



2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

MIGS/ADM/T1/PRC/WS/PS/2021-0266

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## WELCOME NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL – TERM 1 ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

As we approach the start of the new Academic Year allow me to share some key information with you. Please also allow me as always, to thank all parents for their support of student learning, and continued (and much appreciated flexibility) during these continued uncertain times.

Thank you to those parents who were able to complete the questionnaire sent by the Ministry of Education that was mainly focused on the opening of schools. Latest announcements suggest we are aiming for a return in early October 2021. Plans remain in place and have been discussed with the MOE, including revised SOPs for a full or partial campus entry. When the latest announcements are confirmed I will select our most appropriate method and share this with our community.

I am pleased to confirm the Cambridge IGCSE and A Level November examination series (although in reality these run from October to November as more subjects are added) are due to take place here on campus with enhanced SOPs for the examination students.

### REMOTE LEARNING

During the staff development days, teachers have been actively engaged in developing the Learning Platform for the new Academic Year. We will utilise this successful mode of learning and structure for September, with all course outlines, assignments and class notices on this central resource, accessible via the MIGS Parent Portal. For our new parents an example of last term's site can be found on our school website. A new password to access this site will be sent in due course.

### STUDENT PROGRESS

I hope everyone had an opportunity to view the recent MIGS awards and I am very pleased that student progress continues at a good pace even in this changed environment. This is also confirmed through our recent IGCSE examination performances, details can be found on our MIGS website, with a brief synopsis below.

<i>Overall Results</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>10 year averages</i>
A* - A	57%	52%
A* - B	77%	74%
A* - C	87%	90%

Congratulations to our students, and worthy thanks to our teachers, who in somewhat difficult circumstances were able to surpass our very healthy 10-year average performance. I remain entirely confident that we continue to deliver personalised learning with a progressive world recognised curriculum, culminating in proven performances. Please also briefly indulge me in celebrating some outstanding individual performers below.

<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Students - number of subjects taken are in brackets</b>
ALL A*s	Nawal Alisya Binti Mohd Sofiyuddin (10) Nam Phuong Dinh (8)
All A* or A	Phang Jun Ming (9) Daniel Ramzi Tan (8) Madihah Masturina Binti Mohd Zainol (8) Naofal Ikhlas Bin Mohd Zaid (8) Osezua Ehizogie Ejodame (5)
Other notable performers	Chiew Qian Ling (9A*s or A & 1 B) Nur Sajjidah Balqis Binti Mohamed Tarmizi (8A*s or A & 1 B) Muhammad Muqhriz Bin Iskander Dzulkarnain (7As* or A & 1 B) Nur Sabrina Binti Ahmad Shuhaini (7As* or A & 2 Bs)

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES -TERM 3 AY 2020/21**

At the end of last term I was hopeful that we could complete these face to face in September, however recent announcements and the continuation of 'Phase 1 status' means these will be virtual in nature. This will still allow for healthy discussions on assessments and the planning of future learning goals. The new dates are the second week of the new term from Tuesday 14th and Wednesday the 15th of September. Classes will conclude at 12 noon on both days and conference bookings will run from 14:00-18:00.

### **KEY DATES -TERM ONE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>EVENT/ITEM</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021</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 2021</b>	Learning continues via the Remote Learning platform, the school campus remains closed at this time.
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	<i>Revised PTC dates, taking place as virtual Conferences Online Lessons conclude at 12noon on both days Appointments are available from 14:00 - 18:00</i>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	School and/or remote learning closed : Malaysia Day Holiday
<b>4<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>	Campus due to re-open*
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>	School and/or remote learning closed : Prophet Mohammad's Birthday
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>	School and/or remote learning closed : Deepavali celebrations and Term Break
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	<b><i>Parent Teacher Conferences and End of Term One.</i></b>

\*pending any revisions from the MOE

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR AY 2021/2022**

The abridged version is available on the school website and will be populated as more activities become allowed.

### **NEW STAFF**

I am delighted to announce two new members of our teaching team!

*Ms Yogarani Lingam* joins us in the Senior School as an Accounting and Business Studies specialist, bringing both experience and tangible enthusiasm to the Senior School team.

*Mr Hesam Tehrani* joins the Senior School English Department, as an experienced educator and PHD holder, Mr Tehrani is a welcome addition to the school.

I am sure our students will welcome both new members of staff, although virtually at first, with enthusiasm and interest.

### **VACCINATIONS**

Recently parents/guardians of children in the Senior school (aged between 12 and 17 years) will have received a letter and consent form from our MIGS Nurse, Ms Reka. This is regarding the proposal from the Ministry of Education to initiate a vaccination programme for school students. Please take a moment to read this and give your response to Ms Reka.

Finally, may I welcome everyone back on the **6<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2021** and although a somewhat different start to the year, let it be as successful as the past.

Warm regards,



**MR JOHN P BIRCH**  
Principal