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Dear Parents and Guardians,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – LATEST UPDATE

As we begin our Mid Term break following the conclusion of today's learning, I am sure we are all looking forward to resting and taking some time away from the screen. I do hope people are keeping healthy, exercising when and where possible and perhaps avoiding simply switching the laptop screen for the television screen.

As we look to prepare for an update from the MOE on the potential reopening of school on the 9th of June 2020, allow me to share some thoughts and updates with you.

Learning

We continue to utilize our current remote learning provision following the mid term break, up to and including Tuesday the 9th of June 2020. Any revisions and preparations following this will be shared accordingly. I spoke about a potential 'soft' opening in my most recent update, to include a blend of remote learning and limited physical access to the school, maintaining Social Distancing and specific operational procedures. This will most likely involve staff returning to school and delivering physical lessons to students designated to be on campus. Following the usual timetable structure, they will also deliver lessons remotely to those students who will connect from home.

Campus access

Closer to the time (and pending MOE clarifications) I will send a campus access schedule for our students to follow along with guidelines for the arrangements for breaks and also guidance for classes such as Physical Education. I will refrain from giving too many details at this time as the situation remains fluid. Parents please rest assured we have devised a system for movement whilst in school to ensure social distancing and allocated certain spaces and areas for break times. Please also find some information recently posted on our Parent Portal.

Assessments, examinations and reports

Staff have continued to prepare robust meaningful work for our students to complete to ensure the usual curriculum areas and skills are covered. In essence our continuous or ongoing assessment has been maintained and will make its usual contribution and feature on the school report. For our scheduled formal examinations (*currently scheduled to commence for the Senior on the 10th of June and the Junior School for the 15th of June*) all the assessments are being prepared and will be ready with a little flexibility in timetable/schedule. As I receive clarification from the MOE regarding opening, I will announce the revised assessment/examination schedule accordingly, these assessments will almost certainly be pushed forward. This may also entail these assessments/examinations taking place in usual lesson time whilst the students are on campus, or in almost the final week of term. In this case term reports will be sent electronically and the PTC and target setting meetings will rotate forwards to September 2020.

Please refer to any key dates below for the month of June 2020.

JUNE 2020	DESCRIPTION/EVENT/ACTION
Monday 1 st June - Monday 8 th June	Remote learning continues
Wednesday 3 rd June	Last Day for Year 9 into Year 10 IGCSE option choices
Friday 5 th June	Sixth Form candidates and parent ZOOM meeting and A Level subject submissions to Principal
Tuesday 9 th June	Tentative School Staggered reopening and a mixture of remote learning <i>or</i> Continued Remote Learning
Wednesday 10 th June	Remote learning continues and examination schedule update
Following these dates an update for the remainder of the term will be provided	

MIGS Early Years and Sixth Form

We were recently very enthused by the authorisation given by the MOE and Cambridge Assessment International Education to launch our Early Years programme and also our A Level programmes. Both will be opening in September 2020, please do contact the admissions team for further details. May I also thank the Yr 11 parents who recently joined me to discuss IGCSE and A Levels. Please refer to the Parent Portal for details of the A level programme.

Academic Scholarships

For September 2020 MIGS will be offering a series of Academic Scholarship Awards to certain selected Year Groups. These will be our very first scholarships and I am very pleased that we are launching these soon. For some initial details please refer to the Parent Portal.

Finally, may I wish you all "*Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri*" be safe and restful break and that all remain safe.

Very best regards to all.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PAUL BIRCH
Principal