



# Catholic Junior College

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for your strong support this term as our CJCians adapted to new practices in school, including toggling between home-based learning and in-school learning in the earlier part of this term, followed by in-school learning on a daily basis with Safe Management Measures (SMM) in the later part of the term. We hope you and your family had a good mid-term break.

In the next six weeks of this term, we will continue to provide rich learning in school for all our students, while keeping everyone COVID-safe through the continued implementation of the SMM introduced earlier in the term.

## Assessment

The JC1s will be having their Continual Assessment 3 (CA3) from 3 to 6 August. This CA3 will constitute 20% of the marks needed for JC1 promotion criteria. CA3 will be conducted in a block test format in college to prepare JC1s for the exam conditions of the JC1 Promotional Examinations. The teachers have been monitoring your child's learning progress through CA1 and CA2 and have been revising key topics in the run-up to CA3.

Prior to the commencement of the Preliminary Examinations for JC2s, home-based revision and consultation days will be held on 19 and 20 August. The JC2 Preliminary Examinations will be held in two parts from 21 August to 2 September and from 14 to 18 September. It includes hands-on science practicals to give JC2s full exposure to the format of the A-Level examinations.

The A-Level Mother Tongue Language Oral Examinations and Listening Comprehension Examinations were conducted on 8 – 17 July and 27 July respectively. The written papers will be held on 26 October.

## Timetable

We continue to enhance our SMM and social distancing measures to keep the college community safe. The JC2s have embarked on their Intensive Revision (IR) timetable since Term 3 Week 6. The IR timetable gives structured block periods by subjects in order to incorporate time for revision of key topics with timed practices to better prepare students for the Preliminary Examinations. The JC2 IR timetable will continue unchanged, with lectures for most subjects conducted in smaller lecture theatre venues and classrooms.

The JC1s will adopt a revised timetable with effect from Term 3 Week 8 to incorporate more tutorials for additional support to students. More lectures will now be conducted online for students to access. The subject tutors will apply and reinforce key learning points from the online lectures during tutorials. These changes are part of the college's efforts to reap the benefits of

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blended learning and enhance self-directed learning to better prepare our students for the future.

### CCA

CCAs are an important part of the holistic education at CJC. We have been conducting online eCCA sessions for our CCAs in the past weeks. CCAs for JC2s have concluded since start of Term 3 to enable them to focus on their A-Level preparation. For the second half of Term 3, MOE has allowed secondary schools and JCs to resume in-person CCA sessions with adherence to safe management measures. In CJC, CCA practices for our JC1s have been temporarily suspended from mid-term break (18 July) onwards to enable them to focus on CA3 and Promotional Examinations preparations. CCAs will resume in Term 4 Week 4 (6 October) onwards, after the Promotional Examinations. The respective CCA teachers-in-charge will keep you informed of the schedule and the precautionary measures taken to ensure a safe learning environment during CCA sessions.

### Student Leadership

The JC1 and JC2 Class Management Committee (CMC) have done a good job rallying the class to keep up spirits, boost class cooperation in academic and student development matters and uphold SMM during this challenging COVID year. The College conducted the Student Leaders' Appreciation Ceremony on 7 July to recognise the contributions of our JC2 student leaders before they step down from their duties to focus on their preparation for the A-Levels. Moving forward, the JC1 Student Council, House and CCA leaders will take over the leadership baton from their seniors and lead the College in planning and implementing key programmes. Given that we are unable to hold cohort level ceremonies this year, the JC1 student leaders will be formally installed at the start of Term 1 in 2021. We look forward to their leadership growth and contributions.

In order to support our student leaders in their growth, several leadership development programmes have been developed to support their leadership journey. JC1 class management committee training sessions were held virtually on 17 July and a Strengthfinder Leadership Development training session will be held online for our student leaders on 11 September.

### Engagement with Parents

In Term 3, all parents were updated on their child's holistic progress and results via Tele Parents-Teachers' Conference (PTC) on 5 July 2020. The College conducted a second tele-PTC for parents of students who required additional academic support on 17 July 2020. We thank you for taking time to answer our calls and for sharing how your child can be supported in his/her development in the coming months leading to year-end examinations. Result slips for both CA1 and CA2 have been given to you through your child. In response to parents' interest in the post-JC Higher Education (IHL) landscape, a parent webinar on IHL landscape was held on 18 July and was well-attended by 156 parents. If your child is keen to find out more about the educational and career opportunities available after the A-Levels, he/she can approach the ECG counsellor Ms Saira in the library on Mondays for a career counselling session.



### Religious Education online sessions

As a Catholic college, we will be holding two online Religious Education sessions (29 July and 14 August) on the themes of suffering and vocation in order to provide students with faith formation and opportunities for community bonding amidst COVID-19 restrictions. The JC2 retreat (2 October) will also be taking place in a modified online format this year so that the JC2s will have opportunities to be rejuvenated and strengthened in their preparation for the A-Levels.

### National Day Celebrations and CJ 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

On 7 August 2020, we will be commemorating National Day and CJC's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (CJ45). While reflecting on the National Day theme "Together, a Stronger Singapore", students can look forward to in-class discussions and reflections pertaining to national issues and resolve to contribute to our society in meaningful ways, especially during this Covid-19 pandemic. To celebrate CJ45, the students will witness the official launch of the CJ45 theme song "*Bearers of the Flame*", and the CJ45 art mural which was prepared by all our students. The event is scheduled to end by 11:00 a.m. Your child will be informed of the staggered dismissal times.

### Teachers' Day Celebrations

The College will be celebrating Teachers' Day on 3 September 2020 with a class-based celebration, in view of the COVID-19 situation. Students will participate in meaningful classroom activities with their Home Tutors to recognise and affirm teachers for their many contributions. The celebrations will end by 10:30 a.m. Your child will be informed of the staggered dismissal times.

### End of Term 3

The last day of school for Term 3 is 3 September 2020 (Thursday), when we will be celebrating Teachers' Day. There is no school on Friday 4 September (Teachers' Day). During the one-week holiday in September (6 to 12 Sep), students are strongly advised not to travel overseas due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you and we look forward to continuing the journey of learning and growth with your child this term.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal