



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Guardians

WITH 2025 coming to an end, it is with heartfelt thanks that we bid farewell to Mrs Rachel Lee, who has led our school so ably as Principal for the past 7 years. We thank God for the many blessings we have received through Mrs Lee and the blessing that she has been to us. We wish her the very best in her new posting.

As of 15 December, I have joined CHIJ Secondary as Principal and it is truly a homecoming for me. I spent 10 years as a student in CHIJ Primary and Secondary where I had an excellent education that laid the foundations for who I am today as a person and as a leader, and gave me friends who have been with me through thick and thin – IJ friends are truly friends for life!

Prior to returning to IJ, I was on secondment to the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth where I led the Government Partnerships & Engagement Group as Senior Director. Within MOE, I have served in a variety of roles in MOE HQ in the Curriculum Planning and Development Division, and the Communications and Engagement Group; and was Vice-principal at Evergreen Primary School and Principal of Montfort Junior School. Each of these postings has shaped my leadership and broadened my perspectives of what we can do to prepare our girls for the world of tomorrow.

As a Catholic school, we believe that each of us is created in the image and likeness of God, and it is this inner spirituality that guides us in discovering our unique selves, each with our own gifts and talents that we can use in the service of others. We want to provide each girl that comes through our gates with opportunities to discover who they are, and empower them to find their voice, think critically and lead with integrity so that they can be beacons of hope and light for the future. We want to form them to be women of distinction, imbued with a sense of truth, justice, freedom and love, and guided by our motto, "Simple in Virtue, Steadfast in Duty".

We cannot do this alone and look forward to working with you in partnership, to provide the best educational experience for our girls so that they can pursue academic excellence, develop strength of character and a heart for others. As we start the year, we seek your cooperation for the following:

- Timetable for Semester 1. There will be many programmes for Semester 1, beginning with the IJ Character Education Week (IJCE Breaker Week). Details will be shared via Parents Gateway (PG).
- Consistent school attendance, with exceptions for valid medical or compassionate reasons. From this year, parents will be able submit the reason for their child's absence via PG, with supporting documents (e.g. medical certificates) uploaded where applicable. More details will be sent in due course. We also ask that parents refrain from planning overseas travel during the school term.
- Consent for photographs and videos of students, students' copyright works and personal data. As there is updated information, we will ask for your consent in a separate PG message.
- Code of Conduct, Acceptable Use Policy for Technology and Students' Creed in the online [Student Handbook](#). We ask for your acknowledgement via this PG message.
- Contact details for Form Teachers. You will receive a note from your daughter's/ward's Form Teachers with the information. While we advocate open communication, we seek your understanding that our teachers can only respond when they are not in the classroom, and responses after office hours (1700 – 0700 weekdays, and weekends) will be limited to ensure their well-being.

You may also stay updated by visiting our school website at chijsec.edu.sg and following us on Instagram ([@chijsecondary](#)) or Facebook ([CHIJ Secondary](#)). I look forward to your partnership in the years ahead and may our collective efforts bear good fruit.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23)

On behalf of our staff, I wish you and your families a very blessed 2026!

With prayers and thanksgiving,

Ms Genevieve Chye

Principal



STAFF MOVEMENT

We bid farewell to the following members of staff, who left IJ at the end of 2025. We thank them for their service to the school and wish them God's blessings on all their future endeavours.

- Mrs Rachel Lee
 - Mr Alvin Tang
 - Ms Christine Koh (with effect from 12 Jan)
 - Ms Sum Kar Mun
 - Mrs Tan Kai Ling
 - Mrs Yeoh-Teh Ting Ting
 - Ms Jesslyn Winata
 - Mr Joel Chen
 - Ms Cheng Ai Hoon
 - Mdm Laura Goh
 - Mdm Pakiavathy Purushothaman
 - Mdm Florance Chia
- To the following members of staff, we extend a warm welcome to the IJ family.
- Mr Jonathan Chia ([HOD/Humanities](#))
 - Mrs Lavinia Denise Ranjan ([HOD/Student Management](#))
 - Ms Megan Low ([English Language and Literature Teacher](#))
 - Ms Rachel Lim ([Chemistry Teacher](#))
 - Mrs Susanna Ng ([Nutrition & Food Science and English Teacher](#))
 - Mr Mendonca Li Nuno Miguel ([Administrative Executive](#))



SAFETY & SECURITY

Morning Drop-off Reminders

Morning traffic along Lorong 1 Toa Payoh can be congested during peak hours. To ensure smooth and safe drop-offs, please follow these guidelines:

- Vehicle Entry: All parents driving to school should use Gate 1.
- Approach Route: Keep to the leftmost lane on Lorong 1 Toa Payoh when approaching the school.
- Drop-off Locations: Students are to alight at the designated drop-off points along the driveway. Porch drop-offs are permitted only during rain, and bus stop drop-offs are strictly not allowed.

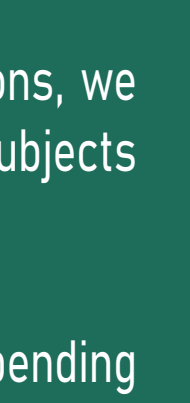
Student Access and Vehicle Entry

Students entering or leaving the school on foot can use the designated gates during these hours:

- Gate 2 (facing Lorong 1 Toa Payoh): 0630-0730 and 1330-1900
- Gate 3 (next to Block 168): 0630-0730 and 1330-1830

Vehicle Pick-up: Parents picking up students by car may enter the school premises from 1600 onwards.

Thank you for following these guidelines to help keep everyone safe and secure.



PROJECT HERO: WELLNESS JOURNAL

We are pleased to share that all students will be receiving a digital copy of the Wellness Journal that has been carefully crafted and created by our school to strengthen their socio-emotional competencies and increase their mental resilience. The activities will equip students with various strategies and skills to support their mental well-being and will be carried out during our TLC (Form Teacher) periods.

Please feel free to try out the activities in the Wellness Journal with your daughter/ward 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!



For Graduating Students: PRACTICAL LESSONS & CONSULTATIONS

To support our graduating students in their preparations for the national examinations, we will be conducting Science practical lessons and consultation sessions for other subjects during the final week of the June holidays (23-26 June).

O-Level Science students will attend practical lessons on one, two, or three days, depending on the number of Science subjects they are taking. Additionally, subject teachers may organize consultation sessions for groups of students on selected days during the week.

We urge families of graduating students to consider this programme when making plans for the June holidays. Further details will be shared in due course.



KEY EVENTS IN TERM 1 2026



IJCE Breaker Week

Fri, 02 Jan, Mon, 05 Jan–Wed, 07 Jan

Sec 1: Orientation

Sec 2: Sports Modules

Sec 3: Eco-Stewardship Programme Learning Journey, Student Development

Leadership Workshop and team-building activities

Sec 4: Self-awareness camp and Poly Open House

Sec 5: Innovation and Education & Career Guidance Learning Journey, team-

building activities and Poly Open House

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



Friday Morning Masses

Every Friday from Fri 09 Jan 0655 (unless announced otherwise)

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



Talks for Parents

Sec 1: Fri 09 Jan 1600 (in person)

Sec 2: Fri 30 Jan 1700 (online)

Sec 3: Fri 16 Jan 1700 (online)

Sec 4 & 5: Fri 23 Jan 1700 (in person)

New Year and Thanksgiving Mass

Mon 16 Feb

Chinese New Year Celebration

Mon 16 Feb

Students will be dismissed at 1030.

Sec 5 Self-awareness Camp

Fri 06 Feb

Total Defence Day Commemoration

Wed 11 Feb

Staff Lunch

Wed 25 Feb

Students will be dismissed at 1320.

Investiture of Class Committees

Wed 04 Mar

Sec 4 & 5 Education Fair and Career Seminar

Wed 11 Mar

IJ Spirit Day and IJ Fiesta

Fri 13 Mar

Home-Based Learning Days

Mon 19 Jan

Fri 06 Feb

Thu 12 Mar

Holidays

Tue 17 Feb

Chinese New Year (public holiday)

Wed 18 Feb

Chinese New Year (public holiday)