



**A Jesuit Secondary School**

11 July 2020

Dear parents and Wahyanites,

**Arrangements for Early Commencement of the Summer Vacation**

In view of the volatile situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the exponential growth of confirmed cases of local infections over the past few days, the Education Bureau (EDB) has announced that **schools should advance the commencement of the summer vacation to 13 July 2020**, drawing our school year to a close abruptly.

Distinct from class suspension, schools still have the flexibility to continue with, postpone or cancel school activities based on the context. For this reason, the School would like to elucidate our arrangements for the early summer vacation as follows:

- 1) The S.5 Chinese Language School-based Assessment (SBA) will be postponed to September 2020.
- 2) The Pre-S1 Hong Kong Attainment Test will be held as scheduled for 14 July 2020 as S1 class allocation is based on the results of the test.
- 3) S.4 subject allocation results will be released via eNotice as scheduled for 20 July 2020.
- 4) The Anniversaries Mass of Thanksgiving and Speech Day 2019 will be postponed until further notice.
- 5) The HKDSE results will be released as scheduled for 22 July 2020.
- 6) Examination report cards will be distributed as scheduled for 24 July 2020. With reference to the guidelines provided by the Education Bureau, students will be arranged to come back in batches to collect report cards from their Class Teachers in home classrooms. The arrangements are as follows:

S.1: 9:00-9:30 a.m. (Students should arrive in home classrooms on or before 8:55 a.m.)

S.2: 10:00-10:30 a.m. (Students should arrive in home classrooms on or before 9:55 a.m.)

S.3: 11:00-11:30 a.m. (Students should arrive in home classrooms on or before 10:55 a.m.)

S.4 & 5: 12:00 noon- 12:30 p.m. (Students should arrive in home classrooms on or before 11:55 a.m.)

The above arrangements may be updated and latest arrangements will be notified via eClass and the Microsoft Teams ePlatform. Please stay tuned.

The learning of students has been seriously impaired by periods of class suspension, and our

teachers will make earnest efforts to provide support for students, especially S.5 students, through eLearning during the extended summer vacation. We are committed to offering our support and guidance amid unpredictability and ambivalence, accompanying our students in the creation of a hope-filled future.

The academic year 2019-2020 is a blessed and trying year. This is a blessed year as we are celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary; this is a trying year as we had two prolonged periods of class suspension in the first term as well as the second term respectively. As different students have disparate learning curves, while some students emanate self-directed learning capabilities and are less affected by the class suspension, some others might find it hard to focus and concentrate, inundated by the interruption, feeling lost and despondent, resulting in a far from satisfactory performance in the examination. I just want to let you know that we care about every individual student and we are more than eager to help you rise from where you fall; anyway, life is full of vicissitudes, and hurdles in life are just meant to help you become stronger and tougher. We may lose a match, we may fail in an examination, but we shall never lose our hearts. We should learn to accept failure gracefully, do reflection on the experience and strive for betterment, living out our school spirit Magis, doing better for the greater glory of God. Let us keep our faith and put what we learn from our school prayer into action: “O Lord Jesus, be with me in my disappointments and sufferings, so that I may have strength to overcome my problems and accept my pain with courage and cheerfulness.” Our teachers, social workers and psychologists are always here to help; just let us know, and we shall be there to help.

Wahyanites, the early commencement of the summer vacation does not put a full stop to our learning. Given the extra space and time, please take the initiative in making the summer vacation enjoyable as well as meaningful. You may like to read some books to broaden your horizons, play some games to keep yourselves physically strong, learn a foreign language to connect with people in different places, do revision to get ready for the future. Anyway, to create a hope-filled future, the best you can do at this stage is to equip yourselves well, and I cannot agree more with what the French biologist Louis Pasteur said, “Chance favours the prepared mind.”

The end of the term is just another chapter in the passage of time. While we are bidding adieu to our beloved departing staff members, our camaraderie will continue down memory lane. We wish the following revered educators all the best in their retirement:

- 1) Mr. CHOI Wai Hoi
- 2) Mr. SHING Chi Keung
- 3) Mr. LEE Hang Kin David
- 4) Mr. CHOW Yuk Ting
- 5) Mr. KWAN Man Leung

6) Mr. WU Kin Wah

We wish the following adored educators every success in their future endeavours:

- 1) Mr. FUNG Kwun Ki
- 2) Mr. WONG Kwok Hong
- 3) Mr. CHAN Geng Chuen Bosco
- 4) Ms. AU YEUNG Wing Tung Gloria

I am deeply indebted to all our teachers for their strenuous efforts in helping our students to unlock their potential, nurturing them to be Men of Human Excellence and forming them to be Men for and with Others. As an aided grant school, we are facing the challenges of limited resources and also ripples of the social unrest. Yet, I firmly believe that all Wahyanites have colossal potential and only the sky is the limit; with concerted efforts, we shall be united to strive for our common goals, overcoming our threats and turning them into opportunities. The future is indeed in our hands.

During the summer vacation, our campus will remain open. You may rest assured that various anti-epidemic measures, including disinfection of school premises, checking of body temperature, wearing of masks, as well as keeping social distancing and other relevant contingency measures, are put in place to safeguard the health of our students and teachers.

Let us stay healthy and enjoy a staycation.

Yours faithfully,



Warren CHUNG  
Principal

