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23 June 2021

Dear JC1 Parents/Guardians,

1. Thank you for your continued support in Term 2 and Full Home Based Learning (FHBL). We look forward to welcoming all CJCians back to school on Monday, 28 June 2021. The College will continue to support our students' learning while safeguarding the well-being of both students and staff.

Home-Based Learning and June Holidays

2. The College shifted to **Full Home-Based Learning (FHBL)** from Wednesday 19 May 2021 to end of the term on 28 May 2021. There were Online June Supplementary Lessons for all JC1 students in the first week of the June Holidays from 31 May to 3 June as well as subject consultations from 23 to 25 June to prepare them for the Mid-Year Examination (MYE).

Mid-Year Examination (MYE)

3. The College conducted the first part of the MYE on 18 May as planned. The **remaining MYE papers** have been postponed to **Term 3 (28 June – 7 July)**. The *revised* MYE timetable was sent to all students and parents in end Term 2. We seek your continued support in providing your child with a conducive and safe learning environment to prepare well for his/her MYE. The MYE constitutes 30% of the marks needed for JC1 promotion criteria.

4. Following the MYE, the College has designated **9 July** as **JC1 MYE Marking Day**. There will be no school and co-curricular activities (CCAs) for JC1 students on this day.

GCE A-Level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Examinations

5. The **GCE A-Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination** will be held on 6 July and the **MTL Oral Examinations** will be conducted from 7 to 21 July. Your child will be briefed by the College and you would also receive a note from MOE on the Safe Management Measures (SMM) pertaining to these examinations.



Self-Directed Learning Days

6. Based on MOE guidelines, the College has scheduled **Self-Directed Learning (SDL) Days** for JC1 students, once every fortnight in Term 3 to complement teaching and learning in college. The SDL Days are on **8 July, 22 July, 5 August and 19 August**. These changes are part of the College's efforts to reap the benefits of blended learning and enhance self-directed learning to better prepare our students for the future. Please see attached slides for more details.

Engagement with Parents

7. In Term 3, we will update you with your child's holistic progress and results during our **online Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC)** conducted over Zoom on **30 July**. We will provide you the instructions in mid-July to allow you to book a slot on Parent Gateway to meet with the Home Tutor on 30 July. We would appreciate it if you could take time to take our Zoom calls and have a productive discussion on your child's development in the coming months leading to year-end examinations.

Continual Assessment 2

8. JC1 students will have their **Continual Assessment 2 (CA2)** from **Term 3 Week 6 to Week 8 (2 – 20 Aug)**. This CA2 will constitute 5% of the marks needed for JC1 promotion criteria. Your child will be informed of the CA2 schedule and key topics tested by the Subject Tutors. CAs and MYE serve as important milestones in your child's journey towards the Promotional Examination at the end of the year (Term 4 Week 3 to Week 4).

Night Study

9. Night Study in Term 2 was cancelled from 16 May due to the heightened alert measure. Depending on the national guidelines, we hope to reinstate **Night Study from 2 – 31 Aug** as students prepare for their CA2 and Promotional Examination.

Physical Education and Co-Curricular Activities

10. Physical Education (PE) classes will resume after the MYE for all students. The PE lessons will be class based and will adhere to safe distancing and other Safe Management measures. **Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)** for JC1s will resume on **12 July**. Given the need to minimise the intermingling of students from different schools, the remaining National School Games fixtures



will be cancelled. CCAs will stand-down after 5 Aug to enable students to focus on preparation for the Promotional Examinations.

Student Leadership

11. The Leadership Training Camp was conducted online for all JC1 student leaders on 28 and 29 May. The JC1 Class Management Committee (CMC) has 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 JC1 Student Council, House and CCA leaders will take over the leadership baton from their seniors with effect from 12 July and lead the college in planning and implementing key programmes. We look forward to their leadership growth and contributions. To further support our student leaders in their growth, more leadership development programmes have been developed to support their leadership journey. **JC1 CMC training session and Student Leaders Strengthfinder workshop** will be held on **23 July and 10 September** respectively.

National Day Celebrations

12. The College will be commemorating **National Day** on **6 August**. 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. The celebrations will end by 12 noon. Your child will be informed of the staggered dismissal times.

End of Term 3

13. The College will be **celebrating Teachers' Day on 2 September**, the last day of school for Term 3. Students will participate in 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. There is **no school on Friday 3 September (Teachers' Day)**. During the one-week holiday in September (6 to 12 Sep), we will take reference from the national guidelines but it is likely that students will be advised not to travel overseas due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

September Holidays

14. **Supplementary lessons** will be held during the September term break from **9 to 10 September** to support students in their learning. These lessons are important to consolidate the



learning in Term 3 and to set the momentum for students' revisions for the JC1 Promotional Examinations. We urge parents to support this programme by ensuring your child is available and ready for learning during these times. We seek your understanding to avoid scheduling other activities for your child during these supplementary lessons period.

Social Responsibility in Safeguarding the Well-being of our College and Larger Community

15. Last but not least, we would like to seek parents' cooperation in helping to ensure our schools are safe for our students and the larger community. Students are reminded to have their TraceTogether token or app with them throughout the school day to facilitate contact tracing. Parents are to keep your child at home if he/she is staying in the same household as **individuals (6 years and above) with flu-like symptoms** and/or have been issued with a Quarantine Order, Stay Home Notice or its equivalent Leave of Absence or Approved Absence notifications. Please also seek appropriate medical attention immediately if you or your children are unwell.

16. We would also like to seek parents' help to remind your child to work with us in ensuring adherence of the following Safe Management Measures:

- a. Students are to **wear masks at all times** in the College, except when eating or drinking. Students/staff should not talk when their masks are off, and should minimise talking while eating and drinking.
- b. **Students coming back to the College for their MYEs, are strongly encouraged to eat at home before coming for their exams and to leave College immediately after the exams.** This is to minimise intermingling beyond their allocated exam grouping and given the limited canteen seating.
- c. Students should continue to wipe down surfaces of common spaces, e.g. classroom and canteen, after they use them.
- d. Students should wash their hands frequently with soap, and use hand sanitisers found in the classroom and/or designated areas in College.

17. Thank you and we look forward to continuing the journey of learning and growth with your child this term. Should you require any clarifications, please contact your child's Home Tutor and relevant Subject Tutors or contact the College at 6252 4083/4, catholic_jc@moe.edu.sg. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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