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## Remarks from the President

With immense pride and joy, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you on your outstanding achievements in the recent Cambridge A-Level exams. Your dedication, hard work, and perseverance have paid off, and I am incredibly proud of your exceptional performance.

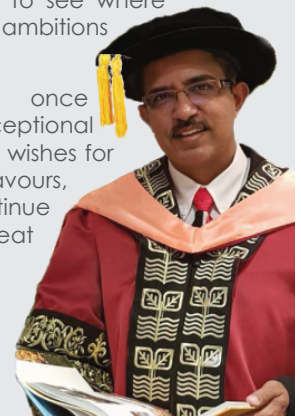
Your exceptional results, including a 35% rate of A\*/A grades and 100% pass rates in several key subjects, are a testament to your unwavering commitment to excellence. I want to give a special shoutout to our top achievers, Lim Zi Xiang, Boey Wei Jian, Bhore Sparsh Subhash and Cliff Yeoh Chong Sheng, who have each demonstrated extraordinary academic prowess. These achievements not only reflect your individual efforts but also the invaluable support and guidance of your teachers and families.

This milestone marks the beginning of a new chapter in your life. As you step into the future, I urge you to continue your pursuit of excellence. The skills, knowledge, and resilience you have honed at DISTED College will serve as a solid foundation for your future endeavours. Whether you choose to further your studies, enter the workforce, or explore other paths, I am certain that you will continue to shine and make us proud.

Your success today is a reminder of what we can achieve through hard work, determination, and a passion for learning. As you embark on your next journey, remember to stay curious, remain dedicated, and never stop pursuing your dreams. The future is bright, and I am excited to see where your talents and ambitions will take you.

Congratulations once again on this exceptional achievement. Best wishes for your future endeavours, and may you continue to achieve great things.

Prof. Dr.  
Vikneswaran Nair  
President



## Cambridge A-Level Exams!

DISTED students excelled in the Cambridge A-Level exams, with 35% achieving A\*/A grades and **100% pass rates** in several subjects. Top achievers include Lim Zi Xiang with 4 A\*s and Boey Wei Jian with 3 A\*s.

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# Celebrating Excellence: DISTED Students Shine in Cambridge A-Level Exams!

The Cambridge A-Level results were announced on 13 August 2024. We are thrilled to congratulate our outstanding DISTED students for their exceptional performance in the Cambridge A-Level exams! Your hard work, perseverance, and dedication have truly shone through. Your teachers and fellow students are incredibly proud of your achievements and excited to see where your talents will take you next. Here's to the bright future that awaits each of you and the new adventures ahead!

Globally, the Cambridge International AS & A Level saw more than 631,000 entries (631,405), an impressive 13% increase from June 2023, with 316,008 students participating from 3,143 schools in 128 countries. The most popular subjects were: 1. English General Paper; 2. Mathematics; 3. Physics; 4. Chemistry; and 5. English Language. A total of

631,248 students worldwide received results from their Cambridge IGCSE, O Level, and International AS & A Level exams today. These students made over 1.6 million exam entries in the June 2024 series, a 9% increase from last year, reflecting the growing demand for international education.

For DISTED College, 35% of our students achieved A\*/A grades, with more than 40% of students securing A\*/A in subjects such as Accounting, Further Mathematics, Biology, Physics, and Mathematics. We are particularly proud to announce a 100% pass rate in Accounting, English Language, Further Mathematics, Physics, and Psychology. This is an exceptional result, showcasing our students and faculty's dedication and hard work.

## Top Achievers for June 2024 CAL



**A\*, A\*, A\*, A\***

**Lim Zi Xiang (4 A\*s)**  
 Alumni of SMJK CHUNG LING



**A\*, A\*, A\***

**Boey Wei Jian (3 A\*s)**  
 Alumni of STRAITS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



**A\*, A, A**

**Bhore Sparsh Subhash (3 As)**  
 Alumni of REGENT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



**A\*, A, A**

**Cliff Yeoh Chong Sheng (3 As)**  
 Alumni of SMK ST XAVIER

### Students who achieved 2 As:

- Shoeb Mirza Bin Mohamed Faizal
- Denise Cheong Hui Jing
- Faustine Ong Wei Yin
- Bhore Silky Subhash
- Denise Cheong Hui Jing

### Congratulations to all our students and teachers for this remarkable achievement.

Your efforts and success are a testament to the high standards of education at DISTED College. Here's to continued excellence and many more achievements in the future!

## Olympic Paris 2024: A Economic Catalyst or Financial Burden for Paris?

The 2024 Olympic Games in Paris present a complex economic landscape. On the positive side, the event promises substantial economic benefits through increased tourism, infrastructure development, and elevated global visibility. Millions of visitors will boost the hospitality industry, while investments in transportation and venues will create jobs and leave a legacy of improved infrastructure. Major sponsors and advertisers are expected to generate significant revenue. However, hosting the Olympics is financially demanding, with risks of overspending and increased public debt. Challenges include uneven distribution of benefits, potential gentrification, and substantial resources needed for security. To maximize benefits, Paris should adopt a strategic approach, including public-private partnerships, sustainability, and careful planning for post-Games projects. The success of Paris 2024 in driving economic growth depends on careful management and strategic planning. This scenario provides valuable insights for DISTED College economics students on the complexities and long-term impacts of large-scale economic events.

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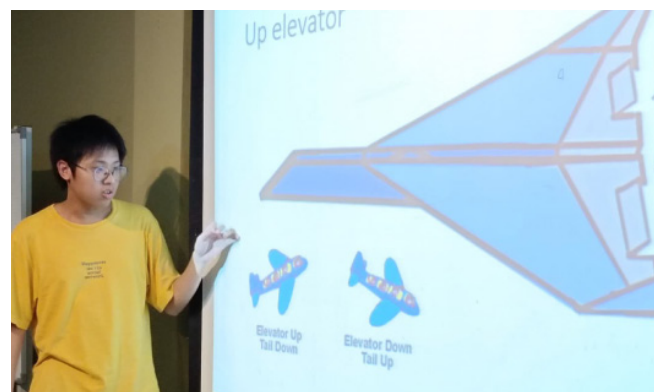


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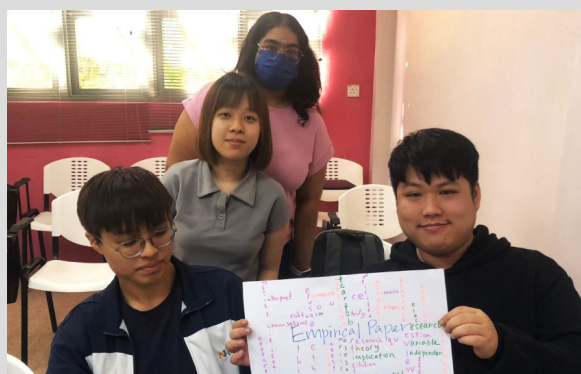
## Exploring Aerodynamics: Insights from DISTED Science Club's Informative Talk

On July 30th, Lim Teik Jun of DISTED's Science Club presented a talk on aerodynamics, emphasising its vital role in engineering fields such as motorsports, architecture, and aerospace. The session began with core principles like Bernoulli's Principle, explaining how wings generate lift, and the Coanda Effect, which states that airflow follows the shape of surfaces it encounters. Modern advancements were discussed, including the dihedral angle of wings for stability and the concept of glide ratio, which measures forward travel relative to altitude loss. Participants also explored projectile concepts through paper aeroplane activities, learning that a 45-degree throw achieves maximum distance. The talk highlighted significant aerodynamic advancements, from aviation and automotive designs to fluid dynamics research. DISTED Science Club expressed gratitude to contributors and anticipates more engaging activities ahead.

Kaitlyn Khoo  
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## Enhancing Scientific Writing through Scrabble: An Innovative Classroom Activity



The "Scientific Thinking and Academic Writing" course at DISTED College emphasises the importance of scientific thinking and writing. An innovative activity in this course involves using A3 paper Scrabble, where students play in small groups, forming words related to scientific thinking, research methodologies, and academic writing. This activity encourages collaboration and helps students visualise connections between concepts learned in class. By forming and explaining terms like "hypothesis," "evidence," "critique," and "literature review," students reinforce their understanding of scientific terminology and practice categorising and summarising academic literature. This playful yet educational approach aligns with the course's goal of developing competent researchers, ensuring students apply theoretical knowledge in real-world contexts. By the session's end, students enhance their vocabulary and improve their ability to structure and present scientific arguments.

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## Penang School Students Shine at



# DISTED MicDrop Challenges 2024

On Saturday, 10th August, the School of Language and Communication, in collaboration with the School of Computing and Engineering, organised the DISTED MicDrop Challenges 2024, engaging about 40 high school students from Penang. The challenge centered around creating short videos on the theme "Kami Anak Malaysia," with participants taking on the role of news anchors. The event was a notable success, with students expressing enthusiasm and excitement as they eagerly participated in the challenges. Participants produced innovative video content, showcasing their creativity and encouraging themselves to project confidence and boldness during their auditions for news anchor roles. The challenges were designed not only to provide students with exposure to the fields of mass communication and creative multimedia but also to promote a strong sense of self-confidence and teamwork through activities that required presentations and collaboration. The winners of the challenges were awarded hampers, and all participating students received certificates of participation, recognising their efforts and achievements.

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