计, 他们亲手建造的排水系统, 引河水进入村庄, 不仅方便村民灌溉农田, 村民也利用这流经每家每户的水来洗衣服、饮用等。真是奇思妙想!

宏村让我们看到了宝贵的历史文化, 其中蕴含着前人所经历的磨难和付出的努力, 我们应谨记他们的精神, 时刻提醒自己要珍惜现在所拥有的, 并努力用双手去打造更美的未来。

第二个让我们印象深刻的活动是到访合肥四十五中芙蓉分校。我们在那里进行了两天的学习交流, 也让我们更进一步了解中国的教育。我们发现中国的学校非常注重学生的成绩, 学生们通过优异的成绩进入顶尖的高等学府, 是几乎所有人唯一的途径。因此, 学生之间的竞争非常激烈, 也给他们带来巨大的学习压力。但压力并不一定是负面的, 竞争的压力让有远大理想的学生更加发奋图强, 为考取佳绩而努力, 并发掘自己的潜能。这种拼搏精神令我们非常敬佩。

一周的学习之旅结束了。时间虽然不长, 却让我们对新加坡以外的世界有了新的认识。我们都希望未来能够再次参加类似的活动, 胸怀本土, 放眼世界。



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