

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Guardians

As we come to the end of 2022, we do so on a note of celebration and thanksgiving. We are grateful for God's protection and blessings over our school and our community, especially as we overcame the myriad changes brought about by the ever-evolving Covid-19 situation.

We are excited about the new school term, and look forward to welcoming our girls back to school. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new cohort of Sec 1 girls and new Sec 1 parents and guardians!

Girls who join our school are welcomed into a Christ-centred community where growth is holistic, with a firm belief in the worth and dignity of each person. Through an IJ education, our girls will be grounded in values that will enable them to relate to others with empathy and sincerity, while developing the strength of character necessary to rise above any challenges they may face. We thank you for a close home-school partnership as we work with your daughter/ward in her learning and in her journey towards excellence. In this regard, we would like to refer you to our online [Student Handbook](#), where you will find important information pertaining to your daughter's/ward's school journey. **In particular, we have included the sections on the Code of Conduct, Acceptable-Use Policy Agreement for Use of Technology, and Students' Creed as an attachment to this Parents Gateway post; please read them and acknowledge that you have done so by Tue 3 Jan via the reply button in the post.** We wish to highlight that students are expected to attend school throughout the school term and will be excused only for valid medical reasons or on compassionate grounds. Please do not schedule overseas travel during the school term.

Student wellness continues to be a key focus in the coming year. In 2022, we started our collaboration with the National Healthcare Group on Project HERO, to empower our students with the knowledge and skills to strengthen their socio-emotional competencies and increase their mental resilience. We hope the Project HERO resources and webinars will be helpful as you support your daughter/ward through her secondary school years.

We are pleased to share that we will be issuing all students a Wellness Journal that has been carefully crafted and created by our school. The activities in the Wellness Journal will equip students with various strategies to support their mental well-being, and will be carried out during our TLC (form teacher) periods. Please feel free to go through the activities in the Wellness Journal with your daughter at home as well. We will also continue to send our Termly Project HERO messages to parents, so do look out for Term 1's message!

There are many exciting programmes throughout the school term. You may check our [school website](#) for information and follow our school's official social media accounts on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) to keep abreast of the key happenings in school.

For Term 1 Week 1 (3–6 Jan), we have planned an IJ Character Education (IJCE Breaker) week. There will not be any lessons during this week; instead, each cohort will have its own programme of activities, some of which will involve heading out of school on learning journeys. The range of student development experiences during the week has been designed to enable students to connect with one another and reflect on their learning, encouraging them to build strong peer and student-teacher relationships to begin the year on a good note. Please refer to our [school website](#) for the detailed programmes.

The timetable for Semester 1 will be emailed to students and posted on the [school website](#) by the middle of Term 1 Week 1.

You will also soon receive an announcement post on Parents Gateway from your daughter's/ward's form teachers which will provide, among other information, the email addresses of her subject teachers, to facilitate regular and open communication. Teachers will respond to your queries as soon as they can; we seek your understanding that, for their well-being, they may not respond to queries after office hours – that is, from 1800 to 0700 on weekdays, and at weekends. If you have any feedback, please feel free to email me at chijtpss@moe.edu.sg or rachel_ang@moe.edu.sg.

May I wish you and your family a fruitful and blessed 2023!

Warmest regards

Mrs Rachel Lee

Principal

STAFF MOVEMENT

We bid farewell to the following members of staff, who left IJ at the end of 2022. We thank them for their service to the school and wish them God's blessings on all their future endeavours.

- ♦ Mr Ariff Mohamed
- ♦ Ms Grace Champion
- ♦ Ms Lynn Kiew
- ♦ Ms Jazreel Loh
- ♦ Ms Nur Adibah Mazeli
- ♦ Mr Tan Tee Wee
- ♦ Mr Yeo Kee Sheng
- ♦ Mr R Yuvintran

To the following members of staff we extend a warm welcome to the IJ family.

- ♦ Mrs Chris Kwok (*Vice-Principal*)
- ♦ Ms Sim Hoon Kuan (*Subject Head/Mother Tongue Languages*)
- ♦ Ms Natalie Chung (*Food & Consumer Education*)
- ♦ Ms Stephanie Song (*English Language*)

SAFETY & SECURITY

Morning peak-hour traffic along Lorong 1 Toa Payoh is usually heavy. Parents who are accessing the school by car are reminded to use Gate 1. For morning drop-offs, please keep to the leftmost lane on Lorong 1 Toa Payoh for entry into the school; students are to alight at the designated drop-off points along the driveway – drop-offs at the porch are not allowed unless it is raining, and drop-offs are not allowed at the bus stop.

Students entering or leaving the school on foot will only be allowed to use the following gates at the stipulated times:

- ♦ Gate 2 (facing Lorong 1 Toa Payoh): 0630–0730, 1330–1900
- ♦ Gate 3 (next to Block 168): 0630–0725, 1230–1600

KEY EVENTS IN TERM 1



IJCE Breaker Week

Tue 3 Jan–Fri 6 Jan

- Sec 1: Orientation
- Sec 2: Outdoor adventure experience
- Sec 3: Class bonding and team building
- Sec 4: Self-awareness camp and Education & Career Guidance
- Sec 5: Education & Career Guidance

For the detailed programmes, please refer to our [school website](#).



Friday Morning Masses

Every Friday from Fri 6 Jan 0655 (unless announced otherwise)

Parents are welcome to join us in the Chapel for Mass.



Parent-Teacher Meeting and Talks for Parents

- Sec 1 Parent-Teacher Meeting: **Fri 6 Jan 1645** (in person)
- Talk for Sec 2 N(A) & N(T) Parents: **Fri 13 Jan 1630** (online)
- Talk for Sec 4 & 5 Parents: **Fri 13 Jan 1630** (online)
- Talk for Sec 3 Parents: **Fri 27 Jan 1530** (online)
- Talk for Sec 2 Exp Parents: **Fri 27 Jan 1630** (online)

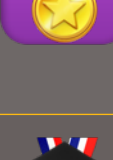


New Year & Thanksgiving Mass

Chinese New Year Celebration

Fri 20 Jan

Students will be dismissed at 1100.



Ash Wednesday Mass

Wed 22 Feb 0650



Investiture of Class Committees

Thu 23 Feb



Sec 4 & 5 Education Fair and Career Seminar

Education Fair: **Fri 3 Mar**

Career Seminar: **Wed 8 Mar**



Sec 1 Adventure Camp

Sec 2 & 3 ICT Training, Innovation Day and STEM Day

Mon 6 Mar–Wed 8 Mar

Details will be given in due course.



Parent-Teacher Meetings

Thu 9 Mar

Details will be given in due course.



IJ Spirit Day & IJ Fiesta

Fri 10 Mar

Details will be given in due course.

Home-Based Learning

Tue 21 Feb

Holidays

Mon 2 Jan

In lieu of **New Year's Day** (public holiday)

Mon 23 Jan

Chinese New Year (public holiday)

Tue 24 Jan

In lieu of **Chinese New Year** (public holiday)