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**SMESA Legal Awareness
Talk on PDPA**
via ZOOM on
Saturday, 12 June 2021 at
2.30pm

**SMESA visit to St. Andrew's
Cathedral Home for the
Aged (Outreach/Chaplaincy
Programme)**

(Visits subject to further advice
from the relevant authorities)

Note :
**Due to COVID-19, all other
events are postponed until
further notice.**

SMESA brings to you

Legal Awareness on PDPA
What does it mean for you?

The Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) came into effect in 2014.
How does this affect you?
Find out what your rights and obligations are under the PDPA.

Date : 12th June 2021
at 2.30pm via Zoom

Please register at QR Code.

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For enquiries to the above events,
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SMESA Alumna Reflection

By Olga Bessarab

SMPS Class of 2005

SMSS Class of 2009

I've been a SMESA Youth and Ordinary member since I graduated from St. Margaret's but was unable to be more involved as I was based overseas for quite a while.

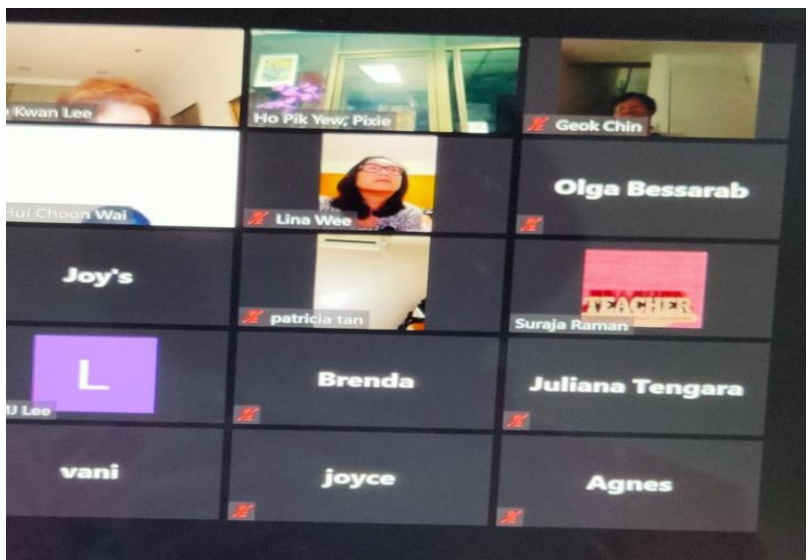
On April 17, 2021, I attended my first SMESA AGM.

At the AGM, I learnt that SMESA does a whole host of activities, including post-exam activities, organising School Anniversary celebrations, hosting welcome dinners for new principals and VPs, do community and outreach work, SMESA Speaker Series, supporting SMPS in the PUP programme, SMSS in work attachments and so much more.

I wasn't aware that SMESA had such an extensive outreach portfolio. It was a pleasant discovery.

This realisation makes me long to be part of it in some way, perhaps to help out with the work-attachment scheme, or even with CCAs, eg Netball and Drama, if SMESA does anything in that direction. I used to volunteer and help the teachers with the drama girls after my A Levels, Hopefully there's an avenue to do something similar again.

I'm very glad that I've attended the AGM. It was wonderful to re-connect with my alma mater.



SMSS Student Council Commendation (Students' Reflections)



Hannah Choo, Student Council President 2020/2021

Council has been one of the most fulfilling journeys I have had. Even though my experience leading was slightly different due to the pandemic, I thank God for granting me this opportunity and for all the people who have supported me throughout my time leading. Commendation this year was done very differently but I am still grateful to have a proper ceremony to mark this special day.

I have indeed learnt so much, such as the importance of adapting, teamwork and determination. This will be one of the significant memories I have created in St. Margaret's. I pray that the future batches of councillors will continue to carry on our legacy to serve with love.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome aboard the following new members :-

	SMPS	SMSS
1. Serene Lee	2000	2005
2. Brindabella Neo	None	2012
3. Lim Shu Shan	1995	2001
4. Rae Tan	2001	None
5. Sherlyn Tan Ailing	2001	2006
6. Jacintha David	1999	2005
7. Uzia Sng	1992	None
8. Premelaa Jagatheeson	None	1990
9. Azzah Fahira Samat	None	2004
10. Sarah Lim	1997	2001
11. Vivien Teow Sook Huah	1999	2003
12. Jia Choo	None	2011
13. Hong Sheh Lin	None	2005
14. Ho Cheng Yee	1992	1996
15. Victoria Ekstrom	1997	None
16. Vianna Peng	2008	None
17. Olga Bessarab	2005	2009
18. Vanessa Lim	2002	None
19. Siti Supiaton Ahmad	None	1986

Rachel Sonsum, Student Council President 2021/2022

To a Councillor, the Student Council Commendation is a moment of pride. It is the day you officially commit before God and before the school to go forward "by our example and devotion to lead and serve the school". As I sat there that day a myriad thoughts and feelings floated about in my head. I felt nervous and excited at the same time but I also feared the uncertainty of what was to come. As I uttered the words "I do, God being my helper", I could feel the impact of each word because Council is more than just a family that comes together to merely help lead the school.

Council is the family where councillors come together to express our care, concern and our passion to lead the school. As each councillor's name was read out it made feel like I was part of something so much greater. It proved to me that these are my people and for this whole year, we would work together to support and strengthen both the school and each other.

The spirit of Council lies in the spark inside each one of us hence making this year's council commendation theme, "More Than A Spark", most apt. The messages given by Bishop Titus and Reverend John Lin, stressed the importance of love and having the potential as a spark to light the fire in the hearts of those around us.

As I stood at the lectern to deliver my speech I gazed at my fellow councillors and I was filled with hope because it felt as if on that day in the humble chapel the sparks inside all 27 of us lit up. Being part of that congregation, I felt the responsibility that lies on our shoulders and gratitude for the dedication and effort our seniors put in. The seniors have made their mark and it is time for us to move forward as a unified Council rooted in the value of love to see how we too can make our own mark.

SMESA 2021 Annual General Meeting

By Hui Choon Wai

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 17 April 2021. This was the second time that SMESA's AGM took place over Zoom due to COVID-19 safety measures.

Besides the usual items on the agenda, the board had proposed a number of changes to the Constitution this year.

Members were asked to vote on the online portal before the AGM date. All proposed resolutions were carried through. Some of these changes include allowing meetings to take place virtually and the term of board members to be extended from one year to two years. The two-year term of the Officer bearers will not only take effect from next year's AGM election but also after ROS has approved to the amendments.

The President reported on the activities that took place in 2020. With COVID-19, activities were greatly reduced but SMESA continued with its support of both schools with some of the events being held virtually such as the SMESA Speaker Series, SMSS Post-exam activities, 178th Anniversary celebration. We also assisted with SMPS PERI Upgrading fundraising golf tournament. Yearly activities which were cancelled were the work attachments for SMSS students and visits to SAC Home for the Aged. Nevertheless, we had presented the residents of SAC Home for the Aged with care packs and Chinese New Year goodies on separate occasions.

It was nice to see familiar faces and a few new names.

Hopefully, we will be able to hold the physical AGM in 2022. We certainly miss the makan, chit-chat and catching up with old friends.

SMESA thanks members for their support and co-operation in making the AGM smooth success.

Elected Office Bearers for 2021/2022

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