



8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

MIGS/ADM/T3/PRC/WS/PS/2021-0265

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – END OF TERM 3 AY 2020/21 UPDATES AND LATEST INFO FOR TERM 1 AY 2021/22

As we approach the end of the Academic Year 2020/21 allow me to share some key information with you. Please also allow me to thank all parents for their support of student learning, and much appreciated flexibility during these continued uncertain times.

As always we all continue to await the announcement on any potential extensions of, or reviewed guidelines for the current EMCO. Three key milestones were announced that will affect the relative level of movement control and provide an indication on the possibility of schools regaining campus access. I still remain hopeful that our students can safely return to campus in September 2021. Again plans are in place and have been discussed with the MOE, including revised SOPs for a full or partial campus entry. When the latest announcements are made I will select our most appropriate method and share this with our community.

As the vaccination programmes gather momentum our Senior school students in Years 10-13 have recently been sent several forms to complete regarding potential student vaccinations; focused initially on year groups with external examinations. Over the coming weeks and months, I am sure more information on this will become available.

### **Student progress**

Currently staff are heavily involved in final assessment and creating school reports. I am very pleased that staff continue to inform me that student progress continues at a good pace even in this changed environment.

### **End of term arrangements**

In essence the information for the end of term arrangements remains in place, with a few revisions and we hope that the campus reopens next term. These are as follows :-

DATE	EVENT/ITEM	
The last week of Term	<b>Reports to Parents date remains unchanged</b>	
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Usual School Days	<b>Remote Learning continues</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>This remains the LAST DAY of Remote learning for Term One.</b> <i>(MIGS Learner Awards please refer to the item towards the end of this document)</i>	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 11 IGCSE examination results available via the CAIE site	
Mid-August Robotics Demonstrations!	<i>I am pleased to announce a series of introductory virtual demonstrations in August, I will update with further details as they are concluded either via the email, the parent portal or other Social Media Channels</i>	



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## **Parent Teacher Conferences -Term 3 AY 2020/21**

I still remain hopeful that we can complete these face to face whilst back on campus in September, hopefully allowing for richer discussions on assessments and the planning of future learning goals. Should any announcements from the MOH/MOE continue to restrict campus access, the Parent Teacher Conferences will be delivered virtually via video conferences. The suggested date at the time of writing this email is the first week of the new term from Wednesday 8th until Friday 10th of September.

As we strive to maintain accurate assessments of student abilities to enhance learning and guide progress, there will be additional assessment progress checks in the first term to ensure we maintain the pace of progress and development. More on these assessments will be shared in the future.

## **Key Dates -Term 1 New Academic Year 2021/22**

DATES	EVENT/ITEM
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Teachers Professional Development days - preparation of classrooms and/or learning materials for the remote learning platform. No students in school or online learning.
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Students return to Campus or Remote Learning commences
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<i>Suggested Parent Teacher Conference Dates - on campus or virtual to be confirmed towards the end of August.</i>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School and/or remote learning closed : Malaysia Day Holiday
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School and/or remote learning closed : Prophet Mohammad's Birthday
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School and/or remote learning closed : Deepavali celebrations and <b>Term Break</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><i>Parent Teacher Conferences and End of Term One.</i></b>

## **School Calendar AY 2021/2022**

As this evolves additional items will be included as we return to campus. Please find the essential Term dates below:-



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TERM	Teachers Return	Students Start	Break	Finish (End of Term)
ONE	CPD 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December - PTC and Closure
TWO	CPD Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan – Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb - CNY	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March PTC and Closure
THREE	CPD Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April TBC	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May - Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May - Hari Raya	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July

## Student recognition

As our students continue to make progress overcoming new challenges, it is important we reward their efforts, not only with good grades and comments on their school reports, but also with some student awards. Our Prefects, Head Boy and Head Girl, Sports Captains etc have been selected and recognised throughout the year, allow me to share some of the awards available as we conclude the Academic Year.

Division	Award / celebration	Format
Early Years and Foundation	Graduation from Reception to Year 1	A virtual presentation shared with parents on the parent portal.  Expected publishing date 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021.
Junior School	4 students in each year group will be recognised for their performance across the year.	
Senior School	Subject group awards: This year these will follow the Cambridge curriculum groups found below. Senior Student learner awards - a new set of awards for the whole Senior School	
Yr 11 Graduates	A virtual format for both Year 11 class of 2021 and Year 11 class of 2020	



## Senior School New Awards...

Description	Award Titles
<p>These awards for Year 7-10 will be generated from the school reports where students demonstrate ability in the subject groups on the right.</p> <p>Two winners from each year group in each category will be announced.</p>	<p>MIGS Languages Award MIGS Humanities and Social Sciences Award MIGS Sciences Award MIGS Mathematics Award MIGS Creative and Professional Award</p>

## Senior School Holistic Awards

These awards have a set of criteria shared with the teaching staff and a system to identify our students who show the following attributes:

### Confidence

#### **Confident in working with information and ideas – their own and those of others**

This award is for MIGS students who are confident, secure in their knowledge, they don't take things for granted and are always ready to take intellectual risks. They are keen to explore and evaluate ideas and arguments in a structured, critical and analytical way. They are able to communicate and defend views and opinions whilst respecting those of others.

### Responsible

#### **Responsible for themselves, responsive to and respectful of others**

This award recognises MIGS students who take ownership of their learning, set targets and insist on intellectual integrity. They are both collaborative and supportive. They understand that their actions have impacts on others and also on the environment. They appreciate the importance of culture, context and our community.

### Reflective

#### **Reflective as learners, developing their ability to learn**

This award is for MIGS students who understand themselves as learners. They are concerned with the processes as well as the products of their learning and develop the awareness and strategies to become lifelong learners.

### Innovative

#### **Innovative and equipped for new and future challenges**

This award is for MIGS students who welcome new challenges and meet them resourcefully, with imagination and creatively. They are capable of applying their knowledge and understanding to solve new and unfamiliar problems. They can adapt flexibly to new situations that often require new ways of thinking.



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## Engaged

### Engaged intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference

This award is for MIGS students who demonstrate curiosity, embody a spirit of enquiry and often want to dig more deeply. They are keen to learn new skills and are receptive to new ideas. They work equally well independently but also with others. They are equipped to participate constructively in society and the economy – locally, nationally and globally.

## Student farewells

This year more than ever we have faced many hurdles and changing landscapes, we have had to say goodbye to families who have returned to their home countries and some who have had to relocate. May I take a moment to say farewell and let students know we have enjoyed having them in our school and community and hope they too have enjoyed the journey with us.

As I am sure we all remain hopeful for the future, allow me to leave you with one quotation from Nelson Mandela that I think resonates well for a whole host of people, from students to government leaders and we navigate the times ahead.

*'It always seems impossible until it's done'*

Please all remain safe and let me wish you a well-deserved break.

Warm regards,

Mr. JOHN P. BIRCH  
Principal