



Catholic Junior College

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Dear Parents

This letter is to provide a useful summary of the recent announcements by MOE and the Singapore Examination and Assessment Board (SEAB) with regard to key matters such as the adjusted school calendar, rescheduling of national examinations and release of 2019 Project Work (PW) results.

Adjusted Academic Calendar

- With the national Circuit Breaker (CB) measures tightened and extended till 1 June, the Ministry of Education (MOE) has announced that the mid-year school holidays will be brought forward to 5 May (Tues), and ending on 1 June (Mon). Moving the holidays forward to May supports the national move to extend CB measures till June as we work together to stem the transmission of COVID-19 in Singapore.
- The adjusted academic calendar is as follows:

Event	Start Date	End Date
Full Home-Based Learning	8 April, Wed	4 May, Mon
Mid-year School Holidays	5 May, Tues	1 June, Mon
Term 3	2 June, Tues	6 Sept, Sun
Mid-term Break	20 July, Mon	26 July, Sun
September Holidays	7 Sept, Mon	13 Sept, Sun

- The College will put in place support measures at the school level during the mid-year school holidays and in Semester 2 to help students cope with the reduced curriculum time and the demands of the national A-Level examinations and year-end school-based examinations. More information regarding the College's plans for the mid-year school holidays, revised Term 3 assessment plan and college calendar will be sent to parents at a later date.



Rescheduling of GCE A-Level Mother Tongue Language Examinations

5. In view of the changes to the academic calendar, the Singapore Examination and Assessment Board (SEAB) will reschedule the mid-year Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Written Examinations as follows. SEAB will work with schools to put in place precautionary measures to protect the safety and well-being of students and examination personnel.

Subject Examined (Subject Codes)	Original Date	Rescheduled Date
<u>A-Level Mother Tongue Language for JC2s</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chinese Language (8621/1 and 8621/2)• Malay Language (8622/1 and 8622/2)• Tamil Language (8623/1 and 8623/2)	1 June 2020 8 a.m.	18 June 2020 Thursday, 2 p.m.
<u>A-Level Mother Tongue Language B for JC2s</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chinese B (8611/1 and 8611/2)• Malay B (8613/1 and 8613/2)• Tamil B (8614/1 and 8614/2)	2 June 2020 8 a.m.	19 June 2020 Friday, 2:30 p.m.
<u>A-Level Listening Comprehension for JC1s and JC2s</u> A-Level Mother Tongue Language and A-Level Mother Tongue Language B	22 July 2020	27 July 2020

Removal of Common Last Topics

6. In light of the impact that the extended CB period has on curriculum time and to further allay students' concerns and anxiety about catching up with the curriculum, the Common Last Topics (CLT) will be removed from the national examinations this year. The CLT is a set of topics from a syllabus identified by MOE that would be taught last by all schools towards the end of the academic year. Examples of CLT to be removed include "Introduction to the Chemistry of Transition Elements" for A-Level H2 Chemistry. For skills-based subjects such as English Language and MTL, it will not be meaningful and practical to identify CLTs. In such instances, SEAB will take the disruption to curriculum time into consideration during marking and grading to ensure that all students are fairly assessed. The list of CLT topics for each subject will be communicated to students by their subject tutors.



Rescheduling and Decentralisation of Final Examinations for H3 subjects taught by Autonomous Universities

7. The national examinations for GCE A-Level H3 subjects that are taught by the local Autonomous Universities (AUs) will be rescheduled to take place only after the end of the full HBL period:

H3 AU-Taught Programme	Original Examination Dates	New Examination Date	New Examination Timing
SMU Game Theory	25 April 2020	28 May 2020	2:00 to 5:00 PM
NUS Geopolitics: Geographies of War and Peace	30 April 2020		2:00 to 4:00 PM
NTU Semiconductor Physics and Devices	11 May 2020		2:00 to 4:30 PM
NTU Molecular Biology	12 May 2020		2:00 to 4:30 PM

8. The national examinations for these H3 programmes will be decentralised at respective junior colleges campuses. Our J2 students offering these H3 programmes will be sitting for their examination on 28 May in CJC. We will implement the necessary precautionary measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and examination personnel.

Release of 2019 Project Work (PW) Results

9. The results of the 2019 H1 Project Work (8808) will be released to students on 30 April 2020 from 2:00 p.m. All students receiving their results have been guided by their Home Tutors on how to retrieve their results from a secure online College platform on the day of results release.

10. If you have any further queries, please contact your child's Home Tutor or relevant subject tutors. You may also wish to contact the College at catholic_jc@moe.edu.sg or 62524083/4. Thank you and I wish you, your child and your family a safe and blessed time learning and supporting one another at home.

Yours sincerely,

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