



17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

MIGS/ADM/T2/PRCWS/PS/2021-0250

Dear Parents/Guardians

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SCHOOL UPDATES OF TERM 2 AY 2020/21

I am very pleased that everyone is back in school and continues to remain safe and well. As we approach the middle of our second week please find some updated information as we approach the conclusion of Term 2 AY 2020/21.

### ***MIGS Curriculum***

As we have hopefully moved towards an extended period of Face to Face learning from the school campus, allow me to share some of the more subtle changes to our curriculum allocation and delivery; this focus is mainly around Physical Education classes. We recently reduced this allocation while learning online and as the types of activity currently remain restricted; in the Junior school PE remains reduced to once a week. The additional time we will continue utilise to focus on other curriculum areas/subjects such as English, Mathematics and Science. When a greater diversity of sports activities are allowed I will review this arrangement accordingly. I hope this will be at the start of the third term when we can increase the allocation of Physical Education once more.

### ***School Uniform***

As we approach the break (and hopefully following this we return to school), I understand that parents may well be reluctant to buy new uniforms for their growing children. For the next two weeks of term please do wear your 'older' uniforms. However; please do bear in mind that when we hopefully return in April we will return to our usual requirements for school uniform and student appearance.

I have also noticed several students whose hair is becoming really quite long, and again whilst I do understand that some may not want to risk a trip to the hair salon (as the hairdresser/barber will be in close proximity) for safety and appearance students must tie long hair back and keep things as neat as possible under the current circumstances.

### ***Year 11 IGCSE Study Programmes***

As our Year 11 students continue with their final preparations for the examinations series this year, a number of structured revision classes will be available during the break. Further details will be available from form tutors. It is vital that at this stage *all* Year 11 students take each opportunity to improve their knowledge and understanding in preparation for the examinations.

***Study leave*** - traditionally our Year 11 IGCSE students will be able to complete their final revision and preparations from home, however as we have been in the remote learning phase I wish to ensure our students are confident and prepared. To this end usual timetabled classes for Year 11 will continue from the 19<sup>th</sup> of April until the 29<sup>th</sup> of April following the usual school timetable. During these two weeks Fridays for year 11 will be utilised for revision classes after the first two periods (10:30-12:30).



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## **School Reports and Parent Teacher Conferences**

I am pleased to share that all school reports will be compiled on time and will be available according to the following schedule: -

**Junior & Senior School** - All reports will be distributed on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 and will be a nice starting point for Parent Teacher Conference discussions. Parents of our Year 11 students will also note our planning for both formal examinations and potential teacher based assessments and predicted grades.

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Whilst we have stayed connected remotely, it does feel like some time since we have spoken to parents and had the opportunity to discuss progress. Over the last two weeks our teaching staff have been assessing their students; Identifying Gaps – recognizing levels of progress, measuring the depth of any potential gaps in understanding, creating Raising Achievement Plans (RAPs) and adapting their teaching content and strategies accordingly.

As always these conferences provide a great opportunity for parents to obtain valuable feedback on students' progress, discuss improvements and set some key targets to support learning for the term ahead. The following arrangements are in place: -

## **Venues**

As it continues to be vital to maintain our SOPs for social distancing, the following venues will be utilised this time around: -

**Junior School** - Specialist subject teachers and Year level class teachers will be located in their respective classrooms (a location or room map will be available on the day and sent approximately 3 days via email prior to the conferences) The majority of these will be in Blocks B and C.

**Senior School** - These will also feature individual or subject based zones with a maximum capacity in each room in line with SOPs. The majority of these are located in Block A and the original building.

## **Appointments**

We will utilise the online booking system which will be available a week in advance to make appointments.

Time Allocation for Appointments: Junior School - 15 minutes per student

Time Allocation for Appointments: Senior School -10 minutes per student



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## SCHEDULES

□ - Teachers in School for appointments

Date	Junior School			Senior School	
	Session 1 08:00-12:00	Session 2 12:30 - 15:30	Session 3 16:00-19:00	Session 1 08:00-12:00	Session 2 12:30 - 15:30
29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Junior staff Do Not attend Campus</b>	□	□	□	□
30 <sup>th</sup> March	□	No staff in school		□	No Staff in School

Both Junior and Senior parents may make appointments to meet with teachers via our online booking system from Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at 15:00, using the following steps: -

- 1 Go to <https://migs.edu.my>
- 2 Log in to the Parent Portal using this password: **Jan21MIGS**
- 3 Click on Student Online Booking System (SOBS)
- 4 Click on Book Now to make your booking
- 5 Please note this booking option will close on **Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March at 15:00**

### **Connecting with the community**

#### **Recently we happy to receive a visit from**

YDH Tn ACP Mohamad Farouk bin Eshak, Ketua Polis Daerah KPD Ampang Jaya (Chief District Police) and his respected colleagues, Messrs YDH Tn Supt Mohd Azam bin Ismail. T/KPD Ampang Jaya (Deputy Chief District Officer) ASP Muthiah Suppiah Pegawai Perhubungan Sekolah (PPS) (School Liaison Officer) DSP Mohd Izham Bin Hj. Hamzah (Head of District Mgmt Division Ampang Jaya) and DSP Kee Hang Kee (Head of Community Safety Crime Prevention Division Ampang Jaya)

They took time out to visit the school and discuss ways in which we can work together as a school and in the local community. Some interesting discussions ensued and we look forward to working together in the future. They were very supportive of the work we have done at school during the unique situation.

### **MIGS Foundation Day**

Every year, we take a moment to celebrate our Mutiara International Grammar School foundation day. Commemorating the day when our school was established back in 1997. This remains as significant as ever and an opportunity to remind our current students and staff about the humble beginnings of this educational institution. Whilst this year certain very necessary restrictions are in place, we must still take a moment to mark this special day.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all at the Parent Teacher Conferences.

Best regards

**John P Birch**  
Principal