

## MUTIARA INTERNATIONAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL SDN BHD (391277-M)

DISCOVERING POTENTIAL • LEARNING TO CARE • RESPECTING DIFFERENCES

"May everything turn out as you wish in the coming year!"

Chinese New Year Wish

For Our students - 学习进步!

6th February 2020

MIGS/ADM/T2/PRC/WS/PS/2020-0188

Dear Parents/Guardians

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I trust everyone is enjoying the Chinese New Year celebrations for the Spring Festival, and the beginning of the Year of the Rat. Fifteen days of celebrations continue acknowledging several myths and customs. The festival was traditionally a time to honour both deities as well as ancestors. In the coming days candles are lit outside houses as a way to guide wayward spirits home. This day is celebrated as the Lantern Festival, and families walk the street carrying lighted lanterns. Our Lion Dance celebration is scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> of February and please remind your sons and daughters to come dressed in something **red**.

In China, Malaysia, and Singapore, this day is celebrated by individuals seeking a romantic partner, akin to Valentine's Day. Here at MIGS there will be a friendship day when students can purchase gifts from our Year 11 students should they wish to send to friends.

As you are aware, we continue to deal with the somewhat uncertain, but nonetheless real threat of the CoronaVirus. We continue to implement the precautions to keep our students and community as safe as possible and prevent the spread of the condition. We will continue our Daily screening – Students and teachers, parents and visitors, will be screened before entering the school each morning and form tutors and teachers remain on alert during classes, sending students with any symptoms such as fever, sore throat, runny nose or cough to the Nurse as soon as possible. If any student does show these symptoms, parents will be contacted and students sent home. In order to return to school please provide an 'all clear' certificate from a medical practitioner.

We have also taken additional measures by postponing all sports competitions at other schools and also competitions we have scheduled where we would host students at our campus.

## MOCK EXAMINATIONS - YEAR 11 - MONDAY THE 10TH OF FEBRUARY

The IGCSE Mock examinations have concluded and some very valuable and detailed feedback has been shared with our students. Parents will shortly receive a Mock Examinations Report, summarising performances. On *Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February* starting at 15:00, all Year 11 parents are invited to join the *IGCSE Specific Parent Teacher Conference*. During this time, myself and the staff will share grades and give advice on the next steps to examination success and confirm examination entries for the May/June session. We will also discuss some predicted grades based on our assessment data and experience of previous student comparisons. I urge all Year 11 parents and students to join us in the hall on this day.

As we approach the examination season, we have also compiled several revision opportunities. We will utilize both the CCA time and Global Perspectives allocation to focus our students and assist their preparation for the IGCSE examinations. I must also take a moment to thank our IGCSE teachers who have again offered their expertise and time, not only during the school day, but also during the upcoming term break. A schedule is currently being finalised to ensure good preparation for the May/June series.

## Dates for your Diary

| <ul> <li>MIGS Lion Dance</li> </ul>        | 7 <sup>th</sup> February  |
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| <ul> <li>Year 11 Parent meeting</li> </ul> | 10 <sup>th</sup> February |
| <ul> <li>MIGS Cross Country</li> </ul>     | 21st February             |
| <ul> <li>MIGS Wellbeing week</li> </ul>    | 24 <sup>th</sup> February |

Please continue to follow us @migskl #migskl on our social media platforms on IG, FB, Twitter, Youtube to see the teaching and learning updates happening within our school campus and community this year.

Best regards,

JOHN P BIRCH

Principal