



2020/OTH/026

24 Mar 2020

Dear J1 Parents/Guardians,

1. Term 1 has been an eventful term for all of us, as we rallied together as a community to address the COVID-19 situation and keep the college safe for our staff and students. We are thankful for your strong partnership as we made several changes to our programmes in the course of the term.
2. Despite having to cope with new instructions and changes to programmes, we are glad to see that our students have remained focused and continued to give their best. After the J1 Orientation, our J1 students settled quickly into their various classes. The daily class based morning assemblies enabled Home Tutors to know their students better and vice-versa and facilitated class bonding. During the March holidays, supplementary lessons were held on 16-17 March to strengthen the JC1 cohort's grasp of key concepts and to facilitate revision of key topics taught. All J1 students attended Strengthfinder programme on 16 Mar to better understand their strengths profile so that they can continue to build and leverage on their strengths in their leadership journey.
3. **Project Work (PW)** has been progressing smoothly and will continue to gather speed. This year's question paper has been released to your child and PW teams within classes has been formed to enable the students to begin preparations towards confirming their A-Levels PW topic. **CCA allocation** has been confirmed and your child's CCA teachers will be writing to you soon to inform about the weekly practice sessions once CCA resumes later this term.
4. Based on the college calendar, **Continual Assessment 1 (CA1)** will commence at the start of Term 2. Your child has been informed of the CA1 schedule and key topics tested by his/her respective subject tutors. CA1 serves as one of the milestones in your child's journey towards the Promotional Examination at the end of the year. The College will be issuing your child's progress report on 5 May 2020.
5. The **Mid-Year Examination (MYE)** for JC1 students will be held from 19-21 May 2020 and from 29 June to 2 July 2020 while the internal Mother Tongue Oral Examination will be held on 22, 26, 27 and 28 May 2020. The MYE results will be released during the **Parent-Teachers Conference (PTC)** for JC1s on 24 July 2020. More details of the PTC will be disseminated to both students and parents at a later date. We would like to seek parents' assistance in encouraging your child to revise his/her work and work consistently to achieve his/her goals.



6. **Supplementary lessons** have been scheduled from 1-4 June to support students in their learning. These lessons are important to consolidate the learning in Term 1 and 2 and to set the momentum for students' revisions for the MYE.

### Social Responsibility in Safeguarding the Well-being of our School Community

7. As Term 2 commences, we are mindful of the rapidly developing COVID-19 situation and we have stepped up measures in school to keep your child/ward safe. The additional precautionary measures in our school include:

- a. Students and staff who have travelled overseas during the March holidays will not report to school for 14 days upon their arrival to Singapore.
- b. CCAs and school-based after-school programmes will be suspended until 5 Apr 2020.
- c. Students will adopt an assigned fixed exam seating arrangement in classrooms and in the canteen (by House). Alternate seating arrangements will also be implemented for lectures.
- d. Students will carry out a daily wipe-down routine for spaces that they have used.

8. To further safe-guard our school community, we seek your assistance in the following:

- a. If any household member(s) has returned from overseas within the past 14 days and develops a fever or starts to display flu-like symptoms, please ensure that he/she gets necessary medical attention as soon as possible.

While waiting for the outcome of medical diagnosis, we seek your understanding and cooperation in informing us immediately and keeping your child/ward at home. Please be assured that the school will minimise disruption to your child's learning by making arrangements for Home-Based Learning.

- b. Please remind your child to exercise good personal hygiene practices, social responsibility and safe distancing measures even when they are not school. While the school has put in place rigorous measures to ensure increased social distancing, students are strongly encouraged to avoid crowded places, gatherings and situations of prolonged mixing that could increase the risk of inter-class or inter-school transmission.



9. Students who are away from school due to reasons such as Leave of Absence (LOA), Stay Home Notice (SHN) will be supported through home based learning. We all play an important part in times of crisis. Your vigilance and assistance will help us to keep our school as a safe place for learning for all. Together, we can get through this. We would like to thank you for working alongside our staff and taking a keen interest in your child/ward's educational journey. Should you require any clarifications, please contact your child/ward's Home Tutor and relevant subject tutors or contact the college at 6252 4083/4, catholic\_jc@moe.edu.sg. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phyllis Lim', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs. Phyllis Lim  
Principal

