



“Teachers Open The Doors, But You Must Enter By Yourself.”

Chinese Proverb

13th September 2019

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

May I start with a sincere thank you to all parents for the warm welcome on the first week of school. I trust everyone has settled into school and I feel the revised school timings are working very well. The quotation above resonates for all our students, I am a firm believer in making the most of every opportunity you are presented with or perhaps one that you create.

Events and activities for this term are many, please find a few brief updates for your information:-

Back to School Night and Curriculum Evening

All our parents/guardians are cordially invited to join us as we share information about our school and our curriculum. Event details are as follows:-

Junior School

Back to School Night. Wednesday 18th September 2019, 18:00-20:00 with a welcome by the Head of Junior School. Parents will be informed of the academic and assessment framework. Parents will also have a session to meet the class teachers. Please note that this is an evening for parents only, students are not required to attend. We will be sending an invite with more details for this night.

Senior School: Key stage 3

Curriculum Evening. Parents/guardians from Years 7-9 are invited to join a brief welcome from myself followed by an outline of our curriculum by our subject teams. The event is scheduled for the 24th of September 2019 starting at 15:30 and concluding at 17:00.

CCA & EA

CCA sessions are already in full flow, with many activities taking place in both the Junior and Senior sections. Current activities are focussed on preparation for the upcoming cross country event on the 4th of October and sports days. The PE department will send an additional letter with further details shortly. Due to the current air conditions, elective activities will start from the 23rd of September 2019.

Fardhu Ain Classes

Classes will commence on Monday 23rd of September 2019, Mr Ali has recently sent a letter to parents, please return the reply slip to either Mr Ali or Mr Mohammed at your earliest convenience.

Air Quality

We continue to assess the Air Quality using the Air Pollutant Index of Malaysia (APIMS) and the real time Air Quality Index (AQI). For those unfamiliar with the index, five air pollutants are measured (particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and ozone), the concentrations in a community's air are converted to a number on a scale of 0 to 500. Students are reminded to wear a mask if the index reading becomes high, stay hydrated and avoid strenuous outdoor activity. As we monitor the situation, and readings fall between 100-150, certain activities will remain indoors such as PE classes/Break times and CCAs. Taking guidance from the MOE, should the reading rise to above 200, the school will be closed. We will aim to inform parents before 21:00 on the previous evening should this be the case.

Junior School Updates

We have commenced our house CCA activities this week. Our newly introduced interdisciplinary (IDL) sessions have started, with students partaking their ownership and involvement in the 12 week project planning that will end with a learning journey exhibition, which you will be invited to celebrate with us, at the end of the term. Teachers are working on junior curriculum newsletters which will give you a snapshot of our termly and academic expectations. The Humanities Trails in October shall introduce our students to outdoor classroom learning.

Senior School Updates

Senior School Camp

Camps, bonding days, educational visits and overnight experiences certainly enrich and compliment our curriculum here at the school. It is crucial we choose the right destination and vendor to facilitate these opportunities. To this end, it has become necessary to amend the Senior Camp date. I endeavour to avoid changes to the school calendar where possible, however; on this occasion and after careful consideration, we will need to revise the date. Furthermore, we have a number of our Senior students taking the IGCSE Islamic Studies Examination who will now be able to fully focus on examination preparation with a revised camp date. The new date will ensure our PE staff have the opportunity to visit and assess the venue and complete all necessary planning tasks. The revised date for Senior Camp will be November the 20th until the 22nd for students in Years 7-11. Over the coming weeks, the camp organisers will come into school and give a short presentation to students and parents. Further details will be available shortly.

Dates for your Diary

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| ● <i>Back to School Night - Juniors</i> | <i>18th September 2019</i> |
| ● <i>EAs start</i> | <i>23rd September 2019</i> |
| ● <i>Fardhu Ain Classes commence</i> | <i>23rd September 2019</i> |
| ● <i>Year 7-9 Curriculum Evening</i> | <i>24th September 2019</i> |
| ● <i>CAT 4 testing Year 7</i> | <i>30th September 2019</i> |
| ● <i>MIGS Cross Country</i> | <i>4th October 2019</i> |
| ● <i>Awareness Week</i> | <i>7th-11th October 2019</i> |
| ● <i>Junior School Humanities Trail</i> | <i>22nd & 23rd October 2019</i> |
| ● <i>Deepavali & Term Break</i> | <i>27th -30th October 2019</i> |

Best regards



JOHN P BIRCH

Principal