



5th February 2021

Dear parents and students,

Covid- 19 Update : MCO - 2.0

It's been a while since I have written to you partly because there was nothing new to report. I do hope all of you are safe and keeping yourself mentally as well as physically active while under stay at home orders from the Govt. It becomes increasingly difficult to keep ourselves motivated under the circumstances especially if parents are working and children are online alone at home.

With the recent extension of MCO 2.0 in Malaysia till 18 February, we are mandated by MOE to only allow face-to-face sessions in school for exam-sitting students in Year 11. The Covid-19 cases are not showing any dip in its numbers, and it may be a while before we are allowed to have all our learners back in school.

The Year 11s have been back in school since last week and are writing their Trial Examinations in school. We have arranged for them to be seated in the MPH as all of them can be socially distanced with minimal contact with their peers. We hope to have a hybrid class structure for their lessons after the Chinese New Year. We will update the Year 11 students and their parents later via an email on this matter.

Cambridge Board Examinations

We have recently asked our students in Year 9, 10 and 11 to register for the upcoming Checkpoint and IGCSE May-June 2021 series. The latest newsletter issued yesterday says that CAIE remains committed to have the session as planned as of now.

<https://mailchi.mp/cambridgeinternational/update-for-cambridge-schools-on-the-june-2021-exam-series?e=417259d97c>

But in the recent past we have seen that some Examination boards like Pearson and AQA in UK and have already begun calling off their May-June exam session. We hope that Cambridge

International Examinations will move ahead with their decision as this is the best way to assess learners progress.

Online Extra Curricular Activities to commence on 22 Feb 2021

Some parents as well as ECA trainers have requested for online activities to be scheduled for our students this term. We have spoken to the trainers and the following has been organised.

Here are details of ECA Activities offered in this term. You are allowed to choose more than one activity as long as there is no clash in schedule. To register, please click on the link.

- SPEECH & DRAMA (Primary Level) Tuesday
- TAEKWONDO (Years 1 - 11) Tuesday & Friday
- KARATE (Years 1 - 11) Thursday
- CHESS (Years 1 - 11) Friday
- FRENCH (Selected groups) Tuesday (Only Remedial students)
- KIDS ZUMBA DANCE (Years 1, 2 & 3) Wednesday
- KIDS ZUMBA DANCE (Years 4, 5 & 6) Thursday

<https://forms.gle/j4GRd5j45KdVTP5R7>

Please communicate directly with the trainers concerned for details on payment and activity schedule. The phone numbers are provided in the dropdown menu on the google link. We are hoping this will provide an avenue for our students to mingle albeit virtually with their friends in other classes while having fun.

Chinese New Year Break and Virtual Assembly

We are scheduled to have our Chinese New Year/Mid Term Break from 11 till 17 February. We are planning a Virtual assembly on **19 February (Friday)** to mark this celebration and preparation is underway by different class groups. Students are advised to send in their presentations to their music teachers in time for us to upload on our fb and YouTube channel.

Parents and students, even though we are not meeting physically due to the movement control order, please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone if you have any questions or doubts. We will try our utmost to help any which way we can. The admin office is open during normal office hours through the MCO. At this point I would also like to remind to our International students, if you are planning to leave Malaysia during this pandemic, please do keep the office informed. As all of us are working remotely, the class teacher may not be able to pass the information to the office.

That's all for today.

Stay Safe and Stay Well.

Below are the dates for the virtual activities this term.

Calendar

Dates to Remember !

19th Feb - Chinese New Year Virtual Assembly

22nd Feb - Online Extra Curricular Activities start

Thank you.

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