



19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Students,

Greetings to all of you! Having just gone through exactly a year of lock downs and social distancing, and then seeing our young learners back in school has been a liberating experience. In most classes, we have had full attendance from Day 1; since we reopened our doors for all levels on 8 March. Many group activities and contact sports continue to be in the list of 'cannot be done under the current SOPs' but it is still heartening to see the students enjoying being in the physical presence of their peers and teachers.

But we need to constantly reminding ourselves that we are still in the midst of a pandemic. Only difference is that a year into the pandemic, health care workers are able to deal with it much more efficiently. We need to continue to be vigilant on our part and help in stopping the spread of the virus till all are vaccinated or we as a society have developed herd immunity.

In the last two weeks the students have been back we have managed to take their portraits photographs for magazine as well as for the class montage. Those students who have been absent from school will hopefully be in school next week when we begin our assessment from this term. We intend to have their photographs taken then.

Term II and Trial II Examinations

All assessments will be conducted face to face this term *unless* a student is stranded overseas and is not able to come back to school due to border closure. In case you decide to not send your child to school for the upcoming assessments, only grades will be issued

based on the classwork done only. We have already uploaded the Exam Timetables for all years from Year 4 to 11 on teamie. This will no longer be sent via email. Teamie has proven to be effective during the pandemic and we will continue to use it for dissemination of information.

Our Year 11s have commenced their second Trials for the upcoming IGCSEs today. Some examination boards have cancelled this year's IGCSE and A levels. Cambridge remains committed to conducting this year's exams having been forced to cancel last year. We are hoping that as a nation, we remain healthy with the covid situation under control. The examinations by CAIE will continue unless the country decides to cancel.

MidYIs and Yellis Examinations By CEM

Students in Year 9, 10 and 11 would have noticed that their examination timetable for term II has these strange terms slotted in. These are baseline adaptive tests that are conducted online by CAIE-CEM.

MidYIS for Year 9 and Yellis assesses three key areas of learning:

- Vocabulary – word fluency and understanding
- Mathematics – logical thinking, manipulating numbers and numerical concepts
- Non-verbal ability – ability to match patterns, reflections and rotations and apply visual intuition

Each student completes the assessment independently, working at a computer. We decided to conduct these exams for our students in these classes to see and measure if there has been a gap in their learning since we switched to online methods due to the pandemic. These are also the three senior classes sitting for public examinations this year. There is no special preparation needed by our students for this. We just need the whole group to be present together for the testing to be accurate. Those of you who are interested may read up more about on the website below.

<https://www.cem.org/>

Community work by Tanarataians

Every year our students have visited an NGO or supported a charitable Organisation during Deepavali and Christmas Celebrations. No such events or charitable drives could be executed last year due to the series of MCOs and CMCO. We are hoping now that our students are back in school, you could take some time out to think about the less fortunate in our society. Ms Julie runs the Greater Action Group that works with Afghan Women to make them self-reliant.

A box will be put outside the admin office. You may drop off your pre loved dresses that are no more in use. These will be given a second chance and recycled into sellable items.



**SUPPORTING THE
LIVELIHOOD OF OUR
AFGHAN REFUGEE
TAILORING GROUP**

**WE RECYCLE
YOUR TEXTILES!**

Ethnic wear (saree, kurta, punjabi suit,
baju kurong...)
Plain/printed cotton/denim
Curtain, pillow, quilt and more...

Be part of our recycling project!
For more infos,
contact Ms Julie @016-927 2705
<https://www.greateraction.org/>



Term III Fee Invoice

We will sending out our TERM III fee invoice on Monday. Please note that we will not be handing out any hardcopies of the invoice from now on. Digital invoices alone have been quite effective over the last year.

That is all for today. Do stay safe to keep all of us in the community safe.

Below are the dates for the activities this term.

Calendar

Dates to Remember !

- 19th March - Trial II Examinations
- 22nd March - Term II Examinations
- 31st March - Exams Finish
- 2nd April - Last Day of Term
- 5th April - Language Orals for IGCSE
- 19th April - Term III Starts

Thank you.

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