

**NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

*Dear Parents/Guardians*

**Giving Thanks for Term 1 and Welcome to Term 2**

**W**e welcome our girls back to school for another exciting term! Term 1 ended on a high with a modified IJ Spirit Day and IJ Fiesta, and we are glad that, even in the midst of the pandemic, teaching and learning has carried on, albeit with safe management measures. We are thankful for your support and partnership in making the school experience an enriching and enjoyable one for your daughter/ward. Do follow our school's official social media accounts on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) for highlights of school life.

We would be glad to have your feedback on the Parent-Teacher meeting that was conducted on 11 Mar, and on any other matters related to school. Please share your feedback with us via the link provided on Parents Gateway.

As we look forward to Term 2, we would like to share some reminders and updates, which are given in the sections below.

We urge you to keep updated via Parents Gateway and our [school website](#). You would have received the email addresses of your daughter's/ward's form and subject teachers via Parents Gateway at the start of the year. If you need to get in touch with me, please feel free to email me at [chijtps@moe.edu.sg](mailto:chijtps@moe.edu.sg) or [rachelang@chijsec.edu.sg](mailto:rachelang@chijsec.edu.sg). Stay well and God bless!

Warmest regards  
*Mrs Rachel Lee*  
Principal

**STAFF MOVEMENT**

We warmly welcome Ms Hemavathy Anbalagan (*who teaches Social Studies and History*) to our IJ family.

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

We would like to remind parents and guardians that students will be excused from school only for valid medical reasons or on compassionate grounds. Students who miss a weighted assessment or examination paper need to have a medical certificate, or prior approval from school leaders if the absence is for non-medical reasons.

We encourage students who are absent from school to consult their subject teachers on missed lessons and check with their peers about homework that has been assigned.

**RECESS AND MUNCH TIME**

Some parents have voiced concerns about the timing of recesses. Recesses are staggered owing in part to the current safe management measures, and we recognize that some classes may have a long gap between recess and school start or dismissal time. We encourage our girls to pack light snacks (for example, bread or biscuits) to school as they are given munch time during lessons.

**NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMME**

The Covid-19 pandemic has revealed the need for us to accelerate the National Digital Literacy Programme. All secondary schools will thus embark on the Personalized Digital Learning Programme (PDLP): every Sec 1, 2 and 3 student will own a school-prescribed learning device by the end of this year.

Having heard the views of staff, parents and students through various engagement sessions, the school has decided to adopt the Apple iPad as the personal learning device for our students. Every iPad will come bundled with an Apple Pencil to maximize its use as a learning tool. The devices will be distributed to students in Term 3, and we will progressively roll out their use during lessons.

Students with Edusave accounts will be able to utilize their Edusave funds to offset the cost of their personal learning devices. Students who are Singapore citizens from lower-income families will enjoy further subsidies for the purchase.

In mid-April, we will conduct a briefing for parents on the cost and other details of the PDLP. During the briefing, we will also highlight aspects of cyberwellness. Please look out on Parents Gateway for an announcement about this briefing. We look forward to your partnership in providing our girls with a safe learning experience that will equip them to be future-ready in a digital world.

**EXAMINATIONS AND COURSEWORK**

**Mid-Year Examination**

Sec 2, 4 and 5 students will take their Mid-Year Examination from 28 Apr to 12 May. Sec 3 students offering Higher Chinese Language will sit a Chinese Language examination on 29 Apr. Students have been given instructions via their school email account on how to access the examination timetable.

**National Examinations**

For graduating students, the timetables for the GCE N(A), N(T) and O Level examinations are available for viewing on [the website of the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board](#).

**Coursework**

Given below are the deadlines which graduating students need to observe for the coursework components of subjects.

Higher Art	29 Mar, 1700 ( <i>visual art task</i> ) 21 Sep, 1700 ( <i>coursework</i> )
Art	3 Aug, 1700 ( <i>N(A) Level</i> ) 21 Sep, 1700 ( <i>O Level</i> )
Drama	16 Aug, 1700
Elements of Business Skills	14 May, 1700
Food and Nutrition	12 Jul, 1700

Achieving quality results for these subjects requires commitment and consistent effort from students. It is thus essential for them to pace themselves well in order to submit quality coursework.

**For Graduating Students: INTENSIVE REVISION AND GUIDANCE**

**Extended Curriculum**

To support our graduating students on their journey towards the national examinations, the school will conduct lessons in the last week of the June holidays for all Sec 4 and 5 classes.

**Structured Intensive Revision**

In Term 3, a programme of Structured Intensive Revision (SIR) will be in place for selected graduating students, to provide them with differentiated support that best matches their learning needs. The SIR sessions will take place on school days (excluding Thursdays) from 1500 to 1700. Students who are selected for the SIR will be notified in the last week of the June holidays, and will be required to attend all SIR sessions.

**Education and Career Guidance**

We thank parents who joined us for our Education and Career Guidance (ECG) sessions on the day of the Parent-Teacher Meetings. We hope you found the sharing informative. If you missed it or have further queries about post-secondary pathways, you may email or make an appointment with our ECG Counsellor, [Ms Sharon Tay](#).

**For Sec 2 Students: SUBJECT ALLOCATION EXERCISE**

As our Sec 2 students prepare to move to Sec 3 in 2022, virtual briefings on upper secondary subject allocation will be held for them and their parents in Term 2. The details of these webinars, along with an information booklet on progression from Sec 2 to Sec 3, will be given in an announcement on Parents Gateway.

Through these online sessions, we aim to provide an overview of the subject allocation exercise and to answer any queries that you may have. You may also approach any of the following personnel for further conversations about subject allocation:

- ♦ your daughter's form and subject teachers;
- ♦ Year Head/Lower Secondary, [Mr Francis Yap](#);
- ♦ Assistant Year Head/Lower Secondary, [Ms Christine Koh](#);
- ♦ Acting Year Head/Upper Secondary, [Ms Eulalia Han](#);
- ♦ ECG Counsellor, [Ms Sharon Tay](#).

Your daughter may also wish to find out more from her seniors.

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

We refer to our PG announcement sent on 1 Mar regarding changes to after-school traffic procedures. Please take note of the changes to student movement out of school in the afternoons. You may drive into the school to pick up your daughter/ward from 1630 on school days. We thank you for your continued partnership in maintaining safe traffic conditions in and around the school.

**KEY EVENTS IN TERM 2**

- Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Mon 22 Mar–Thu 25 Mar 1400–1500**  
*Our school chaplain, Fr Michael Sitaram, will be in the Chapel to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Catholic students who wish to make their Confessions.*
- Sec 4 & 5 English Oral Mid-Year Examination**  
**Mon 22 Mar–Wed 24 Mar, Fri 26 Mar 1500–1730**
- Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Mon 5 Apr**
- Parent Support Group Bake Sale**  
**Thu 15 Apr**
- CCA Stand-Down**  
**Fri 16 Apr**  
*Note: Groups participating in the Singapore Youth Festival may continue to have CCA sessions till their Arts Presentations are over.*
- Sec 3 Higher Mother Tongue, Sec 4 & 5 Mother Tongue Oral Exam**  
**Mon 19 Apr–Wed 21 Apr 1500–1730**
- Sec 2, 4 & 5 Mid-Year Examination**  
**Wed 28 Apr–Wed 12 May**  
*Note: On Thu 29 Apr,*
  - ♦ Sec 3 students offering Higher Chinese Language will sit a Chinese Language examination;
  - ♦ Canvas@IJ will be suspended for Sec 1 and 3 students: the school day will start at 0730 and end an hour earlier than stated on the class timetable.
- Parent Support Group Mother's Day Fair**  
**Fri 7 May**
- Sec 4 N(A) and N(T) English Oral Prelim Examination**  
**Mon 17 May–Tue 18 May 1400–1630**
- Election of Student Leaders**  
**Mon 17 May–Fri 21 May**
- Combined Founder's Day Mass**  
**Mon 24 May**  
*This Mass will be streamed online for the entire CHIJ family of schools, to celebrate the fourth centenary of the birth of our founder, Blessed Nicolas Barré.*
- Founder's Day Celebration**  
**Fri 28 May** (no lessons)  
*Our celebration on this day will include an appreciation ceremony for graduating student leaders, our Honours Day award ceremony, and a showcase of our performing arts groups' Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations.*
- GCE O Level Mid-Year Mother Tongue Examination**  
**Mon 31 May** (Mother Tongue)  
**Tue 1 Jun** (Mother Tongue Syllabus B)
- Sec 4 & 5 Extended Curriculum**  
**Mon 21 Jun–Fri 25 Jun**

**Holidays in Term 2**

<b>Fri 2 Apr</b>	Good Friday ( <i>public holiday</i> )
<b>Mon 3 May</b>	In lieu of Labour Day ( <i>school holiday for all schools</i> )
<b>Thu 13 May</b>	Hari Raya Aidilfitri ( <i>public holiday</i> )
<b>Fri 14 May</b>	Marking Day ( <i>school holiday for our students only</i> )
<b>Wed 26 May</b>	Vesak Day ( <i>public holiday</i> )