



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Guardians

As we conclude 2024, we do so with hearts full of gratitude and hope. This year, we celebrated the 170th anniversary of CHIJ Secondary, and we are thankful for God's abundant blessings upon our school and community. We look forward to His continued love and protection in the year ahead.

As the new school term approaches, we are excited to welcome back our students and extend a warm greeting to our new Secondary 1 students and their parents and guardians!

At CHIJ Secondary, we are dedicated to fostering a Christ-centred community that nurtures holistic growth. We firmly believe in the worth and dignity of each individual, aiming to instil values that empower our girls to engage with others respectfully, sincerely, and openly. Through an IJ education, they will develop the strength of character needed to overcome challenges and thrive.

We value the partnership between home and school and are committed to supporting your daughter's/ward's educational journey. To facilitate this collaboration, we encourage you to review our online [Student Handbook](#), which contains key information about the schooling experience. Please note the sections on the Code of Conduct, Acceptable Use Policy for Technology, and Students' Creed. Kindly confirm your acknowledgement by Thu, 2 Jan 2025, using the reply button in this Parents Gateway post.

We would like to emphasize the importance of consistent school attendance, with exceptions only for valid medical or compassionate reasons. We request that parents refrain from planning overseas travel during the school term.

The upcoming term is packed with exciting programmes! Stay updated by visiting our [school website](#) for information and following us on [Instagram \(@chijsecondary\)](#), [Facebook \(CHIJ Secondary\)](#). The timetable for Semester 1 will be emailed to students and posted on the school website by 30 Dec 2024 [here](#).

To kickstart the year, IJ Character Education Week ([IJCE Breaker Week](#)) will take place in Term 1, Week 0 (Thu, 2 Jan and Fri, 3 Jan) and Week 1 (Mon, 6 Jan and Tue, 7 Jan). This programme offers diverse student development experiences designed to foster peer connections, strengthen student-teacher relationships, and set a positive tone for the year. Details will be shared via Parents Gateway.

You will also receive a note from your daughter's/ward's Form Teachers, including contact details for subject teachers to facilitate open communication. While teachers will respond promptly to queries, we seek your understanding that responses after office hours (5 PM-7 AM weekdays, and weekends) may be limited to ensure their well-being. For feedback, feel free to email me at chijtpss@moe.edu.sg or rachel_ang@moe.edu.sg.

Wishing you and your families a fruitful and blessed 2025!

Warmest regards

Mrs Rachel Lee

Principal



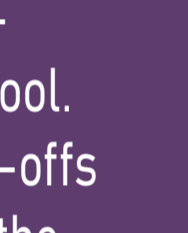
STAFF MOVEMENT

We bid farewell to the following members of staff, who left IJ at the end of 2024. We thank them for their service to the school and wish them God's blessings on all their future endeavours.

- Mr Teh Keng Seng
- Mrs Wong Lai Mun
- Mrs Tay Yit Ming
- Mr Geraint Wong
- Ms Joanne Tham
- Ms Madhu Sakhrani
- Ms Bernice Loon

To the following members of staff, we extend a warm welcome to the IJ family.

- Mr Joseph Tham ([Master Teacher/History](#))
- Mr Koh Bing Qin ([Subject Head/Chemistry](#))
- Mr Brian Thian Wen Yao ([Chemistry Teacher](#))
- Ms Chua Li Wen Amanda ([Mathematics Teacher](#))
- Ms Junainah Binte Amran ([English Language Teacher](#))
- Mdm Kiang Kim Lian ([Corporate Support Officer](#))
- Mr Muhammad Rusydi Bin Aman ([Adjunct ICT Associate](#))
- Mr Khairul Syamal Bin Jamaludin ([AVA Executive](#))



SAFETY & SECURITY

Traffic

Morning peak-hour traffic along Lorong 1 Toa Payoh is usually heavy. Parents who are entering the school in a vehicle are reminded 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, and drop-offs are not allowed at the bus stop.

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): 0630-0730, 1330-1830.

Vehicles are only allowed to enter the school for pick-up from 1600.

School Improvements

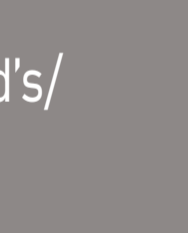
Improvement works to make the school more accessible and inclusive for students and staff are progressing on schedule. These include the installation of two lifts, a link bridge and additional facilities. Certain areas of the school will be closed due to the works. We will work closely with the contractors to ensure the safety of our staff and students.



PROJECT HERO: WELLNESS JOURNAL

We are pleased to share that all students will be receiving a Wellness Journal that has been carefully crafted and created by our school to strengthen their socio-emotional competencies and increase their mental resilience. The activities in the Wellness Journal will equip students with various strategies and skills to support their mental well-being, and will be carried out during our TLC (Form Teacher) periods.

Please feel free to try out the activities in the Wellness Journal with your daughter/ward at home as well. We will also continue to send our Termly Project HERO messages to parents, so do look out for Term 1's message!

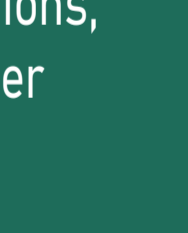


PERSONALISED DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAMME

The new MOE Device Management Application, Jamf, will be deployed to your child's/ward's iPad Personal Learning Devices (PLD) on 8 Jan 2025.

As shared previously via PG, the iPad PLD will have to be reset as part of the deployment. Please inform your child/ward of the deployment date and remind her to back up the files before the deployment. If you have installed some other parental controls including the built-in parental controls on your child's/ward's iPad PLDs, please remove these controls before 8 Jan 2025.

The Secondary 1 cohort can look forward to receiving their iPads in mid-Feb.



For Graduating Students: PRACTICAL LESSONS & CONSULTATIONS

To support our graduating students in their preparations for the national examinations, we will be conducting Science practical lessons and consultation sessions for other subjects during the final week of the June holidays (23-26 June).

O-Level Science students will attend practical lessons on one, two, or three days, depending on the number of Science subjects they are taking. Additionally, subject teachers may organize consultation sessions for groups of students on selected days during the week.

We urge families of graduating students to consider this programme when making plans for the June holidays. Further details will be shared in due course.



KEY EVENTS IN TERM 1 2025



IJCE Breaker Week

Thu, 2 Jan-Fri, 3 Jan, Mon, 6 Jan-Tue, 7 Jan

- Sec 1: Orientation
- Sec 2: Outdoor adventure experience
- Sec 3: Eco-Stewardship Programme Learning Journey, Student Development Leadership Workshop and team-building activities
- Sec 4: Self-awareness camp and Education and Career Guidance workshop
- Sec 5: Education & Career Guidance and team-building activities

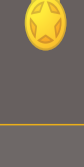
For the detailed programmes, please refer to our [school website](#).



Friday Morning Masses

Every Friday from Fri 10 Jan 0655 (unless announced otherwise)

Parents are welcome to join us in the Chapel for Mass.



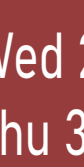
Talks for Parents

- Sec 1: Fri, 10 Jan 1600 (in person)
- Sec 2: Fri 24 Jan 1600 (online)
- Sec 3: Thu 16 Jan 1700 (online)
- Sec 4 & 5: Fri 17 Jan 1600 (in person)



New Year and Thanksgiving Mass

Tue 28 Jan



Chinese New Year Celebration

Tue 28 Jan
Students will be dismissed at 1030.



Total Defence Day Commemoration

Wed 12 Feb

Investiture of Class Committees

Wed 05 Mar

Sec 4 & 5 Career Seminar

Wed 12 Mar

IJ Spirit and Fiesta Day

Fri 14 Mar

Home-Based Learning Days

Tue 11 Feb

Thu 13 Mar

Holidays

Wed 29 Jan Chinese New Year (public holiday)

Thu 30 Jan Chinese New Year (public holiday)