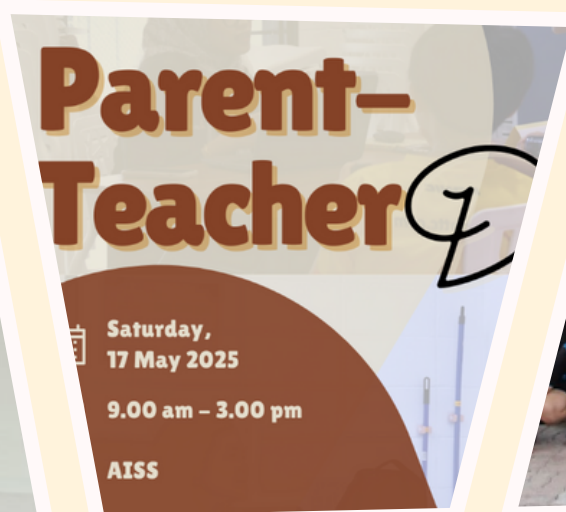


THE ASPIRANT

"THE NEWSLETTER OF THE STUDENTS, BY THE STUDENTS, FOR THE STUDENTS"



LANDSLIDE



Kuala Lumpur, April 28 – Aspiration International School was met with distressing news on Monday morning when a landslide occurred near its campus at around 7:00 AM. Fortunately, no injuries were reported among students or nearby residents, thanks to the swift action of emergency services.

Kuala Lumpur Fire and Rescue Department operations commander Azkhan Hamdan confirmed that the department received an emergency call at 7:18 AM through the Malaysian Emergency Response Services (MERS) 999 hotline. Firefighters from the TTDI and Sri Hartamas stations were immediately dispatched to the scene, accompanied by two Fire Rescue Tender (FRT) vehicles and an Emergency Medical Rescue Services (EMRS) unit.

Upon arrival, the rescue teams carried out a rapid “size-up” operation to assess the area for safety risks and structural threats. The situation was deemed under control by 7:55 AM, and no evacuations were required.

Early reports suggest that the landslide may have been caused by ongoing construction work and recent heavy rains, which could have weakened the soil structure. Repair and stabilization efforts have been underway for the past two to three weeks.

As a safety measure, the school has temporarily relocated most classes to Block C, which is farther from the affected site. School administrators have expressed their relief that no one was harmed and thanked the emergency responders for their prompt and professional handling of the incident.

Authorities are continuing to monitor the site closely to prevent further movement and ensure the long-term safety of the area. Parents and residents have been advised to remain alert and report any unusual ground activity.



Kayli
Year 7



Sienna
Year 7

IPOH MUN



Ipoh MUN took place from April 4–6, 2025, at Quest International University. It was a hybrid conference featuring various councils, including UNEA, BRICS+, UNHRC, ECOFIN, EUCO, UNESCO, CRISIS: ASEAN 2030, and IPC. In total, there were approximately 174 delegates. While the exact number of chairs is unknown, there were about two for each council. The event was organized by Ronan Ooi, with advisors Winnie Choong and Lim Ke Wen.

On Day One, the conference began at 13:00 and ended at 21:00. On Day Two, it ran from 09:00 to 21:30, and on Day Three, from 09:00 to 17:30. During the prize-giving ceremony, Sebastian Shee won Outstanding Journalist in IPC, and Dylan Lim won Outstanding Delegate in CRISIS.

Many memorable moments were shared among delegates. In CRISIS, the chair stuck a plushie in the ceiling. In ECOFIN, delegates played “Most Likely To.” In IPC, they played an online game, while in BRICS+, the delegate from Brazil used Minecraft to present a draft resolution.

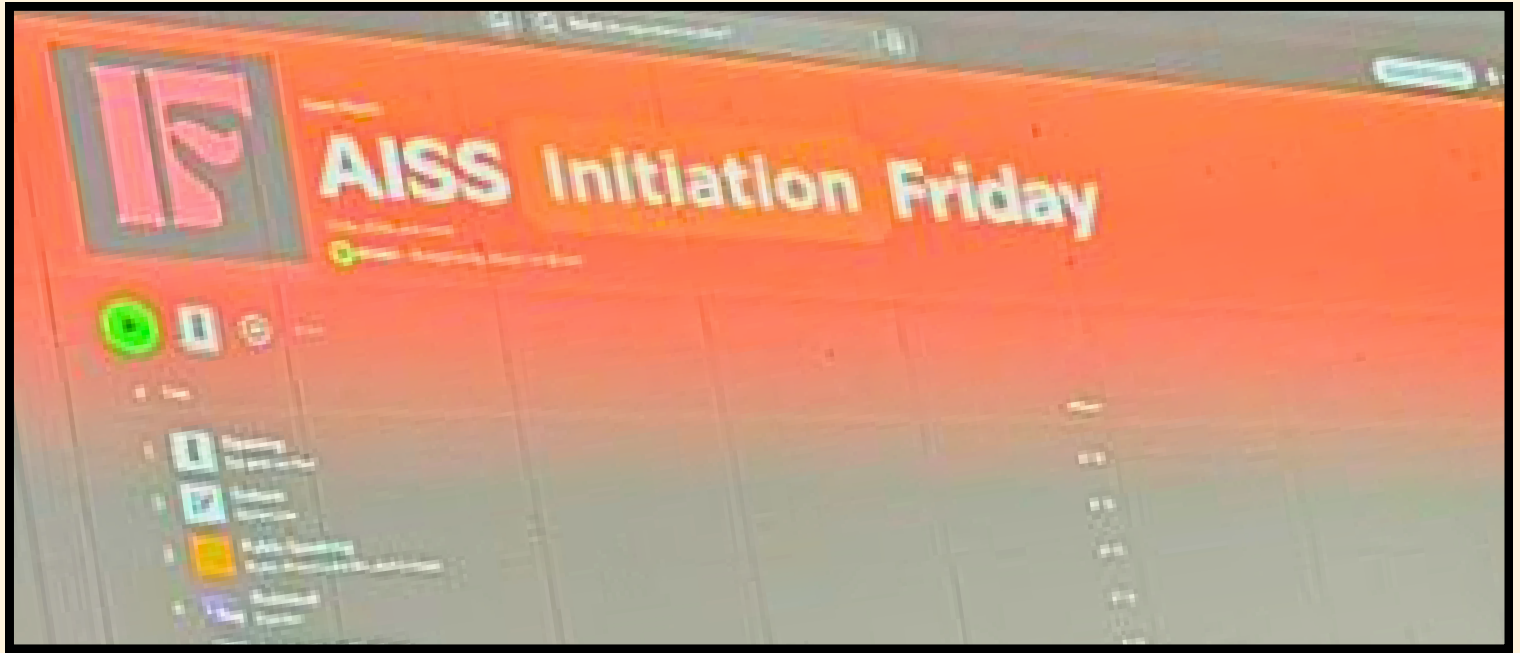
“I was inspired to join MUN because my friend encouraged me to. I’m quite interested in international politics, so I decided to give it a try. I’ve been doing MUN since 2023. My first conference was at Sunway University, then I attended another Sunway MUN in 2024. After that, I participated in Taylor’s Lakeside MUN, EOSMUN, POWISSMUN, NEXUSMUN, Ipoh-MUN, and a few others.

Usually, to prepare for a MUN conference, I research the topic, identify key points to raise, and prepare other supporting information. I think what makes a strong delegate is the ability to compromise. In any UN debate, you need to compromise—you won’t always get everything you want.” – **Dylan Lim (10S)**



Sienna
Year 7

INITIATION FRIDAY



The journey of preparation for the Initiation Friday (IF) began over the holidays. The council spent the break planning for IF—assigning roles and preparing slides for each CCA. However, once school resumed, it quickly became clear that this term would be particularly challenging. With limited time and no president, the Student Council had to step up and take initiative.



They held two crucial meetings—one on Monday and another on Wednesday—where the theme and overall flow of Initiation Friday were finalized. I was mainly involved in editing slides with Dylan and preparing to emcee alongside Jia Wei. For our emcee script, we went with a casual, Spotify-inspired tone to keep the atmosphere relaxed and engaging.

One of the biggest challenges the council faced was the lack of time. Progress was slow at first, but we had to work together and push through as a team. Looking back, I believe that every IF we organize can always be improved—but despite the challenges, we did a great job. Overall, the experience was both fun and rewarding. It not only enhanced my leadership skills but also taught me valuable lessons in time management.



Eji
Year 10

PARENT TEACHER DAY



Parent-Teacher Day (PTD), held on 17 May, marked an important milestone in the academic year as it helps both parents and students. It offers an opportunity for parents to understand the progress of students, and students themselves to also receive feedback on their performance in school. Whilst PTD can be scary for some people, receiving feedback should be something to look forward to to see how we can improve and move towards better things.

Sometimes students can be struggling in school either academically or socially, but by teachers connecting with parents - parents can understand what students are going through in school and can help them. It also allows teachers to gain deeper insight into their students' lives beyond the classroom.

It is important for us students to now reflect on the feedback we have received and see what we can do to improve our time in school. As we are now in the final term of this academic year, it is important to improve our performance so that we can end on a positive note at the end of this year and know that we did our best in school.



Rayden
Year 8 Proactive

KLJJ BADMINTON



The KLJJ badminton tournament was a competition held in DBKL Cheras, amongst schools within KL and skilled badminton players. From May 5-9, our Aspiration badminton school team fought hard with their strong efforts and dedication to win against others, competing in the category U15 singles. AISS was represented by five diligent and committed players: Cheryl Faith Choong, Chong Kai Yi, Shayne Wong, Giselle Yap and Carmen Choo, all of whom were from Year Ten.

We started off with a strong win from our men's singles, achieving a score of 30-13 from Shayne Wong. However it continued into a sudden loss during his second round. Our following match was a clear triumph leading with a score of 30-18, which led to a match later in the evening of May 6th resulting in a loss of 12-30. Despite ending with a defeat to their match our athletes earned a lesson and a valuable experience to learn from.

Quote by **Kai Yi (10S)**:

“I feel that it was a valuable learning experience to battle against other opponents with completely different playing styles. This allows me to also further develop my current skill set and assess improvements I need to make to fix my playing style for future competitions and matches. The first thing I felt was that I could’ve done better, I have a lingering feeling that I didn’t push hard enough in my battles, especially being able to pass one match and fall to my second opponent I have faced. Yet I also feel that I am relieved in some way to have noticed what I fell short of and what I can do right now to improve.”



Alexandria
Year 10 Strength



KLJJ BADMINTON



Moving on to our women's matches that were held on May 5 to 7, beginning with another achievement of 2 consecutive winning matches from the women's singles: 30-0, 30-24 from Cheryl and another win during the first match of our women's singles from Carmen Choo. However, during their 3rd and 2nd match they all ensued in losses after competing against highly experienced and proficient players. From our player's summary of their match, we can presume their key takeaway was a hard-earned lesson from their opponents and a positive outcome from their matches despite the loss.

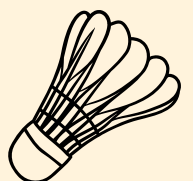
Quote by **Cheryl(10A)**:

"Jejak Juara was a really good experience. It was fun, interesting, and I got to see and play with so many amazing players. I learned a lot and really enjoyed being part of the tournament."

Overall, our Aspiration badminton school team poured their all into these games to work and improve on their playing styles, mentality, and skills.



Alexandria
Year 10 Strength



FOOTBALL FRIENDLY



On 15 May 2025, our school football team participated in a friendly match against Fairview International School. The team was buzzing with excitement and eager to give their best, especially since it had been a while since our last full match.

Upon arriving at the venue, we noticed that the field was slightly smaller than a standard football pitch. The match format was divided into three 20-minute thirds, which required us to adapt quickly to a different rhythm of play. Throughout the game, we gave it our all—working hard, communicating effectively, and trying to execute our plays as best as we could. Despite our efforts, we concluded the match with a 2–4 loss. While we accepted the result with sportsmanship, some of us felt the game wasn't entirely fair. For two-thirds of the match, the referee was a senior student from the opposing school who appeared to have limited knowledge of the game. Several questionable calls and missed fouls led to a sense of imbalance in the officiating.

Nevertheless, the match was a valuable experience. It was great to be back on the field, and the game reminded us of the importance of teamwork, perseverance, and resilience. I truly enjoyed playing against Fairview and am looking forward to more matches in the near future. With time, I believe our team will grow stronger and develop even greater chemistry on and off the field.



Khalig
Year 10

BASKETBALL FRIENDLY



On 14 May 2025, Aspiration International School's basketball team participated in a friendly match against Fairview International School in Kuala Lumpur. This event, organized by Fairview, aimed to provide both teams with valuable experience and a better understanding of the competition they may encounter in future tournaments such as MSSD.

The match was a great opportunity for our team to test out new strategies in a real game environment. One notable highlight was the implementation of a 2-3 zone defense, introduced by our coach. It was a fresh approach for many of us and an exciting tactic to try under competitive conditions.

One particularly memorable moment came just before the end of a quarter. With only 10 seconds remaining on the clock, we gained possession of the ball. As the crowd counted down, "10, 9, 8..." Shao Yong dribbled quickly up the court. I sprinted ahead and found myself open. When I called for the ball, he passed it to me with full strength. I took the shot—and to my surprise, it went in! Although it was a lucky basket, it gave me a huge confidence boost and helped me perform better throughout the rest of the game.

Despite some nerves and a few mistakes during the match, the experience proved to be a turning point for the team. After the game, we reflected on our performance and recognized the need to train harder and stay focused if we want to succeed in future competitions. In conclusion, the friendly match against Fairview not only strengthened our skills and teamwork but also gave us valuable insight into the demands of competitive basketball. We're motivated to improve and excited for what lies ahead.



Aiden
Year 8 Proactive



LABOR DAY



Labour Day is a special holiday that celebrates the hard work of people all around the world. It is a day to appreciate workers like nurses, builders, farmers, and even teachers, as well as many others who help make our communities better every day. Without them, life would be very difficult.

Labour Day is usually celebrated on different dates in different countries. In Malaysia, it is on May 1st. On this day, most workers get a day off to rest and spend time with their families. It is also a time when people think about workers' rights and how to make jobs safe and fair for everyone.

The history of Labour Day is very interesting. A long time ago, many workers had to work long hours in poor conditions. They didn't have enough rest and were paid very little. Because of this, they protested and fought for better treatment. Over time, laws were made to protect workers, like limiting working hours and ensuring fair wages.

Today, we still celebrate Labour Day to remind ourselves how important workers are. It's not just about having a holiday, it's about respecting those who build, clean, cook, and do many other jobs that help us live comfortably. We should always be thankful for the people who work hard every day.

Labour Day is a meaningful holiday that reminds us to respect and appreciate workers everywhere. Without them, the world would not function properly. Let's always be grateful for their hard work!



Clodagh
Year 8 Proactive

WESAK DAY



Wesak, also called Vesak or Buddha Day, is one of the most important days for Buddhists. It celebrates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Siddhartha Gautama, who became the Buddha.

Wesak usually happens in May, during the full moon. On this day, May 12, 2025, Buddhists go to temples to pray, meditate, and give thanks. They remember the Buddha's teachings about kindness, peace, and love for all living things.



Many people bring flowers, candles, and incense to the temple. These are symbols of how life is beautiful but doesn't last forever. Some temples light up colourful lanterns and do parades. In some countries, people release birds or animals as a sign of freedom and compassion.

Wesak is also a time to do good deeds. Buddhists may give food or clothes to the poor, visit the sick, or help their families and neighbours. They believe doing good makes the world a better place.

Wesak is a peaceful and happy time. It reminds people to live kindly and help others just like the Buddha taught.



Josephine
Year 8 Strength

LOYANG SCHOOL VISIT



On 11 April, Aspiration International School had the pleasure of hosting students from Loyang View Secondary School in Singapore. The visit aimed to give our guests a glimpse into life at a Malaysian international school and foster cross-cultural friendships.

In preparation for the event, the Student Council worked diligently to plan a variety of activities designed to help students connect and have fun together.

“I worked with the Student Council as a team by helping out with the activity planning and setting up the venue.”
— **Eli Yeoh (Y8A)**



When the students arrived, they were warmly welcomed by members of the Student Council and the Library Society, who kicked off the visit with lively dance performances and icebreaker activities. The energy continued with a captivating performance by the school orchestra. To everyone’s delight, the celebration became interactive as students, teachers, and staff joined the orchestra in a joyful dance—joined even by both school principals!



JyaNing
Year 8 Strength

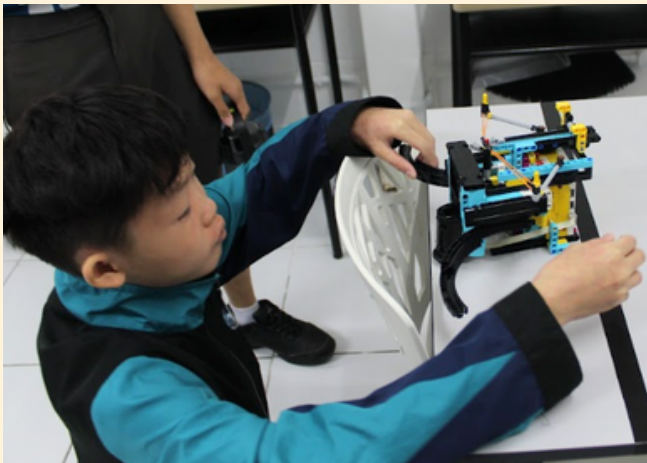


LOYANG SCHOOL VISIT



The visit coincided with Celebrating the Learning preparation week, allowing our guests to observe Aspiration students diligently working on their projects and presentations. The visiting students also had the opportunity to participate in selected CCAs, including Lego Robotics, 3D Printing, and Makers Club, and were given a full tour of the campus.

To conclude the visit, students and staff from both schools exchanged heartfelt words of appreciation and thoughtful gifts. The day ended with warm goodbyes and new friendships formed.



We hope our friends from Loyang View Secondary School enjoyed their experience at Aspiration, and we look forward to welcoming them again in the future!



JyaNing
Year 8 Strength

OPINION PIECE - PLAYING THE GUITAR



Playing the guitar is one of my favourite hobbies because it gives me a soothing and calming feeling. When I finally learn a song I've been wanting to play, I get a great sense of accomplishment and pride. I started learning near the end of 2023 and quickly fell in love with the instrument. I practice a few times a week, often learning new songs by watching tutorial videos or using apps that guide me step-by-step.

What I like most about the guitar is its versatility – I can play soft, gentle melodies or louder, more energetic tunes depending on my mood. The sound of the strings is very satisfying, and I enjoy experimenting with different styles, from pop and rock to classical pieces. It feels amazing when I can play a full song smoothly without mistakes. Sometimes, I record multiple clips of myself playing the same song until I find the best one. I then share these clips with my friends and family to get their feedback, which helps me improve even more.

Playing the guitar also helps me relax and focus. It's a great way to take a break from homework or stressful situations, allowing me to clear my mind and concentrate on something I love. The process of learning new chords and mastering songs has taught me patience and perseverance, as progress doesn't happen overnight. I enjoy setting small goals, like learning a tricky riff or improving my strumming technique, which motivates me to keep practicing.

In the future, I hope to become really skilled at playing the guitar so I can confidently learn and perform more difficult songs. I also dream of playing in front of an audience one day, whether that's at a school event or with friends. For now, I'm excited to keep improving and enjoy the beautiful music I can create with my guitar.



Alyson
Year 9 strength

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Lauren How Yen Hsia

Achievement

3X3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, CHAMPION.
JUNIOR BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP (U17)
SELANGOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION, 2ND
RUNNER UP - SHORTLISTED FOR SELANGOR U17
STATE TEAM.

Date

23 MARCH 2025



Lim Pei Yao

Achievement

MORSA & KBS, WOMENS OPEN 60M OBSTACLE COURSE
RACE, SILVER MEDALIST | CROSS COUNTRY MSSD
BANGSAR U18, 5TH PLACE | CROSS COUNTRY - MSSWPKL
U18 GIRLS, 12TH PLACE | AQUATICS - MSSWPKL U18 GIRLS
(BACKSTROKE, 50M), 2ND PLACE | SOUTHEAST ASIAN
CHAMPIONSHIP, BIATHLE RELAY BRONZE MEDALIST |
JUNIOR CATEGORY TRIATLE BRONZE MEDAIST | JUNIOR
CATEGORY LASER RUN BRONZE MEDALIST | U17 BIATHLE
INDIVIDUAL SILVER MEDALIST.

Date

5-27 APRIL 2025



Cayden Ooi Zi Hang

Achievement

SINGAPORE & ASIAN SCHOOLS IN MATH
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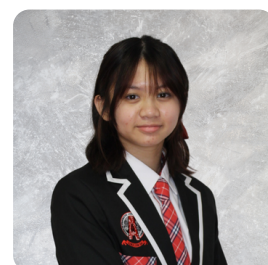
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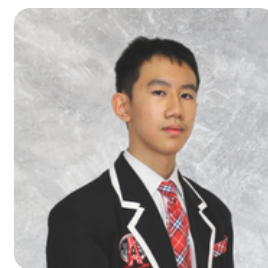


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