

## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Dear Parents & Guardians*

**G**REETINGS of peace and joy! The first week of Term 2 has gone by in a blink. Term 1 ended on a high with IJ Spirit Day and IJ Fiesta as the school transformed into one big 'Casita de Caritas', and we look forward to more exciting and engaging programmes for our girls, especially with the gradual easing of safe management measures. National School Games are resuming, and we are planning more opportunities for students to interact with one another and with peers from overseas, while continuing to manage the risks from the pandemic.

As we continue to enjoy this new term, we would like to share some reminders and updates in the following sections.

We urge you to keep updated via Parents Gateway and the [school website](#). If you have any feedback, please feel free to email me at [chijtpss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:chijtpss@moe.edu.sg) or [rachel\\_ang@moe.edu.sg](mailto:rachel_ang@moe.edu.sg).

Stay well and God bless!

Warmest regards

*Ms Rachel Lee*  
Principal

## STAFF MOVEMENT

We warmly welcome Ms Ong Yee Hwee (*Biology and Chemistry*) to the IJ family.

## SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

As Singapore transitions towards living with Covid-19, our school will adhere closely to the Ministry of Education's guidelines on safe management measures, particularly in the areas of mask-wearing, capacity and group-size limits for school activities, and safe distancing.

While daily temperature-taking has been stopped, wipe-down routines and the carrying of TraceTogether (TT) tokens in school remain in place to keep your daughter/ward and our staff safe. Please ensure that your daughter's/ward's TT token is good working condition.

Maintaining good personal hygiene and exercising social responsibility will continue to be important. Students and staff who are unwell or have a positive ART result should not report to school; they should continue to follow the Ministry of Health's Protocols 1 or 2. 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.

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.

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

As more employees return to the workplace, we expect the morning peak-hour traffic to become heavier. For drop-offs, please remember to 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. Drop-offs are also not allowed at the bus stop.

## 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 exam need to have a medical certificate, or have obtained 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 work that has been assigned.

## PROJECT HERO

Our school has embarked on a collaborative project with National Healthcare Group (NHG) called Project HERO, which aims to empower our students with the knowledge and skills to strengthen their socioemotional competencies and increase their mental resilience. We recognize that partnership with parents and guardians is key in this endeavour.

In Term 1, we shared resources with you on the theme 'Hope: New Start and Transitions', focusing on communication with your daughter/ward as she navigates the challenges of the new year. We were also delighted to have two experts, Dr Jared Ng, a psychiatrist, and Ms Natalie Lim, a psychologist with NHG, share at our webinar for parents on the topic 'Minding our Teens: how parents can support their daughters through their teenage years'.

We look forward to sharing more resources with you each term. Do look out for this term's message on the theme 'Efficacy: Dealing with Disappointments', which will be sent to you in April via Parents Gateway. By popular demand, a second webinar by the two speakers will be held in July on the theme 'Building Mental Resilience'. Do look out for more information on Parents Gateway.

## MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS

Sec 2, 4 and 5 students will have their mid-year examinations during the following periods:

Sec 2	5–18 May
Sec 4/1–4/9, 5/1–5/2	29 Apr–18 May
Sec 4/10–4/11	4–18 May

Sec 3 students taking Higher Chinese Language will also be sitting a Chinese Language examination on 9 May.

Students have been given a copy of the examination timetable, and can also access it on the [school website](#). Please note that 19 May has been designated Marking Day, and all students (including Sec 1 and 3 students) do not need to report to school on that day.

## For Graduating Students: EXAMINATIONS, REVISION, GUIDANCE

### National Examination Timetables

The timetables for the N and O Level examinations are available for viewing on the [SEAB website](#).

### National Examination Coursework

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

Higher Art	Mon 28 Mar, 1700 ( <i>visual art task</i> ) Tue 20 Sep, 1700 ( <i>coursework</i> )
Art	Tue 2 Aug, 1700 ( <i>N(A) Level</i> ) Tue 20 Sep, 1700 ( <i>O Level</i> )
Drama	Mon 15 Aug, 1700
Elements of Business Skills	Fri 20 May, 1700
Food Studies	Tue 12 Jul, 1700
Nutrition & Food Science	Tue 12 Jul, 1700 ( <i>N(A) Level</i> ) Mon 1 Aug, 1700 ( <i>O Level</i> )

Quality results for these subjects require commitment and consistent effort on the part of students. It is thus essential for the girls to pace themselves well in order to submit quality coursework in time.

### Extended Curriculum

To support our graduating students on their journey towards the national examinations, the school will be conducting extra lessons for graduating classes in the last week of the June school holidays (20–24 Jun). The details will be given to students in due course.

### Structured Intensive Revision (SIR)

In addition, the school will be conducting SIR in Term 3 for selected students, to provide them with support that best matches their learning needs. The sessions will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 1500 to 1700. Students who are identified by their subject teachers for SIR will be notified by the last week of the June school holidays, and are required to attend all the sessions.

### Education and Career Guidance (ECG)

The annual Education Fair for graduating students was conducted on 7 Mar, and interested students went on learning journeys to institutes of higher learning on 10 Mar. If you have queries about post-secondary pathways, you may email our ECG counsellor, Ms Sharon Tay, at [tay\\_liu\\_kian\\_sharon@schools.gov.sg](mailto:tay_liu_kian_sharon@schools.gov.sg). On 7 Apr, a webinar on 'The Future of Work' will be held for parents of graduating students; the details have been sent out via Parents Gateway.

## For Sec 2 Students: SUBJECT ALLOCATION EXERCISE

A series of virtual meetings will be held for Sec 2 students and their parents/guardians regarding subject allocation for Sec 3 2023. Please note the dates of these meetings:

2/1–2/5	Fri 8 Apr, 1700
2/6–2/7	Fri 22 Apr, 1700
2/8	Fri 8 Jul, 1700

In due course, via a message on Parents Gateway (PG), you will be given the details of these meetings, as well as an information booklet on Progression from Sec 2 to Sec 3.

Through these online sessions, we hope to provide an overview of the subject-allocation exercise and to answer any queries you may have. Do note, too, that you can approach any of the following personnel for further conversations regarding subject allocation:

- ♦ your daughter's form and subject teachers (for their email addresses, please refer to the PG message sent by form teachers in January);
- ♦ Year Head/Lower Secondary, **Mr Francis Yap**;
- ♦ Assistant Year Head/Lower Secondary, **Ms Christine Koh**;
- ♦ Year Head/Upper Secondary, **Ms Eulalia Han**;
- ♦ Assistant Year Head/Upper Secondary, **Mr Eraja Rajan**;
- ♦ ECG Counsellor, **Ms Sharon Tay**.

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

## KEY EVENTS IN TERM 2

**✝ Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Mon 21 Mar–Fri 25 Mar**  
*The priests of the Church of the Holy Spirit were in school in the afternoons of this week to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Catholic staff and students who wished to make their Confessions.*

**🗣️ Sec 4 & 5 English Oral Mid-Year Examination**  
**Mon 28 Mar–Thu 31 Mar 1445–1730**

**👤 Webinar on 'The Future of Work'**  
**Thu 7 Apr 1530–1630**  
*This webinar is for interested parents of Sec 4 & 5 students. An invitation has been sent out on Parents Gateway.*

**🚫 CCA Stand-Down**  
**Thu 14 Apr**

**🥞 Hot Cross Buns & PSG Bake Sale**  
**Thu 14 Apr**  
*As usual, the school has ordered halal-certified hot cross buns for everyone to mark Maundy Thursday. Our PSG will also hold their bake sale on the same day.*

**🐣 Easter Monday Mass & Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Mon 18 Apr**  
*In addition to the annual Easter Egg Hunt, our Catholic staff and students will celebrate Easter with a Mass in the Hall of Faith.*

**🗣️ Sec 3 Higher Mother Tongue, Sec 4 & 5 Mother Tongue Oral Exam**  
**Mon 18 Apr–Wed 20 Apr 1445–1730**

**🤝 Sec 1 & 3 Parent-Teacher Meetings**  
**Thu 21 Apr**  
*Details will be sent out via Parents Gateway.*

**✍️ Sec 2, 4 & 5 Mid-Year Examinations**  
**Fri 29 Apr–Wed 18 May**  
*Please refer to the section on the Mid-Year Examinations above for details. Thu 19 May is Marking Day, and all students need not report to school on that day.*

**🏆 Honours Day**  
**Fri 20 May**

**🗳️ Election of Student Leaders**  
**Fri 20 May–Fri 27 May**

**✝ Founder's Day Mass & Celebration**  
**Wed 25 May**  
*This will be held concurrently with all the other IJ schools.*

**🗣️ Sec 4 N(A) and N(T) English Oral Prelim Examination**  
**Wed 25 May–Thu 26 May 1445–1730**

**✍️ GCE O Level Mid-Year Mother Tongue Examination**  
**Mon 30 May (Mother Tongue)**  
**Tue 31 May (Mother Tongue Syllabus B)**

**👤 Sec 4 & 5 Career Seminar**  
**Wed 1 Jun**

**🔥 Faith Aflame!**  
**Thu 2 Jun**  
*This will be a day of faith formation, praise and worship, Mass and games for our Sec 3–5 Catholic students.*

**📖 Sec 4 & 5 Extended Curriculum**  
**Mon 20 Jun–Fri 24 Jun**