

## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Dear Parents/Guardians*

### Welcome to the New School Year

**B**LESSED New Year to everyone, and a warm welcome back to school! We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new cohort of Secondary 1 girls as well!

As we start the new school year, still in the shadow of the pandemic, we remain steadfast in our faith that no matter how challenging the situation may be, we are always called to trust and hope. In the words of our founder Blessed Nicolas Barré, the fourth centenary of whose birth we celebrate this year: 'Be at peace. Do not be afraid. God's ways can be strange and surprising.'

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 respect, openness and sincerity, while having the strength of character necessary to rise above any difficulties and obstacles they may face.

To provide our girls with time and space to explore their interests and connect with family and friends, we will be having Canvas@IJ on Thursdays of even-numbered weeks, when school will start at 0830 instead of 0730. During the hour that has been intentionally set aside, our girls are encouraged to have breakfast with their families, connect with their friends, explore their interests through student-initiated activities, 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 room to spark their imaginations.

We thank you for the close home-school partnership as we work with your daughter/ward in her learning and journey towards excellence. In this regard, we would like to refer you to our online [Student Handbook](#), in particular to the Conduct section (pages 38–51); **please read the school rules and regulations in this section and acknowledge by Fri 15 Jan via a reply on Parents Gateway that you have done so.** We wish to highlight the point that students are expected to attend school throughout the entire school term and will be excused only for valid medical reasons or on compassionate grounds.

For our communication with you, we will use Parents Gateway as the key platform. Do also check our [school website](#) for announcements and photos of events, and follow our school's official social media accounts on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) to keep abreast of the key happenings in school.

You will soon receive an announcement post on Parents Gateway from your daughter's/ward's form teachers which will provide, among other things, 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](mailto:chijtpss@moe.edu.sg) or [rachelang@chijsec.edu.sg](mailto:rachelang@chijsec.edu.sg).

May I wish you and your families a fruitful and blessed new year!

Warmest regards

*Mrs Rachel Lee*

Principal



## STAFF MOVEMENTS

We bid farewell to the following members of staff and adjunct teachers, who left IJ at the end of 2020. We thank them for their service to the school and wish them God's blessings in all their future endeavours.

- ◆ Mrs Cherie Heng
- ◆ Ms Evon Khoo
- ◆ Mr Alvin Lim
- ◆ Mrs Pamela Ng
- ◆ Mr Jason Tan

To the following teachers we extend a warm welcome to our IJ family.

- ◆ Mrs Gladys Hoy (*Head of Department/Mathematics*)
- ◆ Ms Christine Koh (*Subject Head/Student Well-being*)
- ◆ Mr Saraln Ng Udomkichdecha (*Social Studies and History*)
- ◆ Mdm Siti Nurulhuda (*Mathematics*)
- ◆ Ms Joanne Tham (*Food & Consumer Education*)
- ◆ Mrs Santha Van (*Mathematics*)



## SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

As Singapore enters Phase 3 of re-opening, we are mindful to maintain safe management measures in school to keep your daughter/ward and our staff safe. These measures include twice-daily temperature-taking, wearing of masks, and daily wipe-down routines for spaces that have been used. As lessons, CCAs, learning journeys and other school activities resume, we will adhere closely to MOE's prevailing guidelines on safe distancing, group sizes and intermingling between groups to reduce transmission risk in school.

To further safeguard the school community, students and staff who display flu-like symptoms will be sent home. We also seek your assistance to inform us immediately if your daughter/ward or any household member is

- ◆ issued a Quarantine Order;
- ◆ issued a Stay-Home Notice;
- ◆ unwell with flu-like symptoms; or
- ◆ awaiting the result of a swab test.


In such a case, the school may issue your daughter/ward a Leave of Absence or Approved Absence. Should that happen, please be assured that we will make arrangements for home-based learning so as to minimize disruption to your daughter's/ward's learning.


Visual screening, temperature-taking and SafeEntry will continue for all visitors to the school. We seek your understanding and cooperation to work with our security colleagues if you are approached when you enter the school.

Maintaining good personal hygiene, exercising social responsibility and practising safe distancing will continue to be important as we move into the new school year. Please remind your daughter/ward to exercise these key measures even when she is not in school, so that we can keep our school a safe place of learning for all.




## KEY EVENTS IN TERM 1


 **Friday Morning Masses**  
**Fri 8 Jan and every Friday 0655**, unless announced otherwise  
*We seek your understanding that, for the time being, these Masses will only be for staff and students. We look forward to welcoming you once again when the Covid-19 safe management measures are relaxed.*

 **Sec 1 Orientation**  
**Fri 8 Jan 1330**: CCA Showcase  
**Fri 8 Jan 1800**: Campfire  
*We are unable to admit any visitors, but we will make available a video with highlights of the event.*

 **Online Meetings with Sec 1 Parents**  
**Fri 15 Jan 0800**: 1/8  
**Fri 22 Jan 0800**: 1/6–1/7  
**Fri 29 Jan 0800**: 1/1–1/5

 **Sec 4 & 5 Self-Awareness Day Camps**  
**Fri 15 Jan 0800**: 4/3, 4/4, 4/8  
**Fri 22 Jan 0800**: 4/1, 4/2, 4/6  
**Fri 29 Jan 0800**: 4/5, 4/7, 4/10  
**Fri 5 Feb 0800**: 4/9  
**Fri 19 Feb 0800**: 5/1, 5/2

 **Chinese New Year Celebration**  
**Thu 11 Feb 0745**: Blessing Service and Concert  
**Thu 11 Feb 1030**: Dismissal

 **Investiture of Class Committees**  
**Thu 4 Mar 1300**

 **Parent-Teacher Meetings**  
**Thu 11 Mar** (no lessons)  
*Details will be given in due course.*

 **IJ Spirit Day & IJ Fiesta**  
**Fri 12 Mar** (no lessons)  
*This will be a modified event. Details will be given in due course.*