Dear Parents and Guardians

A blessed New Year to everyone, and a warm welcome back to school! We look forward to 2018 with vigour and anticipation of blessings, as we embrace our busy and exciting schedule as individuals and as a school.

We welcome a new cohort of Secondary 1 girls, who make up eight classes across three streams. We hope our new students and parents feel one with our IJ family, as we embark on this journey together over the next four or five years.

In this new year, we hope to help our girls find joy in learning through their studies and through their participation in the various school programmes and CCAs. We encourage them to embrace the experiences and challenges that come with the journey, and develop the grit to overcome the challenges, while developing a positive outlook and optimism towards whatever life offers them. With God’s protection and love, and the support of the IJ family, we believe that our girls will rise to the occasion. We invite you to be a part of our family and to be partners with us on this journey of supporting our girls as they grow into the young ladies that we pray they will be.

At this juncture, we extend a warm welcome to new members to our IJ staff: Ms Adeline Phua, our vice-principal; Mrs Lois Law, HoD/ICT; Mrs Angeline Yeo and Ms Sum Kar Mun, English Language and Literature teachers; Ms Chen Lanqing and Mdm Seng Wee Pheng, Chinese Language teachers; Mr Kenneth Ho, PE teacher; Mr Marcus Liang, Art and Drama teacher; and Mrs Mythily Ezhilmani, Tamil Language teacher. At the same time, we bid farewell to our vice principals, Mr Mark Hong and Ms Candice Seet, who have taken on new positions, and to our teachers Mdm V Santhi and Ms Lee Kai Xin. We thank them for their contributions to IJ and wish them the best in their new undertakings.

Some gentle reminders:

- Please remind your daughter to alert her teachers if she is unwell at any time, or does not feel up to her PE or CCA session.
- Please avoid overseas travel with your daughter during curriculum time. The school will not be able to arrange for make-up tests or additional lessons should lessons be missed without a valid reason such as illness or an emergency. The school terms are stated in the student handbook. We seek your understanding on this matter.
- As a school, we wish to have open communication channels with parents. However, for the well-being of our staff, please understand that they will not be answering queries from 1900 to 0700 on weekdays and throughout weekends. Be assured that they will get back to you as soon as they can.

I wish you and your families a blessed year ahead. Let us work together in partnership to support our IJ girls. As usual, if you have any feedback, please email me at chijpss@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
Looking Back on Term 4 2017

SEC 4 & 5 GRADUATION CEREMONY
We bade farewell to our graduating cohorts at their Graduation Ceremony, which was also attended by their families.

OPEN HOUSE
The theme of our Open House was 'Find Your ____', with the tagline ‘Exploring endless possibilities since 1854’. This was an invitation to Pri 6 girls to come to IJ to discover their talents or passion or vision.

GRADUATION DINNER
Our Sec 4 girls were dressed to the nines for Graduation Dinner was held at Mandarin Orchard Singapore. It was truly a night to remember.

For photos of these events, please visit www.chijsec.edu.sg/news-n-events/school-activities/2017 or scan the QR code below.

OVERSEAS TRIPS
Our girls and teachers went on a cultural immersion trip to Suzhou, a twinning trip to Hong Kong, and mission trips to Vietnam and Thailand.

For photos of these trips and reflections by our girls, please visit http://www.chijsec.edu.sg/news-n-events/ij-goes-global or scan the QR code below.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17

Follow us on our official Instagram account @chijsecondary for updates, photos and videos!

Notice

CANVAS@IJ
In line with the Ministry of Education’s endeavour to provide space in schools for students to explore their interests, and in line with our focus on supporting our girls in developing skills in social interactions and connecting with others, we will introduce a monthly Canvas@IJ this year. Thus on the following first Wednesdays, school will start at 0830 instead of 0730:

Wed 7 Feb  Thu 8 Mar*  Wed 4 Apr  Wed 4 Jul  Wed 1 Aug

(*Because of the Parent-Teacher Meetings on Wed 7 Mar, Canvas@IJ in March will take place the following day.)

During the hour that has been intentionally set aside, students are encouraged to have breakfast with their families, connect with their friends, explore their interests or develop new ones, engage in sport, or simply take the time to reflect and reconnect with their thoughts. It is a good opportunity for them to develop as holistic individuals and have a greater sense of self amid their busy schedules. We hope that this initiative will give our students a little breather and room to spark their imaginations.
Looking Forward TO TERM I

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This key programme for our graduating classes will take place according to the following schedule:
- 12–13 Jan: 4/1, 4/2
- 15–16 Jan: 4/5
- 19–20 Jan: 4/8
- 22–23 Jan: 4/3, 4/10

**CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**
School will be dismissed at 1030.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR STAFF LO-HEI**
School will be dismissed at 1320.

**CLASS COMMITTEE INVESTITURE**
Our class committees, who assist their form teachers in the day-to-day running of the class and in looking out for the well-being of their classmates, will be installed at the weekly assembly.

**HONOURS DAY**
At this annual ceremony, we honour our students for their achievements and our staff for their service to the school.

**PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS**
Please keep this day free to meet your daughter’s form teacher and to attend special briefings for the respective levels. More information will be given to you nearer the date to facilitate the booking of appointments.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**
Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at 0650.

**BREAKFAST MEETINGS**
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National Examination Results

We give thanks to God for our excellent results and congratulate all our girls of the class of 2017 and their parents.

**GCE N(A) LEVEL 2017**
Qualified for Polytechnic Foundation Programme: 36.7%
Mean EMB3: 13.1

**GCE O LEVEL 2017**
Qualified for Junior College: 92.3%
Mean LiRS: 12.3
### Key Personnel

#### SCHOOL LEADERS
- **Principal**: Mrs Karen Tay
- **Vice-Principals**: Ms Teo Geok Sian, Ms Adeline Phua

#### YEAR HEADS & ASSISTANT YEAR HEADS
- **Lower Secondary**: Mr Francis Yap
- **Upper Secondary**: Mrs Jennifer Chu
- **Sec 1**: Ms Shirley Ong, Mrs Eugenia Tan
- **Sec 2**: Mr Daryl Chan, Ms Lim Fang Teng
- **Sec 3**: Mr Jason Ng, Mr Geraint Wong, Mr Balbinder Singh (Semester 1)
- **Sec 4 & 5**: Mr Chan Yew Choong, Ms Sandra Yam

#### LEAD & SENIOR TEACHERS
- **LT (Additional Maths)**: Ms May Chong
- **LT (Art)**: Mrs Yeoh Ting Ting
- **LT (Literature in English)**: Ms Madhu Sakhrani
- **ST (Chinese Language)**: Mdm Zhang Shujuan
- **ST (English Language)**: Mr Ragulan Pakirisamy
- **ST (History)**: Mrs Cherie Heng
- **ST (Social Studies)**: Mr Tristan Fernandez

#### OTHERS
- **Chaplain**: Fr Michael Sitaram
- **Administration Manager**: Ms Angeline Ng
- **Operations Manager**: Mr Tan Eng Whay
- **School Counsellor**: Ms Andrea Wang
- **School Counsellor**: Ms Susan Chong
- **Learning & Behavioural Support**: Ms Jesslyn Fong
- **Education & Career Guidance**: Ms Sharon Tay

#### HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS
- **Character & Citizenship Edn**: Mrs Tan Kai Ling
- **Discipline**: Mrs Tan Yan Ping
- **English Lang & Lit**: Mrs Wendy Lee (acting)
- **Humanities**: Ms Jasmine Ong
- **Info & Comms Technology**: Mrs Lois Law
- **Life Skills**: Mrs Eugenia Tan
- **Mathematics**: Ms Sharon Khoo
- **Mother Tongue Languages**: Ms Shirley Ong
- **Physical Education & CCA**: Mr Balbinder Singh (Sem 1)
- **School Staff Developer**: Mr Daryl Chan (Sem 2, acting)
- **Science**: Mrs Michelle Yeo
- **Mr Alvin Tang

#### SUBJECT HEADS
- **Additional Mathematics**: Mr Colin Toh
- **Character Edn Curriculum**: Mrs Eulalia Han (acting)
- **Chemistry**: Mrs So Yirong (acting)
- **Chinese Language**: Ms Lim Fang Teng
- **Corporate Communications**: Mr Geraint Wong
- **Data Management**: Mr Jason Ng
- **Geography**: Ms Xie Yifang (acting)
- **Innovation**: Mr Nahri Hizal (acting)
- **Literature in English**: Ms Tay Su Yin (acting)
- **Mathematics**: Mrs Wong Lai Mun
- **NE & VIA**: Mr Harry Goh
- **Performing Arts**: Mr Gary Tang
- **Physics**: Mr Chan Yew Choong
- **Social Studies**: Ms Sandra Yam
- **Student Leadership**: Mrs Amanda Yuan

### Parent Support Group Executive Committee

#### Chair
- Mrs Isabel Seow

#### Vice-Chair
- Mrs Adrienne Wong

#### Vice-Chair
- Mrs Dawn Gerard

#### Treasurer
- Mrs Gloria Ng

#### Secretary
- Mrs Rachel Ong

#### Member
- Ms Devi Kardjaja

#### Member
- Mrs Audra Chuaah

#### Member
- Mrs Jeanette Yeap

#### Member
- Mrs Sandra Dias

#### Member
- Mrs Olivia Tang-Yeo

#### Advisor
- Mrs Geraldine Koh