



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians

THANK you for your support and love for our girls and the school throughout Term 1.

It was a privilege to meet with parents of our new Secondary 1 girls at our breakfast meetings, and certainly wonderful to reconnect with all parents at our Parent-Teacher Meetings on 7 March. Thank you for making the time to meet with us and support us in partnership on your daughter's journey through secondary school.

It has been an exciting and fulfilling term, with sports competitions and our celebration of IJ Spirit Day and IJ Fiesta as a whole IJ family of students, parents, staff and alumni. We thank God for his blessings of family, friends, camaraderie and protection, and for watching over us through all our activities - our camps, competitions and CAs.

Term 2, being an exam term, will fly past quickly. But before that, our girls will take part in IJ Flair, which features our very first pyjama party, when we will come together as an IJ family to watch old-school cartoons and enjoy a session by a professional storyteller. During the IJ Flair week, our Concert Band will perform at the Esplanade Concert Hall as part of the Esplanade's Limelight series, and our Choir, Dance Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble will present a combined concert, the second edition of *Une Famille*. On 14 April, IJ Theatre and the Chinese LDDS will stage a double bill at the Gateway Theatre.

Please join me in welcoming with joy our new Vice-Principal (Administration), Ms Paula Kesavan, and our new Social Studies and History teacher, Mr R Yuvindran. Let us put our hands together to cheer our girls and staff on as they go through the various programmes this term. Let us keep them all in prayer, for strength, grace and protection in all that they undertake, and let us continue to build each other up in our IJ family.

It is important for us to build in our girls grit, tenacity and perseverance, to enable them to face the challenges and overcome the obstacles along their way, and become stronger through those experiences. This grit will stand them in good stead in life. Let us have the courage to allow our girls to learn through mistakes, in a safe environment where we support and nurture them and help them to grow into the Women of Distinction they are meant to be.

I wish all Christian families a blessed Holy Week and a joyous Easter.

As usual, if you have any feedback, please email me at chijtpss@moe.edu.sg or karentay@chijsec.edu.sg. Let us all continue to grow together as one IJ family, Simple in Virtue, Steadfast in Duty.

Warmest regards

Mrs Karen Tay

Whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy,
because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance;
and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4

LOOKING BACK ON TERM 1



TUE
2
JAN

FRI
5
JAN

SEC 1 ORIENTATION

We welcomed our new Sec 1 students and Sec 3 international students with a week of orientation, culminating in a campfire.

WED
24
JAN

FRI
26
JAN

SEC 1 IJ TRAIL

Our annual Sec 1 hike took on a new form this year, as an IJ Trail. Our students learned about the school's original premises on Victoria Street (now CHIJMES), then hiked all the way back to Toa Payoh.

WED
24
JAN

FRI
26
JAN

SEC 2 OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP

Our Sec 2 girls had their outdoor adventure camp at Sarimbun Scout Campsite, during which they learned leadership skills and built class camaraderie.

WED
14
FEB

TOTAL DEFENCE DAY

This year's observance of Total Defence Day featured a mini parade, a quiz, and a commitment to keep Singapore strong.

THU
15
FEB

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The day started off with class parties, followed by a colourful concert for the whole school.

WED
28
FEB

CLASS COMMITTEE INVESTITURE

Our class committees were installed at a simple ceremony and had their badges pinned on them by their form teachers.

SAT
3
MAR

HONOURS DAY

We celebrated the achievements of our students in various spheres. This event was graced by Ms Nicola Lee, an alumna of the school.

FRI
9
MAR

IJ SPIRIT DAY & IJ FIESTA

This year's theme was *Sisters by Chance, Friends by Choice*. It was truly a day to celebrate the IJ Spirit and the friendships within the IJ family.


MON
12
MAR

A WALK WITH JESUS

Our upper secondary Catholic girls came together to learn more about their faith through praise and worship, games and talks. This year's programme also included a guided tour of Novena Church.

For photos of events, please visit
www.chijsec.edu.sg/news-n-events/school-activities/2018
or scan this QR code.



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EXAMINATIONS IN TERM 2

26-28 Mar	S4 & S5 English Oral Mid-Year
16-20 Apr	S3 HCL, S4 & S5 CL Oral Mid-Year
27 Apr-18 May	S4 & S5 Mid-Year
27 Apr, 8-11 May	S1 SA1
30 Apr-11 May	S3E & S3N(A) Mid-Year
2-11 May	S2E & S2N(A) Mid-Year
7-11 May	S2N(T) & S3N(T) Mid-Year
28 May	GCE O Level MTL
30 May	GCE O Level MTL B

Please refer to the respective schedules for details. Please be reminded that, if a student is absent from a test or examination, she must produce a medical certificate to account for her absence.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM 2

30 Mar	Good Friday
1 May	Labour Day
14 May	Marking day (<i>applies to all levels</i>)

LOOKING FORWARD TO TERM 2



MON
19
MAR

SEC 4 & 5 STRUCTURED INTENSIVE REVISION

Students either sign up or are identified by their teachers to attend the revision lessons.

FRI
20
APR

MON
19
MAR

IJ FLAIR

The theme this year is 'Stories from Around the World'. The week-long programme features performances by our students, and culminates in a first-ever pyjama party.

FRI
23
MAR

WED
21
MAR

BAND LIMELIGHT CONCERT

Our Concert Band takes the stage at the Esplanade Concert Hall once again, as part of the arts venue's Limelight series.

SAT
24
MAR

UNE FAMILLE

Our Choir, Dance Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble will come together once again to showcase their talents at *Une Famille* ('One Family'), held in our Hall of Faith.

THU
29
MAR

EASTER CELEBRATION

As in previous years, every student and member of staff will be given a hot cross bun to mark Maundy Thursday (29 March), and an Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Monday (2 April), when students can exchange plastic eggs for chocolates sponsored by our PSG.

MON
2
APR

WED
4
APR

CANVAS@IJ

School will start at 8.30am.

FRI
6
APR

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

Our school will commemorate International Friendship Day on 11 April.

MON
9
APR

SEC 2, 4 & 5 PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

TUE
10
APR

TUE
10
APR

PSG PIE & BROWNIE DAY

WED
11
APR

SEC 4 & 5 CAREER SEMINAR

Our alumni in various fields of work will come to school to share with our graduating students some of the ins and outs of their respective industries.

FRI
13
APR

CCA STAND-DOWN

CCAs with ongoing competitions will continue to function till the competition season is over.

SAT
14
APR

IJ THEATRE & CLDDS DOUBLE BILL

IJ Theatre presents *Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea* and the Chinese LDDS presents 你愿意吗? (*The Choice is Yours*) at the Gateway Theatre.

THU
10
MAY

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This is a holy day of obligation for Catholics. Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at 6.50am.

WED
16
MAY

PSG COOKIE & CUPCAKE DAY

WED
16
MAY

STUDENT LEADER ELECTIONS

Nominees for student leadership positions will first hold an election campaign (16–22 May), after which students and teachers will cast their votes online (23–27 May).

SUN
27
MAY

FRI
25
MAY

FOUNDER'S DAY MASS

MON
28
MAY

SEC 3–5 EXTENDED CURRICULUM

Sec 3 and 4N classes will have lessons from Monday to Friday of this week (except on Tuesday, which is Vesak Day). Sec 4E and 5 classes will have lessons from Wednesday to Friday.

FRI
1
JUN