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# HIP HIP HOOORAY

A school outreach newsletter by the School of the Arts



**Welcome to SOTA,  
where creativity meets holistic learning!**

SOTA is Singapore's specialised independent school for students aged 13-18, offering a six-year arts and academic curriculum, leading to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) or the International Baccalaureate Career-Related Programme (IBCP).

[Learn more about how we nurture our students to be Artistic and Creative Learners and Cultural Leaders here.](#)





## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear friends,

This Hip HIPP Hooray! newsletter is intended for students, teachers, parents and anyone who is curious about SOTA! If this is your first time hearing from us, we hope that it will not be the last!

What is a day like in SOTA? First of all, a whole lot of learning goes on here! It is learning that is arts-inspired, and hopefully life-inspiring too! Be it the heart and sweat that go into art-making, or the aha moment when an arts-academic connection is made, learning is never dull here! Be it cheering on our tchoukball team, or creating a new way of celebrating key milestones in the school, our community goes all out! This is Passion.

I invite you to live the HIPP values through this newsletter. Hope to meet you in person one day! Till then, stay tuned!!

**Mrs Mary Seah**  
Principal

SOTA SCHOOL VALUES

- HUMILITY
- INTEGRITY
- PASSION
- PEOPLE-CENTREDNESS

# THE EDUCATION EXPERIENCE @ SOTA

## THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE & ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CRITICAL THINKING

The Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and English Language and Critical Thinking (ELCT) faculty's ARThink is a philosophical symposium where young people from different schools join SOTA students and faculty to discuss philosophical issues in the Arts through interactive art-making workshops and student-led group discussions. Students are also given the opportunity to hear, learn from and experience making art under the tutelage of our art practitioner faculty members. Through this platform, participants learn to recognise ethical dimensions in the everyday and in art-making.



## SCIENCE



Our school regularly participates in science competitions such as the Olympiads for Biology, Chemistry and Physics to provide students with learning opportunities beyond the curriculum. These experiences also nurture creative thinkers and encourage awareness of Science's impact in our lives. Our Year 4 student, Zhang Qiyue, found the process of preparing for the competition enjoyable. She shared with us that "art students can also do well in the sciences".

The inaugural SOTA Sports Fiesta, held on 15 May at SUTD, was a vibrant showcase of leadership, organisation, and creativity of SOTA graduating students. From the entertaining opening ceremony featuring a march-in and flash mob to the seamless execution of the level tournaments and closing ceremony, the Fiesta was a true testament to the superb organising skills and teamwork of SOTA students. Their efforts made the day a memorable success for the SOTA community.

## SPORTS FIESTA



# EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

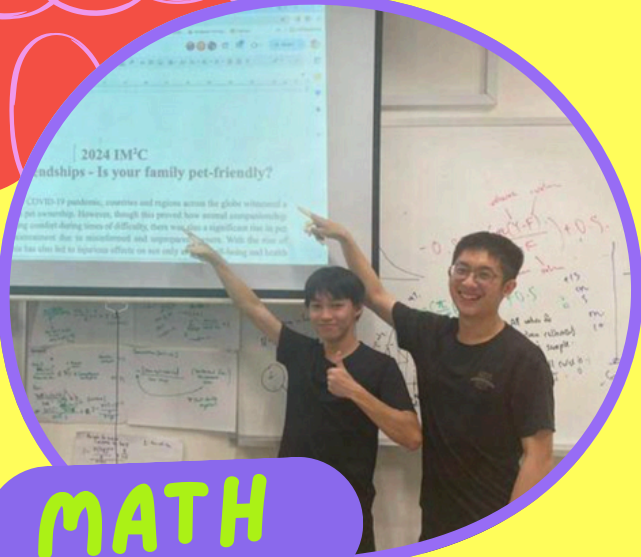
Art meets adventure! Our students took creativity to new heights with an exhilarating abseiling experience in school during Experiential Education class.

## MATH

Two teams of Year 5 students participated in the International Mathematical Modelling Challenge (IMMC) and won Distinction Awards. In this challenge, participants develop a quantitatively focused approach to pet ownership that benefits animals and humans. The mathematical models determine which households are prepared to own a pet, how many households are pet-ready, in order to forecast future pet ownership. To create these mathematical models, the participants worked in teams of 4 for a week.

## ENGLISH LITERATURE

The Year 3 students embarked on an integrative project designed by the Literature Faculty. They presented their understanding of their Literature text, *Frankenstein* through a creative product. Students explored issues such as the responsibility of the creator, a key theme in Shelley's seminal text. Aschea Ng (O4) shared, "This project allowed me to form connections between the arts and literature. I thoroughly enjoyed formulating ideas to respond to literary texts. Being in SOTA, I'm constantly exposed to a wide variety of art forms, allowing me to draw inspiration from my friends and surroundings to experiment with conveying my ideas through different artistic mediums."





## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Leadership Academy (LeAd) is a student leadership body that strives to promote growth and vibrancy within the SOTA community. LeAd organises events such as National Day celebrations to cultivate school culture, and executes initiatives to encourage leadership and teamwork within the student body. Overall, LeAd strives to empower students to explore their potential and passions beyond the classroom, while shaping school identity by fostering bonding between cohorts and providing exciting activities to enliven schooling life.

## HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Organised by the National Library Board, the Prove it! Contest 2024 aims to equip students with news and information literacy skills. 2 teams from the faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) participated in the NLB Prove it! Contest 2024 and SOTA came in first place in the Video Category! Both teams were also awarded the Gold (Video category) and Silver (Written category) awards respectively. Through this competition, the teams learnt more about the importance of information literacy and good research practices.



## CREATIVITY, ACTIVITY & SERVICE



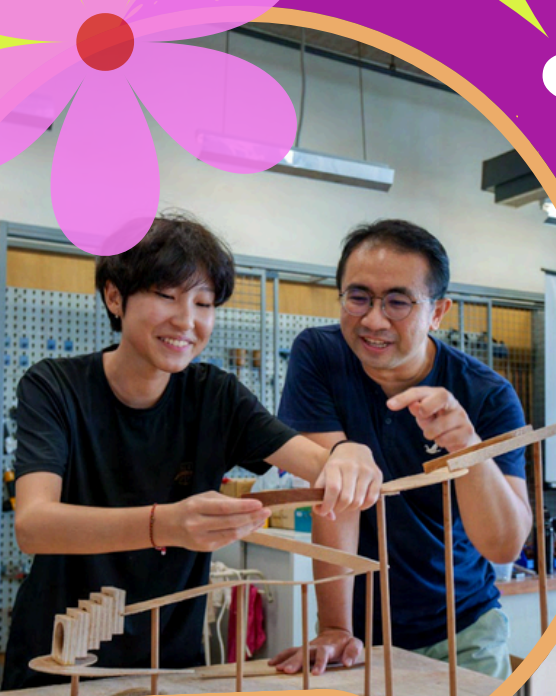
2024 has been a remarkable year for the SOTA Tchoukball CAS (Creativity, Activity, and Service), with all division teams securing top 4 positions in the 2nd ActiveSG-TBAS Inter-School Tchoukball Championships. 10 SOTA Tchoukball CAS members were also selected to represent Singapore in the M15 Girls, M15 Boys, M18 Girls, and M18 Boys categories at the Asia Pacific Youth Tchoukball Championships (APYTC). The teams performed admirably with the M15 Girls, M15 Boys, and M18 Boys securing 1st Runner-up positions, and the M18 Girls claiming gold in a nail-biting final, defeating Macau 28-27. Many congratulations to all our student-athletes for their outstanding performances and for bringing pride to both the school and the nation.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Twenty-one students from Class of 2024 earned the National Youth Achievement Award (Gold & Silver). Launched in 1992 by Singapore's President, the award encourages youth aged 13 to 30 to participate in activities that build self-reliance, perseverance, and responsibility. The award includes four categories: Service Learning (community volunteering), Outdoor Appreciation (environmental awareness), Healthy Living (health & fitness), and Community Leadership Initiative (promoting positive community impact). The journey concluded with an interview reflecting on their achievements. These students have gone beyond the requirements of IBDP Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) Core subject and have demonstrated growth and service.

# THE ARTS @ SOTA



VISUAL  
ARTS



DANCE



MUSIC



LITERARY ARTS



THEATRE



## DSA PREPARATION FOR THE ARTS

Calling all Primary 6 pupils who are keen to apply for DSA to SOTA in 2025! You are encouraged to refer to Talent Academy preparatory notes. Visit our website this coming March 2025 for the latest guidelines and preparatory notes.

DSA-Secondary Pupils in Primary 6 may apply to SOTA via the DSA-Sec exercise, which is conducted once each year. Parents and pupils are encouraged to choose schools wisely based on the pupil's aptitudes, strengths, and interests, bearing in mind SOTA's academic and non-academic requirements, and the programmes available to develop the area of talent. [Find out more](#)



# STAY TUNED!

## UPCOMING SHOWCASES



### NEXT ISSUE:

Be the first to read about **Arts in SOTA** - the most exciting part of the school! Remember to check it out in March 2025!

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