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# CHR HIGHLIGHTS

## Principal's Letter to CHRians



Dear CHRians,

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly to Christ Church Secondary School! Every day, many of you greet me with a smile (in your eyes), a nod, or a wave. I hope you do the same for your teachers and our CHR staff – this habit of greeting each other goes a long way in making CHR our second home.

I've also seen many of you in action, in morning assemblies, CHR Speakers (our inter-class storytelling competition), outreach to primary schools, e-Open House, Sec 1 Orientation, Sec 1 Challenge, and Resilience Programmes. These are all platforms to develop CHRians who have the **Drive to Excel**, are **Thoughtful Contributors**, and are **Active Learners**, and we will have many more of such opportunities this year.

The theme of Sec 1 Orientation - CHRytale - was a truly meaningful one. It reminds us that we have the power to write our stories and make a difference to those around us through our words and actions. I would like to share three points from the story of Harry Potter that could help you do this.

- Step out of your comfort zone. Just like how Harry Potter stepped out of the Muggle (non-magic) world into the world of Hogwarts, embrace discomfort as an opportunity for growth.
- Seek good mentors to guide you along your journey. Harry had Professor Dumbledore. Who are your mentors in CHR? He or she could be a teacher, a school leader, or a senior.
- Know that you are never alone, even when the going gets tough. Just like Harry who had Ron and Hermione, you will make lifelong friends here who will be by your side in life's adventures.

Through the experiences he went through, the people he met, and the decisions he made, Harry Potter was transformed into a Purposeful Leader. My hope for all of you is that you too will become **Purposeful Leaders with God as the Enabler**, guided by the values of **Courage**, **Compassion**, and **Curiosity**.

Mr Adrian Tay

NOV '21

## Snippets of life IN CHR

FEB '22



E-Open  
House 2021  
(Nov 2021)



National Exams  
Results Release  
(Dec 2021 - Jan  
2022)



Sec 1 Orientation  
(Jan)



Sec 1 Challenge  
(Jan - Feb)



CCA Resumes (Jan)



Chinese New Year  
Celebrations (31 Jan)



Sec 2 Resilience  
Programme  
(Jan - Feb)



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# E-Open House 2021

Welcome to our CHR family



## Virtual talks with Primary Six pupils

As part of the school's direction to encourage students to become architects of their lives, the school's publicity and outreach team sought for student presenters to share their school experiences with Primary Six pupils. With the student presenters hosting the virtual talks over Zoom, it proved to be a hit! Many of the primary school teachers and prospective students enjoyed the engaging presentation which showcased our brave presenters sharing their personal experiences!



Reaching out to prospective students via Zoom.



Student presenters sharing their unique school experiences.



And it's a wrap, everyone!

I felt truly honoured to represent my school and further enhance my public speaking skills. Overall, it was a meaningful experience which I'd love to do again! – THURA (S3-2)

Initially I was worried about presenting because my spoken English was not the best. After attending the training sessions, I persevered, practised and succeeded! I learnt to be brave and step out of my comfort zone. – EN QI (S4-4)

## E-Open House



Mr Alex Ang from the Chaplaincy and Ms Carolyn from the Parent Support Group (PSG) made an appearance too!



Our awesome ICT team - Mr Homa and Mr Afiq working hard behind the scenes.



"Welcome to CHR e-Open House!  
We're live on air!"

## Orientation Group Leaders Training

### Stories of CHRYtale

By Nur Suzianah Binte Hardie Arjuna (S2-3) & Erin Elsa George (S3-1)

While many of us were relaxing during the December holidays, a group of our schoolmates and teachers worked tirelessly to plan for the Sec 1 Orientation. With the new school year, a new theme for our annual Sec 1 Orientation came to life - CHRYtale. Here's some snapshots of our Orientation Group Leaders (OGL) bringing CHRYtale to life!

### Illustrators

Our Illustrators meticulously designed the Sec 1 Orientation programme. They brainstormed to come up with the storyline and the exciting games!



### Tale Archivists

Our Tale Archivists during their Zoom meeting. They are in charge of snapping awesome photos of our Sec 1s and leading the reflection sessions!



### Enchancers

"CHRYtale let's go!" Our Enchancers hyped things up during one of their face-to-face sessions. They were creative in coming up with enchantments (a.k.a. cheers) to excite the Sec 1 students.



### Editors

Introducing our Editors who created the magical '1800 Fantasy Guide' which contained the wonderful planned activities and tips and tricks to help the OGLs. The Editors made CHRYtale a smooth experience for all.



### Coming together for CHRYtale

After planning these amazing activities, the OGLs came together for their face-to-face sessions. They went through dry-runs of the activities and prepared themselves for CHRYtale. Great job OGLs!



# SEC 1 ORIENTATION

## Writers' experience in CHRytale

By Castillo Eumie Andrei Del Rosario (3-1) & Govindaraju Senthilkumar Anusha (3-2)

As the Sec 1s stepped through the gates of CHR, they also stepped into the shoes of a writer. They became Writers in CHRytale, where they wrote a new chapter of their lives! The Sec 1 Orientation took place on the first two days of school in their new classrooms. The OGLs took on different roles of Editors, Enchanters, Illustrators, Tale Archivists and together with the Sec 1 Teachers known as Curators, they were ever ready to guide their new Writers. Let's embark on a magical CHRytale journey with them!



The Writers sharing experiences with their new-found classmates and OGLs.

Welcome to Orientation Day 2! Here's S1-6 Writers capturing magical moments with their OGLs.



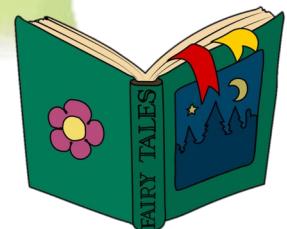
"My favourite experience was building the tallest beanstalk. Even though my team didn't win, I still enjoyed communicating with them throughout!" – ADONICA (S1-6)



"Thank you OGLs for entertaining me and helping me make new friends even though I struggled at first!" – JESSICA (S1-8)



"I would like to thank the OGLs for being so friendly, keeping us company and being so nice to us!" – JEAN (S1-6)



## Back-to-School Time!

### Starting the school year on a good note!

By Nur Hamza Fanon Bin Mohammad Rafiz (S2-3)



We were excited coming up with fascinating class themes and mottos as well as decorations for the classroom noticeboard.

We played ice-breaker games and took time to catch up with one another after a long holiday!



Bonding games to strengthen our class spirit!



CCAs have finally resumed! We were really eager to meet our friends after a long break!



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# SEC 1 CHALLENGE

**True colours to be revealed!**

A new exciting adventure awaited our Secondary One students at the beginning of the year! The Secondary One Challenge offered our young CHRians an opportunity to stretch their strengths and challenge their potential limiters. They got to plan their class showcase, lead discussions and hands-on activities and collect photographs and videos featuring their classmates' experiences!



(Left, clockwise) S1-8 students presenting their ideas to the class. Sec 1 emcees consolidating their main points before their showtime!

S1-7 students sharing their ideas with our Principal, Mr Tay with great enthusiasm.

(Right from top) The Sec 1 emcees were hard at work planning the sequence for the showcase.

The Sec 1 designers demonstrating their artistic flair in their 3D pop-up card.

## Chinese New Year Celebrations

**Festivities in session!**

**Behind the scenes**



(From left to right) Les Literato student presenters acting in front of a green screen in CHR. With the magic of technology, our student presenters were transported to another place!



With great creativity and enthusiasm, the students eagerly assembled a hamper containing essential items as a gift for our CHR Staff.

**Celebrating Chinese New Year together!**



(From left to right) Our Chinese Orchestra students performed a ground-shaking drum performance! Check out our very own tiger cubs ushering in the Year of the Tiger in CHR.



Our Principal, Mr Tay together with CHR's tiger cubs paid a visit to different classes and engaged students in a game involving Chinese couplets.

The rehearsals were unforgettable because we acted different scenes at different locations in school. Even after the tiring rehearsals, I felt proud that I played a role in our school's CNY celebrations. – **SHARAYU (S3-1)**

It was fun working together with the crew of teachers, video editors as well as the Les Literato student presenters. I especially enjoyed the filming because I learnt more about the Chinese Language and culture. – **CHAITHRA (S2-2)**

The teachers-in-charge of the CNY celebrations were very supportive. They encouraged us throughout the process which made it all the more memorable. – **ISABELLE (S4-1)**



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# Fabula Vitae



Introducing Issue 1 Editors: Giselda Lui Enpei (S2-3), Nur Suzianah Binte Hardie Arjuna (S2-3), Alluru Rishitha Reddy (S3-4), Bea Trisha Samaniego Bacay (S4-2)

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Head over to our Les Literato Instagram and catch us in action as we capture moments of magic in CHR!

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## TRENDING MUSIC ARTISTS

By Isabelle Tan Yee Shan (S4-1) & Suki Choong Yi Syuan (S4-4)

### Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift - renowned country music singer and even more popular as a pop singer-songwriter. A few of her best songs include 'Love Story', 'Shake it Off' and 'Blank Space' that pushed her to stardom. Her latest album, 'Red', has quickly become a hit upon its release. Check out her music if you haven't already done so!



### Harry Styles

After the boyband 'One Direction' disbanded, Harry Styles started his own music career as a soloist. His first debut single, 'Sign Of The Times' topped the UK Singles Chart and placed number four on the Billboard Hot 100. We highly recommend his top songs 'Watermelon Sugar' and 'Adore You'. Get ready to dance to his songs!



### Ed Sheeran

From 'Shape of You' to 'Photograph', Ed Sheeran's music has always been big hits across many generations. Since young, he has been pursuing music and eventually made his debut album '+' in 2011 which peaked on the UK Albums Chart. Tune in to his latest album '=' and vibe with it!



## COMIC CORNER: When people have different opinions

By Yumiko Seki (S2-3)

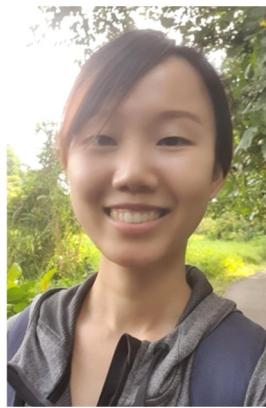
Three friends discussing a surprise party when one's opinion leaves them shocked.



## CHRIAN OF THE TERM: MS ZHOU YUXI

By Zurichka Irwan Chen Anqi (S2-4) &  
Tiffanie Kayle Gil Pangan (S4-2)

If you are part of our Student Council or National Civil Defence Cadet Corps (NCDCC), you'll know Ms Zhou Yuxi! A proud form teacher of S4-1, Ms Zhou teaches English and Geography. But how much do you really know about her? We had the chance to get up close to her and, to our surprise, found out that she is the owner of two 21-year-old terrapins, named 'Big' and 'Small'.



### If your life was a movie, what would be its soundtrack and why?

Being a huge fan of Studio Ghibli, my life's soundtrack is either the soundtrack of 'Howl's Moving Castle' and 'Spirited Away'. I would also mix in lo-fi songs because my life is definitely not an action movie but rather, a chill one.

### What does a typical weekend look like for you?

I'm fond of nature so I frequently visit parks such as the Tiong Bahru Park with my friends and loved ones. Besides that, I also enjoy going cafe-hopping from time to time.

### What made you decide to teach?

After my A-levels, I started doing tuition as a part-time job and hence, was inspired to become a teacher! I discovered that I enjoyed helping people excel and wanted to make a difference. That's how I came to do what I do today!

### What were you like as a student?

I was quite the introvert who had a small group of friends, to whom I was only talkative. Other than that, I was the typical studious student in school. I used to have difficulties going to school early as well, so I usually arrived right on the dot.

### What is one piece of advice you would give to students?

You must start from somewhere with what you have. At times you may feel lost and question your passion for a particular subject, or career because you seem to be going nowhere. But when you start from somewhere, the hard work and effort will pay off in the end.

### What has been the most memorable Teachers' Day gift you've received?

My current form class gave me a box full of coloured post-it notes! Each colour had its own unique encouragement notes. For example, I'll view the purple post-it notes whenever I feel discouraged or the pink post-it notes if I wanted to feel better about myself. This was the most memorable gift because the notes were lovingly handwritten by every student in my class.

If you see Ms Zhou around school, do show her gratitude and encouragement for her efforts. It can be as simple as striking up a conversation with her about Studio Ghibli and it'll make her day knowing another avid fan!

## GROWING UP

By Erin Elsa George (S3-1)

Growing up

Rarely something people look forward to

Obsessing over and celebrating the day you were born is common practice

While others fret over being more mature

In the end, by learning important life lessons, we grow up without knowing

Nearly everyone is deathly afraid of moving onto the next chapter

Gaining confidence to do so might be tough

Until then, all we can do is sit tight and let life take its course

Panic for circumstances we cannot control is not something that is savoury at best.

## CAUGHT ON CAMERA:

### Self-Care Journey

By Lian Shaokai, Shane (S2-3)

A self-care journey with good food to soothe the soul is a must-have. My friend and I ventured to Jurong East Mall (JEM) for some delicious Teriyaki Chicken Pepper Lunch meal at the restaurant 'Pepper Lunch'. The beautiful plating of sizzling meat surrounding the steaming hot rice topped by sweet corn was a sight to behold. It was a scrumptious meal!



Next on my self-care list was to visit the store - Infinity Kpop! My friend and I bought some Korean Pop (K-pop) merchandise at an affordable price. From K-pop albums to keychains and photo cards, the store attracts all K-pop fans. So, calling out to all K-pop fans, this is paradise for you!

With that, I left the store with a treat for myself. I bought the ITZY album 'Crazy in Love', as I have been eyeing this album for a long time. I got it from Infinity Kpop for just \$18! This album has good music for me to simply chill and relax.

And that marks the end of my self-care journey (for now). Do remember to give yourself a treat, be it small or big!



# RAVING REVIEWS

Extraordinary Places on Our Little Red Dot



By Ebreo Hermione Fiamarie Endaya (S2-2) & Ginny Chan Hui Fen (S3-2)

## Catopia Cafe

Located within a 2–3-minute walk from Rocher MRT, Catopia cafe is every cat lover's dream! For an affordable price of \$12, you can spend your time in this lovely cat cafe, where you can interact with a variety of cats - each with unique and colourful personalities! When we visited Catopia Cafe, the place had such a cozy and safe environment for cat lovers and cats to interact and enjoy each other's company. What a truly unique and therapeutic experience!



## Bukit Timah Nature Reserve

Bukit Timah Nature Reserve is a haven for animal and nature lovers out there! It's filled with green trees and large ponds. If you ever feel a little stressed from school, Bukit Timah Nature Reserve is the place to throw away your worries! During the December holidays, my family and I cycled to Bukit Timah Nature Reserve where we saw different types of animals like birds, frogs and even monkeys. We recommend this nature reserve especially in the mornings when you can catch the orange sunrise.



## How People See It



By Arah Sim Liang Xin (S2-3), Senthil Kumar Sravani (S2-3), Mehm Thura Htin (S3-2), Joshni Rowena Joseph (S4-4)

If you had the opportunity to pick a cool nickname for yourself, what would it be? In this issue, we'll see the creative nicknames that our CHRians came up with!

### If you had to choose an awesome nickname, what would it be and why?

'The Absolvitory One' because I see myself as a forgiving person (maybe too forgiving). After all, it's not good to hold on to grudges. (**QI YUE, S4-2**)

'Shawnzilla' because I'm a huge fan of Godzilla! Godzilla is the coolest kaiju in the monster universe because of its spikes that generate atomic energy. (**SHAWN, S2-7**)

'Abi' because most of my friends call me 'Abi' - simple and easy. Also, I believe that I have the 'ABI-ilty' to do anything as long as I work hard. (**ABIGAIL, S2-6**)

My cool nickname will be 'Amazon' because I love anything about the outdoors and nature like the Amazon Rainforests. (**AMAL, S3-5**)

My cool nickname will be 'Fruity Tooty' because I love to eat fruits! Plus, there is a unique story to this where I almost choked on a fruit while eating it. (**AMRUTHA, S3-6**)

'Aide' because it describes someone who is noble and helpful. I love helping my friends and family even if it's small acts of kindness just to see them smile. (**JORENE, S3-5**)

My cool nickname will be 'The Invisible One' because I can be shy at times and rather not be in the spotlight. (**MS CHONG, CHR STAFF**)

My nickname will be 'Driving Mama' because I'm always driving my children around for their lessons. (**MS LAM, CHR STAFF**)



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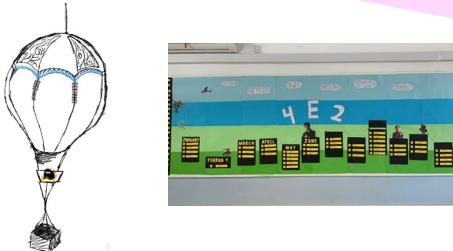
## Sec 2: I am the Architect of my Life



(Left to right) As the designer in charge of the class noticeboard, I really enjoyed collaborating with my classmates to create various shapes using popsicle sticks. – **ARNOLD (S2-3)**

When we conducted a check-in activity, our S2-1 students had a blast playing 'True or False' and discovered more about their friends. – **MR ASHLEY TAN (FORM TEACHER OF S2-1)**

## Sec 4 & 5: I can Achieve my Dreams



'With great power comes great responsibility'. We chose our class motto because it was a special catchphrase from the Spiderman films. Just like him, we aspire to have his determination as we strive to achieve our goals. – **BEA & TIFFANIE (S4-2)**

Drawn by Kenrique Chan, S5-1 students chose a hot air balloon as their class icon. It is to symbolise their passion and aspiration to strive for greater heights and achieve their dreams. – **MR SEAN TAN (FORM TEACHER OF S5-1)**

## Bundles of joy in CTR



> Mr Benjamin Toh's prince!

## Sec 1: I see Me! I see You!



(Left to right) S1-8 students displaying their flair for the arts! Mr Francis encouraging a group of Sec 1 'Thinkers' (based on their e-colors) to share their ideas.

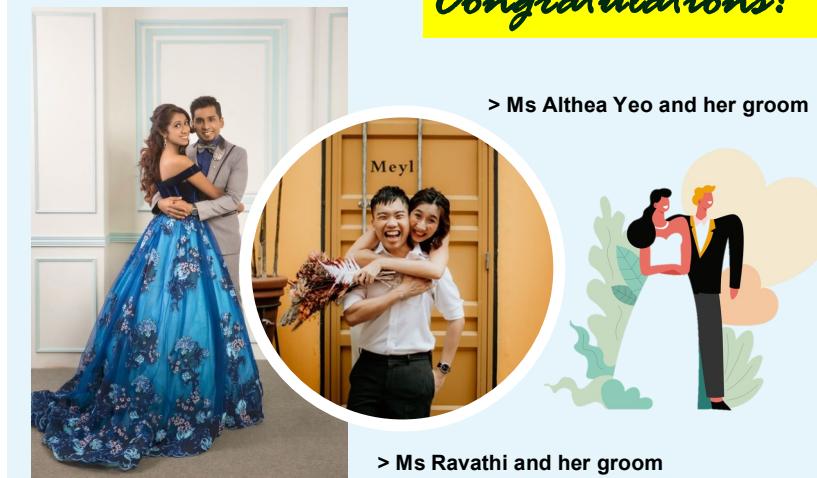
## Sec 3: I am the Agent of Change



(Left to right) Playing the ping-pong games was my favourite activity as it strengthened our class bond. It was great fun to work together to hit our target in order to win. – **XAVIER TAN (S3-6)**

It was heartening to see my students put in a lot of effort to design their class noticeboard using Pixel Art. – **MR DESMOND CHAN (FORM TEACHER OF S3-7)**

## Congratulations!



> Ms Althea Yeo and her groom

> Ms Ravathi and her groom

