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Dear Parents & Guardians

All too soon we have marched into the fourth term of the school year and you would have noted that we have uploaded the End-of-Year Examinations coverage, format and weighting on the school website and Parents Gateway in Term 3, Week 10 for the reference of students and parents. The examination timetable has also been issued to your daughter/ ward in Term 3, Week 10. CCA stand-down took effect from 16<sup>th</sup> September and our students are already in the midst of their examinations. This is our last issue of Parent Link for 2019. As the year draws to a close, we look back to celebrate our successes, review our programmes and plan ahead for 2020. We thank God for His special blessings on CHIJ Katong Convent this year and pray for His continued grace.

## **National Day Celebration**

On 8 August, the KC family celebrated Singapore's 54th year of independence, which also coincides with the Singapore Bicentennial—the 200th anniversary of Raffles' landing in Singapore. This year's celebrations were markedly different from previous years. Students played traditional games and sampled food in addition to the usual parade and concert segment. Everyone returned to the hall for a singalong finale after recess. The day of celebrations enabled students to fully appreciate this poignant line from the theme song for NDP 2019: Our Home, Our Heart, Our Singapore.

### ***Our Home: The Observance Parade & Concert***

The National Day Observance Parade comprised a combined marching contingent of students from the National Civil Defence Cadet Corps, Girl Guides and the student leaders. The contingent showcased their precision and wowed the school as they marched through the hall onto the stage, leading into the flag-raising ceremony. This was followed by the reading of the National Day message by our principal, and reflection and prayer by the student leaders. Thereafter, the Dramatic Arts Society put up a riveting performance that depicted the lives of various individuals learning how to live harmoniously together in Singapore. The Chinese Orchestra then presented two enchanting tunes: "Home" by Kit Chan, and a xinyao song, Wu Jia Ming's 小人物的心声 (Xiao Ren Wu De Xin Sheng, or "Voices from the Heart"). One of the highlights was certainly the video segment by the Media Communications Club which was a compilation of school staff and students singing along to "One Singapore". Students were then dispersed to different locations for the games and food.

### ***Our Heart: Traditional Games and Food Sampling***

Both the upper and lower secondary students had the opportunity to take part in traditional games such as zero point, chapteh, hopscotch, one-leg catching, and marbles. These games were curated and facilitated by the NE representatives from all classes. Students were exceptionally



delighted by the joint participation of their teachers at some of the game stations! At the same time, in the canteen, stalls were set up with the generous help of parents, to distribute food items for students to snack on. Students were treated to gustatory delights such as kacang puteh (nuts), kueh, prata, curry puffs, traditional biscuits and ice lollies.

### ***Our Singapore: Finale in the School Hall***

Having warmed up with the games, students returned to the hall with a sense of anticipation for the singalong. They were also seated in their houses, to facilitate the house singalong session. Each house selected a song which was led by the house captains for their respective houses to sing along. A special music video for “We Will Get There” was played, which commemorated the role of women in building Singapore. This elicited the fond memories that the students had from Book & Music Week, which was themed ‘Wonder Women’. The house captains then took over, with students belting out the lyrics to songs including: “In a Heartbeat”, “Reach Out for the Skies”, “Tomorrow’s Here Today”, and the all-time favourite “Home”. Finally, the entire school sang the theme song for NDP 2019, “Our Singapore”, which incorporated segments of favourite songs from previous years.

With a deeper appreciation of Singapore and how far the country has come, students re-dedicated themselves to be loyal and committed citizens by singing the national anthem and reciting the pledge. As their voices resounded through the school hall, it was evident that the celebrations allowed students to relate to their home, their heart, their Singapore, as one.

### **Marine Parade National Day Dinner**

16 secondary 3 choir girls performed at the Marine Parade National Day Dinner on 17 August. This was organised by the People’s Association (Marine Parade Constituency) and the host advisor was Emeritus Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong. The choir girls led in the singing of the National Anthem and pledge-taking. They also performed 3 national day songs, namely, “Home”, “We are Singapore” and “Stand up for Singapore”. The girls took pride in their performance and were glad to be able to serve the community through their voices.

### **IJ165 Anniversary**

After the gathering of all 11 IJ schools in the National Stadium on 28 May to celebrate 165 years since our founding by Blessed Nicholas Barré, our school continued our commemoration of the IJ165 Anniversary with two memorable events in semester 2.

### **Naming of School Blocks**

Some of you may have noticed that we have new names for the blocks in our school! In celebration of the 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CHIJ in Singapore, we have re-named the building blocks in our school to commemorate the work of our founding figures, namely Father Nicholas Barré, Mother Mathilde, Sr Theodora, Sr St Vincent de Paul, Sr Finbarr and Sr Veronica.

### ***Finbarr Block (Block A)***

Sister Finbarr was the longest-serving principal of KC, serving the school as the third and fifth principal for 22 years. Known for her effectiveness and compassion in steering the staff and students through the post-war growth and expansion phase, her office was also coincidentally located in the oldest part of KC (at Martia Road), affectionately referred to as Finbarr House. To commemorate her work, we have re-named the Admin block as Finbarr Block.

### ***Theodora Block (Block B)***

Sister Theodora was the first principal of KC and as the founding principal, she was responsible for setting up the first five purpose-built classrooms for 197 students in the school. As such, we have re-named the classroom block as Theodora Block.



### **Veronica Block (Block C)**

Sister Veronica was the fourth principal of KC. During her term, she initiated the construction of the first purpose-built science laboratories in 1956. To celebrate her influence on science education in KC, we have re-named the science and food laboratories block as Veronica Block.

### **St Vincent de Paul Block (Block D)**

Sister St Vincent de Paul was the second principal of KC. She was a principal with a 'can do' spirit who led the school through the tough world war two years. We are reminded of her leadership and influence during this very difficult period, as she was one who fervently believed that the arts education comforted the soul during times of strife and hardship. As such, we have re-named the block with the art studio, D & T studio and aesthetics CCA rooms as St Vincent de Paul Block.

### **Mathilde Block (Block E)**

Mother Mathilde was our founding mother, responsible for starting the IJ schools and mission in Singapore. We commemorate her vision, leadership, faith and courage in travelling all the way from France to set up IJ in Singapore by renaming the block where the heritage alcoves are located as Mathilde Block.

### **Barré Block (Block F)**

As the founder of the first free 'little schools' for girls and the group now known worldwide as the Infant Jesus Sisters, we honour Father Barré's invaluable contribution to all our lives by re-naming the hall block where all convent girls, past and present gather to commemorate Founder's Day and other major school events as Barré Block.

### **Tree-Planting Ceremony**

On the morning of 26 September, the school gathered outside their classrooms at Level 1 to 3 to witness the start of a tradition of KC graduating cohort students adopting and planting a tree during the tree-planting ceremony. This is in answer to the call of Pope Francis' encyclical writing of Laudato si in particular, to love our environment. In line with the celebration of CHIJ 165th anniversary this year, all IJ schools are called to plant a tree as a symbolic act of loving our environment.

During the ceremony, our graduating cohort, led by the school leaders and priests from the Redemptorist Mission Team, marched to the garden welcomed by rousing applause and cheers from their juniors. The ceremony began with the hymn – Seed, scattered and sown, followed by the opening address by the Principal and blessing by Fr Terence Wee. Thereafter, three representatives from each class shoveled the soil into the base of the tree, watered and placed their class decorated plaque next to their tree to complete the tree-planting ceremony.

The symbolic act of planting trees represents the work of every KC girl who arrives through the school gates, sink their roots for 4 to 5 years here and are nurtured under the caring hands of the staff. The trees will be handed over and cared for by the graduating cohort each year. We hope that the ceremony will become a lasting, uniquely KC tradition, while the trees will provide a familiar sight for the alumni to return to in the many years to come.

### **Eucharistic Celebration: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Assumption of Mary into Heaven is, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Catholic Church teaches that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". In the churches that observe it, the Assumption is a major feast day, commonly celebrated on 15 August. In many countries, the feast is also marked as a Holy Day of Obligation in the Roman Catholic Church.



As a Catholic school community, our Catholic students and staff gathered to celebrate mass in the school hall in the morning. In union with our celebrant, Fr Eugene Vaz, we were reminded, that as believers, it is always worth it to serve God in our daily lives, like Mary did. We also thanked God for the blessings of our family, friends and teachers, especially asking Mary to pray for us unceasingly for our sisters taking the examinations and to grow deeply in our experiences in school.

### **Secondary Three Mathematical Modelling (MM)**

Mathematical Modelling is a process where reasonable assumptions and simplifications are made so that problems can be formulated mathematically, and where mathematical solutions are interpreted and evaluated in the context of the real-world problem. The secondary 3 students were introduced to the problem context of electricity price plans during the post mid-year examination period, when they plotted graphs on a computer to visualise how electricity consumption affects the cost of electricity under different price plans. Over the next six weeks, playing the role of sales representatives for an electricity retailer, the students made assumptions, interpreted the given sources, and compared different price plans to create a report and video to recommend a suitable price plan for a specific household. The MM assessment task strengthened their abilities to make mathematical arguments in context and to communicate their solutions clearly.

### **Literary Workshop 5**

The fifth and final literary workshop for the secondary 3 elective literature students took place on 2 September in the KC library. Titled *Finding Drama in Current Affairs*, it was led by Suffian Hakim, renowned local author and media professional, who led students to consider how real life and current affairs could be used to inspire and create literary art. During the two-hour workshop, students learned how to look at current affairs from different perspectives and to discover dramatic and narrative value within such events. It was an afternoon of learning and delight as Suffian shared his own creative pieces. Students then had the opportunity to try their hand at creative writing using what they had learnt; picking a recent news story and converting it to prose, breathing transcendent life and colour into events and characters that would have otherwise dissolved into newspaper grey. They also got to read their work in front of an audience, which proved an entertaining and enriching experience that everyone enjoyed.

### **Teachers' Day Celebration**

*Your Heart Shapes Ours* - this was the theme conceptualised by our student leaders for this year's Teachers' Day Celebration. It celebrates the selfless dedication of time and effort by our school leaders, teachers and support staff guiding and nurturing our students, doing all that they can to bring out the best in them.

On 5 September, we started the day of festivities with God, thanking him for the privilege of a special mission he has entrusted to our teachers. Together with our celebrant Fr Valerian Chong, the school took this time to pray for our teachers and staff, offering blessings and reminding ourselves that in education, every student is important and worthy of attention. We were also thankful for the school choir, who had accepted our invitation to join in singing songs and hymns to bless our teachers.

This was followed by the Teachers' Day Concert organised by the student leaders. Performances included an opening dance item choreographed by our Dance Club, a song performance by Wong Rui Huan Isabelle of Sec 2/2, our winner of this year's BMW Talent Show – The Stars, and an ukulele performance by students from the After School Engagement programme. The talents on



show were testament to the efforts put in by our teachers nurturing growth in our students beyond the academic field.

Our student leaders also chipped in with a game segment that involved them acting as teaching or non-teaching staff for the student body to guess. Their hilarious yet convincing impersonation of school staff left the audience in stitches and highlighted how well our students knew their teachers, as well as the meaningful relationships forged between students and staff in school.

Not to be outdone by our students, a surprise item was then put up by our teachers. Ms Nor Sharina Abd Majid, Ms Norazian Md Yahya, Mr Tan Swee Hong, Mdm Raudah Hussain, Mr Wong Li Mian, Mdm Nurahifah Amran, Ms Ong Meiqing, Ms Lee Oi Leng, Mr Owen Tan, Mr Toh Meng Yeow, Mrs Jane Cheah, Mrs Evelyn Soon, Mr Winston Chiang, Ms Hannah Nadhirah and Ms Lee Shu Min featured in a Carpool Karaoke video. Together, they put up their own rendition of Queen's *We Are The Champions*, highlighting the unyielding nature of our teachers in developing our students to the best of their potential. The rapturous cheers and loud applause at the end of the recording reflected the students' appreciation of their teachers' admirable effort.

The concert came to a close with a well-loved KC tradition – the presentation of the well-wishes board to our graduating cohort. The board consist of heart-shaped notes containing words of encouragement written by their juniors, which represent their prayers and encouragement to their beloved seniors who would be taking their N and O-level examinations shortly. We wish all our students hope and perseverance in Term 4 as we spur each other on towards love and goodness.

Students then returned to class for the class celebration with their teachers. Led by the class leaders and their committee, they worked together with their classmates to create a festive atmosphere of gratitude and appreciation. On top of class performances, some other initiatives included quizzes and Amazing Race-style games to bring their teachers on a trip down memory lane to revisit some of the memorable moments they shared together.

All in all, the splendid day of fun and laughter warmed the hearts of our teachers, and reaffirmed their efforts in shaping our students to be the best version of themselves.

### **KC-Fukuoka Futaba Exchange**

The first leg of the annual KC-Fukuoka Futaba Exchange Programme commenced on 1 August with the arrival of our IJ sisters (ten students and one teacher) from Fukuoka Futaba (FF) School in Fukuoka, Japan. Our secondary 2 students hosted the FF students during their 6-day stay in Singapore:

1. Maya Irdina Binte Mohamed Rezal (Sec 2/1)
2. Liv Erica Lim (Sec 2/1)
3. Stella Braga Wong (Sec 2/2)
4. Than Jo-Elle (Sec 2/3)
5. Yolande Ang (Sec 2/3)
6. Rebecca Jenna Eu Pei En (Sec 2/4)
7. Leong Kar Yan, Justine (Sec 2/4)
8. Tahirah Rebekah Koshy (Sec 2/5)
9. Andrea Chua Qin Yi (Sec 2/5)
10. Narelle Teo Ee Hsuen (Sec 2/5)

Besides attending daily lessons with their KC host sisters, the FF students also experienced the sights, sounds and tastes of Singapore together with their host families. The FF teacher was hosted to local delights and delicacies by KC teachers and observed several lessons throughout his stay in order to better understand the teaching and learning practices in KC.



On 5 September, our ten secondary 2 KC students, together with five secondary 3 students and Mdm Jessy Tan, Ms Gan Siew Cheng and Ms Heng Pei Yan embarked on their journey to Fukuoka for the second leg of this exchange programme. The five secondary 3 students were:

1. Sheryl Ong (Sec 3/2)
2. Lam Jin Yun (Sec 3/2)
3. Farishta Elizabeth George (Sec 3/3)
4. Aisyah Binte Ameer (Sec 3/4)
5. Dina Ardieana Putri Romzi (Sec 3/4)

On arrival in Fukuoka, the students and teachers embarked on a half-day tour to a few attractions before they met up with the students and staff at Fukuoka Futaba School. They visited the famous Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine. The next destination was to the famous Fukuoka Tower, which stands at 234 meters tall, and is the city's highest building and Japan's tallest seaside tower. They also had the opportunity to walk over to the nearby Momochi Seaside Park, Fukuoka's modern waterfront located on reclaimed land along Hakata Bay.

Our secondary 2 students were given the opportunity to stay with their buddies' families for 6 nights, and attended school every day together with their host sisters. Our secondary 3 students stayed at a hotel with the teachers but also attended school every day. They were paired with buddies from the same level at Fukuoka Futaba School. Besides observing how lessons were conducted, the teachers and students also participated in some of their club activities. Students were immersed in classroom learning from 8.30am to 4.00pm on weekdays. Throughout the experience, everyone got a chance to experience school life in Japan, including their daily culture and traditions.

This exchange programme which ended on 12 September has indeed been an enriching and unforgettable experience for all the participants, involving much learning, joy and finally, tears of goodbye. We certainly look forward to our next exchange with Fukuoka Futaba School in 2020.

### **KC Awards Day**

The annual KC Awards Day was held on 24 September. The purpose of this awards ceremony was to recognise the non-academic achievements of our students. The awards given out were the

- 1) Singapore Schools Sports Council Colours Award (Individual and Team)
- 2) School Colours Award (Individual and Team)
- 3) Outstanding Contributions to CCA Award
- 4) NAPFA Champions Award
- 5) SHINE Award
- 6) School Values Award

There was a total of 230 award recipients ranging from secondary 1 to secondary 5. We are very proud of the hard work and effort put in by all our students. Well done, girls!

### **Secondary 4 and 5 Retreat**

On 25 and 26 September, our respective secondary 5 and 4 graduating students painted the final colours on their KC canvas which they had held for the past 4-5 years. Known also as School Missions, the retreat marked their final KC experience before they embarked on their study leave leading up to the national examinations.

Co-organised by KC's chaplaincy team and the Redemptorist Mission Team from the Novena Church, the sessions focussed on helping students make positive choices towards a good outcome in life and drawing strength from their faith and themselves, making peace and reconciliation as well as having the self-belief and confidence to move forward in their next phase of life. The students were immersed in videos that stimulated the mind yet tugged at heartstrings,



moments of deep contemplation and honest sharing by the facilitators. The highlights for many of the students were the t-shirt-writing and the teacher sharing sessions during the Toast for Change. The former involved students writing personal messages of love, hope and reconciliation on each other's t-shirts which had been gifted to them while the latter involved secondary 4 form teachers sharing their words of love and hope for the girls.

The secondary 5 girls experienced a similar retreat with sessions on writing their hopes, dreams and affirmations of themselves drawn on a silhouette of their hands and feet on a banner. The highlight of the retreat was the gratitude and reconciliation sessions which the students took time to share with each other.

The retreat was an extremely touching and befitting way of sending our students off through affirmation and encouragement in their final lap. Many students shared that they found the experience very meaningful and timely as it enabled them to calm their hearts and minds before they leave for their study break. They also shared that many friendships were reconciled and the class felt more bonded and motivated to move ahead. It was certainly a memorable day for both groups of students.

## **Second Emergency Preparedness (EP) Exercise 2019**

In line with the principles and spirit of SGSecure and as part of the regular fine-tuning of our readiness to respond to any emergency situation befalling on students and staff of Katong Convent, we conducted our second of two planned EP exercises for 2019 in the late morning of Friday, 27 September. The exercise took the form of a code-word activated Lock-Down followed by an announced evacuation to an external holding area (EHA). This time round, our EHA was the large sheltered court in Victoria Junior College (VJC) that its management had kindly and generously allowed us to use.

Notwithstanding some isolated minor hiccups, the KC community (including the canteen stall operators, book shop vendor and contract cleaners) responded positively to the exercise, co-operated and followed instructions, completed the evacuation safely and smoothly and accounted for all personnel at the EHA within 33 minutes from the time lock-down was lifted and evacuation was ordered. This would be the time to watch in next year's drill, where we intend to practise evacuating to our alternate EHA. Many thanks to all for making the exercise a success.

## **Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Publications**

The MTL department had organised a series of writing activities to promote good writing techniques and further develop students' interest in writing. In our efforts to showcase students' work and encourage creative writing among our young writers, we are pleased to share that the 13th edition of the annual Chinese student publication had been issued to students through their Chinese Language teachers. The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the annual Malay Language student publication may be accessed online via the SLS platform. This publication is a collection of selected essays from students' daily writing activities as well as winning entries from our yearly MTL Creative Writing Competition. We hope that students will find these essays a delightful read as they prepare for their End-of-Year examinations or read them at leisure during the coming school holidays.

## **Environment Efforts**

Singapore designated 2019 as the 'Year Towards Zero Waste'. As part of an effort to work towards this goal, the school has implemented a few initiatives to educate and encourage students and staff to be more environmentally-friendly. One of the initiatives implemented this year was to make our school's very own eco-friendly enzymes detergent called 'KClean' by using natural



ingredients such as fruit peels, brown sugar and water. Environment representatives from secondary 2 and 3 were taught how to mix the right proportion of brown sugar, water and fruit peels; and placed them in a shaded corner of their classrooms for the mixture to ferment for at least 3 months. The enzymes detergent was then harvested in spray bottles and distributed to every classroom where the girls were encouraged to use it to clean their tables, whiteboards and window panes.

In an effort to reduce the consumption of single-use plastics, the school's drinks stall has stopped providing straws and other canteen vendors have substituted most of the plastic packaging to paper products. Nonetheless, students and staff were encouraged to reduce the use of disposables and start cultivating the habit of using reusable containers and cutlery if there is a need for them to pack their food.

The inter-class ambience competition as well as the intra-school recycling competition were held as part of the Keep Katong Convent Clean (KKCC) initiative to encourage students to practise recycling and to keep their classroom a conducive place to learn in. The following are the results of the inter-class ambience and intra-school recycling competitions:

### Inter-Class Ambience Competition

Secondary 1		Secondary 2		Secondary 3		Secondary 4 & 5	
Position	Class	Position	Class	Position	Class	Position	Class
3 <sup>rd</sup>	102	2 <sup>nd</sup>	201	2 <sup>nd</sup>	302	2 <sup>nd</sup>	401
3 <sup>rd</sup>	104	2 <sup>nd</sup>	206	2 <sup>nd</sup>	305	2 <sup>nd</sup>	405
2 <sup>nd</sup>	103	1 <sup>st</sup>	204	1 <sup>st</sup>	306	1 <sup>st</sup>	502
1 <sup>st</sup>	107	1 <sup>st</sup>	205	1 <sup>st</sup>	307		

### Intra-School Recycling Competition

Position	Class	Total Weight (kg)	Good Effort Award				
3 <sup>rd</sup>	305	46.2kg	102	201	206	401	404
2 <sup>nd</sup>	204	87.7kg	107	202	304	402	405
1 <sup>st</sup>	306	91.9kg					

Cultivating environmentally-friendly habits begins in school and at home! Let's do our part to care a little more for our earth! Say 'Yes' to waste less!

### Assembly Programme in Semester 2

The assembly programme in semester 2 sought to enrich the students' holistic development experience through various forms of outreach.

We began the semester with a talk on understanding mental health and the active steps we could adopt to take care of our mental well-being. Our secondary 3 students also attended a talk on the causes, consequences and prevention of STIs (Sexually Transmitted Infections) /HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) as part of the school-based programme developed by the Health Promotion Board in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. The graduating cohort attended one of the four religious dialogue sessions on Buddhism, Catholicism, Islam and Hinduism, based on the religion they do not practise or are unfamiliar with. The dialogue was aimed to help



students build an understanding of the different common religions practised in Singapore so as to appreciate the background of some observances of the faith.

There were also skits on cyber security with tips on how to stay safe online and anti-smoking messages to equip students with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions, be assertive and reject cigarette offers. Secondary 1 to 3 students also watched a skit entitled 'Casual Racism' which allowed them to understand the right behavior and attitude in our interactions with people to maintain harmony in Singapore. In addition, a renowned local poet, Mr Marc Nair, introduced the spoken word as a genre of performance poetry containing elements of theatrical monologue, poetry and stand-up comedy, demonstrating how the performer is as critical to the performance as the text in such a genre.

As part of the spirituality programme in KC, students reflected on what it means and takes to be mature and how they could make wise and good decisions with a discerning mind and a discerning heart. It is our hope that our specially curated assembly programmes have sharpened the students' awareness and helped them to better understand themselves, the community and the world around them as they continue to grow.

May God bless you and your family and keep you in His loving care.

Yours sincerely



Patricia Chan (Ms)  
Principal

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### 1. Singapore Mathematical Olympiads (SMO) Competition

This year, 24 students from the secondary 2 classes had undergone a series of training sessions from July 2018 to May 2019 and they participated in the competition held on 4 June 2019. These students had attended the Mathematics Olympiad Training under Associate Professor Toh Tin Lam, Deputy Head Mathematics & Mathematics Education at the National Institute of Education (Singapore).

This programme provided an avenue to challenge and stretch our students' mathematical potential. Students learnt various advanced Mathematics topics such as Number Theory, Geometry and Algebra. Under the guidance of Professor Toh, our students developed their passion for Mathematics and worked together to sharpen their problem-solving skills, especially in solving non-routine problems. Our students really appreciated his sincerity and patience.

The Singapore Mathematics Olympiad (SMO) Competition is a prestigious and rigorous annual affair celebrating mathematical thinking and skills. We are pleased with the efforts put in by our students and would like to congratulate the following students for their very deserving achievement:



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| 1. Tahirah Rebekah Koshy              | Sec 2/5 Bronze            |
| 2. Aurora Melissa Syn Saique Xiu Feng | Sec 2/3 Honorable Mention |
| 3. Fatima Mahnoor                     | Sec 2/6 Honorable Mention |

## **2. TheatreWorks 24-Hour Playwriting Competition**

Over the past few years, the dramaturges and budding writers amongst our students have taken part in the TheatreWorks 24-Hour Playwriting Competition, an annual site-specific competition that aims to nurture and develop playwrights from the community.

This year, we had the largest turnout of KC students — 10 students from secondary three and four — who spent 24 hours in the historic Former Ford Factory over 13 and 14 July crafting a play with no more than the five stimuli which had to be incorporated and the site itself to inspire them.

It was a gruelling experience that generated many exciting scripts, some with unexpected plot twists. To top it off and further sweeten an already enriching experience, Lim Shirli of Sec 4/4 clinched the Merit Award for the Youth Category with her moving script about loyalty and relationships during the Japanese Occupation. Congratulations, Shirli!

## **3. Bowling – Novice Secondary Bowling Challenge**

On 24 and 25 August, 22 KC bowlers from secondary one to three participated in the Novice Secondary Bowling Challenge 2019. The bowlers competed with girls from other schools such as St Theresa's Convent, Mayflower Secondary School as well as girls representing various bowling academies in Singapore.

Despite the stiff competition, we are pleased to share that Goh Astrid Jing Ying from Sec 2/4 clinched 3<sup>rd</sup> position for the Singles event and Insyirah Sharmin Binti Salim from Sec 301 achieved 5<sup>th</sup> position in the Masters event held on 31 August when the top 12 bowlers of the Challenge pitted against each other for the top three positions. Congratulations!

It was an invaluable experience and an opportunity for our bowlers to improve their bowling skills.

## **4. Entrepreneur Club**

On 6 September, the Entrepreneur Club team of 5 girls was awarded a Certificate of Merit at the SGBC Green Building Design Thinking Challenge finals.

The challenge posed to the students was to redesign and refurbish the existing Singapore Science Centre into a modern green building that retains its spirit.

This competition is open to all secondary school students from 13 to 17 years old and is organised by the Singapore Green Building Council (SGBC) as part of its inaugural Green Schools Initiative (GSI) student outreach programme.

Altogether there were 30 projects submitted by 17 schools. Each team had to produce a prototype of their proposed new and green Singapore Science Centre. After the intense competition, Entrepreneur Club team's prototype was shortlisted to be among the top 8 projects. In the final round, which was held at Marina Bay Sands Convention Hall, Entrepreneur Club team presented their prototype to the experts from the building industry who quizzed them on their prototype.

The judges were impressed with our girls' eloquence and creativity. Their hard work was acknowledged as they were awarded a Certificate of Merit.



The winning team members were:

- 1) Michelle Su Kuan Rong (Sec 2/1)
- 2) Sandra Poh Li Xuan (Sec 2/1)
- 3) Janel Ng Jie Min (Sec 2/6)
- 4) Joie Chua Xinying (Sec 3/3)
- 5) Toh Wen Ting (Sec 3/5)

Well done, girls!

