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Dear parents and Wahyanites,

Suspension of S.1-5 Face-to-Face Classes Extended until after the Lunar New Year Holidays (20 February 2021)

Wish you and yours a healthy, joyous and abundant 2021! Dissimilar from last year, I could not welcome you back in person on campus on the first school day of 2021 as S.1-S.5 face-to-face classes have been suspended. Social-distancing measures will remain in force until the Lunar New Year period in order to contain the fourth wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the Education Bureau (EDB) announced on 4 January 2021 that face-to-face classes would be further suspended until after the Lunar New Year holidays (20 February 2021). Nonetheless, secondary schools can arrange students of any individual level to return to schools, either in the morning or in the afternoon, to take examinations or attend face-to-face classes. Schools can arrange two half-day sessions each day and the upper limit of students to return to a school for each half-day session should be capped at one sixth of the school maximum permitted capacity.

No matter what, a new year is a time to welcome a fresh start to energize our passion for chasing our goals and dreams. Whatever the new year has in store, we shall accompany one another and achieve our goals with companions by our side. Here's another year of making indelible memories with you, my cherished companions and Wahyanites. Let us make determined efforts to learn and make a difference in 2021, as William Shakespeare said, "It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves."

In response to the extended suspension of face-to-face classes, the School has the following arrangements:

1) Learning and Examinations Arrangements

- **S.6:** The S.6 Mock Examination shall continue up to **20 January 2021**. S.6 students will have **study leave from 21 to 28 January 2021** so that they can exercise their autonomy to prepare for the imminent HKDSE Examination 2021 (S.6 Music Mock Examination together with Heep Yunn School will be held on 29 January 2021).

On 1 February 2021 (Monday), from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., S.6 students should go to



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the school office to pick up all the marked mock examination scripts; S.6 students should follow the 7-lesson eLearning timetable and attend online lessons for the discussion of the mock examination scripts, checking and verifying the examination marks, in the period from 2 to 8 February 2021.

From 22 to 26 February 2021, S.6 students have to come back to school to attend face-to-face lessons and celebrate the last day of school for S.6 on 26 February 2021.

- The **Union Day on 8 February 2021 will be cancelled** due to the pandemic situation and will be turned a normal school day.
- The **Annual Athletic Meet on 21 and 27 January 2021 will be cancelled** in the light of the pandemic situation and both days will be **turned normal school days**.
- **S.1 and S.4:** The 7-lesson eLearning timetable will continue to be implemented for S.1 and S.4, from 11 January to 8 February 2021, to sustain learning and it is expected that students are eager to participate in the online lessons to achieve active learning. **The Mid-year Examination for S.1 and S.4 will be held from 1 to 11 March 2021.**
- The Anniversaries Mass of Thanksgiving will be held in St. Ignatius Chapel, at 10:30 a.m., on 12 March 2021, St. Ignatius Day. After the Mass of Thanksgiving, there will be a blessing ceremony for the statue of St. Ignatius in the corridor.
- The S.1 Performance Night will be postponed owing to the rescheduled S.1 Mid-year Examination.
- The **S.1-5 Uniform Test** from 19 to 24 March 2021 **will be cancelled** as it is too close to the rescheduled Mid-year Examination. The **Staff Development Day** scheduled for 18 March 2021 will be rescheduled for **19 March 2021; 18, 22, 23 and 24 March 2021 will be turned normal school days**.
- **S.2:** The 7-lesson eLearning timetable will continue to be implemented for S.2, from 11 to 15 January 2021, and it is expected that students are eager to participate in the online lessons to achieve active learning. **The Mid-year Examination for S.2 will be held in the afternoon, starting from 1:30 p.m., in the period from 18 January to 8 February 2021, on alternate days.**
S.2 students will be promoted to S.3 and allocated to different classes in S.3 according to their examination results in S.2. During the examination period, there will not be any online lessons for S.2 so that S.2 students have more time for revision.

- **S.3:** The **7-lesson eLearning timetable** will continue to be implemented for **S.3, from 11 to 15 January 2021**, and it is expected that students are eager to participate in the online lessons to achieve active learning. **The Mid-year Examination for S.3** will be held in the afternoon, **starting from 1:30 p.m., in the period from 18 January to 8 February 2021, on alternate days**.
S.3 students will be promoted to S.4 and allocated to different elective subjects in S.4 according to their examination results in S.3. During the examination period, there will not be any online lessons for S.3 so that S.3 students have more time for revision.
- **S.5:** The **7-lesson eLearning timetable** will continue to be implemented for **S.5, from 11 to 19 January 2021**, and it is expected that students are eager to participate in the online lessons to achieve active learning. **S.5 students will have study leave on 20 January 2021** so that they can exercise their autonomy to prepare for the Mid-year Examination. **The Mid-year Examination for S.5** will be held in the morning, **starting from 8:30 a.m., in the period from 21 January to 8 February 2021.**
Reference for Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) application will be based on the examination results in S.5. During the examination period, there will not be any online lessons for S.5 so that S.5 students have more time for revision.

2) Support for Students

- The campus will remain open for students in need and they may use the computers in the CAL Room.
- Tablets and SIM cards will be lent to needy students.
- **S.1 and S.4 class teachers will call their students once in January 2021 for cura personalis.**
- Psychologists will provide support for students.
- Social workers will contact students in need.

The School shall maintain the environmental hygiene of our school premises to safeguard the health of our educators and students. The School shall put in place all the preventive measures to dovetail with the anti-pandemic arrangements, coping with the changes flexibly and adeptly; educators and parents should pay close attention to any latest announcements of our school as well as the EDB. If educators, students or parents need any support or guidance, please feel free to seek assistance from us. We always accompany one another and together we shall conquer.

Let's stay healthy, be strong and keep our faith. I will keep you in the New Year Prayer:

Loving God
we thank you for this past year
with its positive moments and its more difficult ones.
We thank you for the love we have received from family and friends
And for the successes we have had at work and at home.

We thank you also for the hard moments
The moments that we struggled with
the moments of challenge; the moments of uncertainty;
the moments when we have been afraid
for our safety and of those we love;
the moments when we lost those dear to us.

As we look forward to the next year
we ask for Your grace and blessing.

Give us health and strength;
give us faith and hope.
Send us Your Spirit.
Give us peace with the choices we make
Grant us joy as we look ahead and discern the future.
Most of all give us the love that will guide us
through whatever challenges we come across.

Help us to walk beside each other with patience and forgiveness
putting our hands in the hands of Your Son Jesus.
He guides us and strengthens us.
He is always by our side
He gives us hope
He helps us see beyond the small 'now'
to the bigger picture and the wider dream
The dream imagined for us by You, our Father.

You who live and love
Forever and ever. AMEN

May God bless you with vitality, solace and warmth.

Yours faithfully,



Warren CHUNG

Principal

