

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Guardians

BLESSED New Year to everyone, and a warm welcome to the new school term!

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.

We are excited to share that from this year, beginning with our Sec 1 cohort, our classes will adopt new names inspired by female saints: thus we have Sec 1 Angela, Bridget, Clare, Elizabeth, Frances, Helena, Louise and Marianne. Our aspiration is for these saints to serve as role models for our girls as they strive to live out our school motto, *Simple in Virtue, Steadfast in Duty*, and as they grow to become women of distinction.

We thank you for the close home-school partnership as we work with your daughter/ward in her learning and in her journey towards excellence. In this regard, we would like to refer you to our online [Student Handbook](#), where you will find important information pertaining to your daughter's/ward's schooling journey. **In particular, we have included the sections on the Code of Conduct, Acceptable-Use Policy Agreement for Use of Technology, and Students' Creed as an attachment to this Parents Gateway post; please read them and acknowledge that you have done so by Fri 7 Jan via the reply button in the post.** We wish to highlight that students are expected to attend school throughout the school term and will be excused only for valid medical reasons or on compassionate grounds. Please do not schedule overseas travel during the school term.

Home-based learning (HBL) days, which are scheduled fortnightly and on a different day of the week each time, are indicated on our [school calendar](#). To provide our girls with time and space to explore their interests and connect with family and friends, Canvas@IJ time has been planned on the HBL days, so lessons 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 have room to spark their imaginations and develop as holistic individuals.

Parents Gateway will be a key communication platform. Do also check our [school website](#) for information and follow our school's official social media accounts on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) to keep abreast of the key happenings in school. For now, you can access your daughter's/ward's class timetable [here](#).

You will soon receive an announcement post on Parents Gateway from your daughter's/ward's form teachers, which will provide, among other information, 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 or rachel_ang@moe.edu.sg.

May I wish you and your family a fruitful and blessed year ahead!

Warmest regards

Mrs Rachel Lee

Principal

STAFF MOVEMENT

We bid farewell to the following members of staff and adjunct teachers, who left IJ at the end of 2021. We thank them for their service to the school and wish them God's blessings on all their future endeavours.

- ♦ Mrs Vimala Alexander
- ♦ Mr Danial Hanafi
- ♦ Mr Nahri Hizal Haji Ismail
- ♦ Ms Charlene Teo
- ♦ Mrs Joy Thevathasan
- ♦ Mrs Santha Van

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

- ♦ Ms Balvinder Kaur (*Subject Head/Student Well-being*)
- ♦ Mr E Raja Rajan s/o Narayanasamy (*Assistant Year Head/Upper Secondary*)
- ♦ Ms Margaret Teo (*Subject Head/English Language & Literature*)
- ♦ Mdm Siti Zainab Zainal (*Malay Language*)
- ♦ Ms Lynn Kiew (*Mathematics and Computer Applications*)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

As we continue to transition towards Covid resilience, we are mindful to maintain safe management measures in school to keep your daughter/ward and our staff safe. These measures include 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 the transmission risk in school.

To further safeguard the school community, students and staff who are unwell or have a positive ART result should not report to school; they should follow the Ministry of Health's Protocols 1 or 2 respectively. Students and staff issued a Health Risk Warning should follow Protocol 3 and ensure they have a valid negative ART result before reporting to school.

We also seek your assistance to inform us immediately if your daughter/ward has been issued any Orders or Notices by the Ministry of Health or is awaiting the result of a swab test.

As we continue to carry out daily temperature-taking and rely on TraceTogether (TT) data to pick up contacts of Covid-19 cases, please ensure that your daughter/ward has her oral digital thermometer and TT token with her in school daily, both of which should be in good working condition. More details on how to replace or collect TT tokens may be found at token.gowhere.gov.sg.

Visual screening and SafeEntry will continue for all visitors to the school. We seek your understanding and cooperation 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.

SAFETY & SECURITY

To enhance traffic safety, the school has installed a turnstile at Gate 2. With this turnstile in place, students entering or leaving the school on foot will only be allowed to use the following gates at the stipulated times:

- ♦ Gate 2 (facing Lorong 1 Toa Payoh): 0630–0730, 1330–1900
- ♦ Gate 3 (next to Block 168): 0630–0725, 1230–1630

Parents accessing the school by car will continue to use Gate 1. For morning drop-offs, please keep to the leftmost lane on Lorong 1 Toa Payoh for entry into the school; students are to alight at the designated drop-off points along the driveway – drop-offs at the porch are not allowed unless it is raining. Please also note that drop-offs are not allowed at the bus stop.

SCHOOL UNIFORM PURCHASES

With immediate effect, the uniform supplier for the school will be

Magdalene Sewing Centre Pte Ltd

Address: 5000 Ang Mo Kio Ave 5 #05-09 Techplace II Singapore 569870
Contact: 6293-5840 or 8638-0499

You may place an [online order](#) for school uniforms. If you wish to visit the retail shop at the above address, please make an [e-appointment](#) first. Alternatively, your daughter/ward may buy her uniform or PE attire in school this week (4–6 Jan, 0830–1500).

KEY EVENTS IN TERM 1



Welcome Back to School

Tue 4 Jan

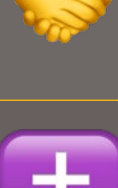
Students will be dismissed at 1240.



Sec 1 Orientation

Tue 4 Jan–Fri 7 Jan

On Fri 7 Jan, Sec 2–5 students who are not involved in the CCA Orientation or campfire will be dismissed at 1300. The programme for Sec 1 students includes a campfire at 1800–2000 on that day. We are unable to admit any visitors, but we will make available a video with highlights of the event.



Sec 4 & 5 Self-Awareness Day Camps

Fri 14 Jan: 4/1, 4/5, 4/6, 4/9

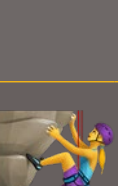
Fri 21 Jan: 4/3, 4/10

Fri 28 Jan: 4/2, 4/7

Fri 4 Feb: 4/8

Fri 11 Feb: 4/4, 4/11

Fri 18 Feb: 5/1, 5/2



Online Meeting with Sec 1 Parents

Fri 14 Jan 1630



Friday Morning Masses

Every Friday from Fri 21 Jan 0655 (unless otherwise announced)

We seek your understanding that these Masses will be for staff and students only, for the time being. We look forward to welcoming you once again when the Covid-19 safe management measures are relaxed.



Chinese New Year Mass & Celebration

Mon 31 Jan

Students will be dismissed at 1030.



Sec 2 Adventure Experience

Wed 9 Feb–Fri 11 Feb

Details will be given in due course.

Sec 1 Adventure Experience

Wed 2 Mar–Fri 4 Mar

Details will be given in due course.

Investiture of Class Committees

Thu 3 Mar

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Thu 10 Mar

Details will be given in due course.

IJ Spirit Day & IJ Fiesta

Fri 11 Mar

Details will be given in due course.