



MUTIARA INTERNATIONAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL SDN BHD

(391277-M)

DISCOVERING POTENTIAL • LEARNING TO CARE • RESPECTING DIFFERENCES

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Dear Parents and Guardians

As we approach the end of term two for this academic year allow me to share some updates and some messages of thanks.

I am sure you will all agree that reopening at full capacity has been a positive step, we are enjoying the students being back on campus and we have coped admirably with the presentation of some new challenges. Allow me to open by thanking staff and parents for the flexibility and support shown for the students, and the school as a whole.

Please find the most up to date information below as we conclude the term :-

Date	Item
Wednesday 23rd March	Reports distributed to students/parents
Thursday 24th March	PTC Day One - appointments from 08:00 -15:30
Friday 25th March	PTC Day Two - appointments from 07:30 - 12:30
<i>Term Break until students return on the 11th of April 2022</i>	

As a reminder both Junior and Senior parents may make appointments to meet with teachers via our online booking system the following steps: -

- 1 Go to <https://migs.edu.my>
- 2 Log in to the Parent Portal using this password: **MIGST2Jan2022**
- 3 Click on Student Online Booking System (SOBS)
- 4 Click on Book Now to make your booking

School assessments & reports

As we compile our data and evidence for student progress, please find a brief update for Term 2 as we carefully consider the transition from online to physical learning. In the Senior school I am pleased we were able to complete our Mid Year Examinations and contributions of Formative and Summative assessments have been reviewed. The balance of formative and summative assessments will reflect our time on campus, and will be as follows :-

Section	TERM 2 Report style and descriptions of formative & summative contributions	TERM 3 Projected
EYFS	A student portfolio from face to face and online lessons	As Term 2
KS1	All based on 100% formative assessments	
KS 2	A contribution of 60% Formative and 40% Summative	
KS3	Year 7,8 & 9 A contribution of 60% Formative and 40% Summative	7 & 8 - as Term 2 Year 9 50:50
KS4	Year 10 Formative 50% Summative 50%	Formative 40% Summative 60%

For those unfamiliar with the purposes of Formative and Summative assessment, or a brief refresher, please read on.

Often called Assessment for Learning, the purpose of **formative assessment** is to *monitor student learning and provide ongoing feedback* to students. It helps students identify their strengths and weaknesses, and begins to enable students to manage their education and move towards becoming an independent learner. For teaching staff it provides information about the areas students are struggling with so that improvements can be made. These can still be tests and quizzes and assessments given a grade.

At the end of a course or topic the goal of **summative assessment** is to evaluate student learning at the end of a unit, often comparing it to a certain standard or benchmark.

I often use the example of someone who is learning to drive; during the lessons the instructor give you constant formative feedback; when you take your test, this would be the summative element.

Year 11 and IGCSEs

In a slight change from the previous year (when grades were based on teacher marks and judgements) assessments will continue for Year 11. Following the latest Cambridge guidance, schools must gather a portfolio of evidence to send to the examination board in the event we are not able to complete examinations in school; or in the event students are unable to attend school because of Covid -19. Subject specialists who are able to offer Easter revision classes have been conversing with our Year 11 group.

General updates as we look towards term 3.

School Uniform

As mentioned previously regarding uniforms and the substantial period of remote learning, we are confident that the shortage or delay in the supply of school uniforms will no longer be a factor as we move to Term 3. Therefore school uniform expectations begin to realign - allow me to remind students and parents that for the next Academic Year, full school uniform will be the expectation from September.

Again my current priority is that students are in school and able to access the curriculum and in time access more of our facilities. Staff have reminded students that although it is positive to gain as much 'wear' out of the current uniforms, there continues to be a need for hygiene and neatness.

School Curriculum evenings

These have been postponed until Term 3 when we are able to safely increase the number of visitors in school. During these evenings we can discuss and share information regarding the changes to the CAIE curriculum and how we transition, share our assessment planning as we support student progress and discuss future events. I hope to have these evenings in the month of May.

IGCSE

Yr 11 isolation

Year 11 will continue to attend school following the break. From the 12th of April a proposal is set to isolate Year 11 across 2/3 classrooms of the top floor of Block B, all staff to move to teach in one of these rooms. I do this as we look to ensure our IGCSE candidates can take as many actual exams as possible.

Year 11 students study leave will only be available from the 28th of April 2022.

School Calendar AY 2022/2023

I have a draft calendar in place for the coming academic year, which I will share the outline dates for in due course. Please make note of a slight change in the Term 3 calendar as below:

School Holiday Scheduled Tuesday 19th April will change to Friday 15th of April

This will create two full school weeks following the break and prior to the Hari Raya Aidilfitri short break in May. The existing and new calendar for April is below for reference

APRIL '22						
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The older version

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The new version

Term Three - Key Dates -AY 2021/22	
Monday 11th April	First Day of term 3 - Teachers and students return
Friday 15th April	This becomes a school holiday in place of the 19th of April.
Tuesday 19th April	Now it has become a usual school day.
Monday 2nd of May - Thursday 5th May	Term Break
Monday 16th May	School and/or remote learning closed : Wesak day Holiday
Thursday 14th & Friday 15th of July	Parent teacher conferences for Term 3 - Schedules to be announced in early July
Monday 18th of July	<i>School closed for term break.</i>

Finally, allow me to wish you a safe and restful break and we look forward to Term 3!

Kind regards



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Principal