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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to AY 2021-22!

Early in 2020, the World Health Organization declared the spread of COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic. Reacting to the virus, schools at every level and all across the world were sent scrambling. Institutions across the world switched to virtual learning, with teachers, students, and local leaders quickly adapting to an entirely new way of life. For us in Malaysia when in March 2020, the Prime Minister declared a lock down and all schools closed for physical learning, it was meant to be initially for only for 3 weeks. 17 months on, the situation for our learners remain pretty much the same. Teachers and schools have had to adapt, reinvent, learn new tech tools so that we could recreate as much as possible, all school activities.

As we've learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, going to school in person is how children and teens learn best. Even with best tech tools, staying motivated while isolated from one's peers is challenging. We are hoping that we will be able to bring back our students in exam classes as early as October. Please refer to the media statement by MOE below.

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2021/08/15/now-education-minister-says-schools-to-only-reopen-on-oct-3/1997888>

We remain optimistic that with our combined efforts, the daily cases in Malaysia will reduce and when the time comes for our students to return back to school, parents will have the confidence to send them.

Resuming in-person learning after more than a year of on and off virtual schooling may elicit a wide range of emotions, from excited to apprehensive. Understandably, I have received a few emails from concerned parents. Anxiety around a big change is typical but we will deal with that when the final decision is made to reopen physical school. Besides the usual SOPs to be followed as recommended by MOH, we are in the process of installing additional Ventilation systems to further increase the air exchange rates of the Primary & Secondary classrooms.

Vaccination for teens in Malaysia

With a new school year starting on Wednesday, though, many students are not yet be eligible to get the Covid-19 Vaccines even as the government deliberates on vaccinating 12 -17 year olds.

We have been asked to conduct this survey amongst our parents and students community and send the details to MoE. Kindly fill out the form and submit the required details to us by Friday, 3 September 2021

TiS Students Vaccination Form (12-17 years old)

Online Orientation for new students

I would like to wish a warm welcome to the new students and parents who are joining us this academic year. You would have been contacted by the class teachers for a virtual orientation. Please do reach out to the school's office via admin@tanarata.net if you have any other specific queries.

UBS Bookshop Matters

As informed via the previous email, teachers have been uploading the eBooks on teamie for the all books for which hardcopies are yet not available. We hope to have electronic versions sorted for all the books sorted for all classes. Language and History books for primary and lower secondary is available at the admin office for purchase.

That is all for today.

Below are the dates for the activities this term.

Calendar

Dates to Remember !

- 1st Sept - Term I commences for AY 2021-22
- 16th Sept - Public Holiday/Malaysia Day

Thank you.

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