



A Jesuit Secondary School

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Dear parents and Wahyanites,

Arrangements for Half-Day Face-to-Face Class Resumption after the Lunar New Year Holidays

Although we are still feeling the pinch of the pandemic, with faith, we are navigating through darkness together, and with hope, we will eventually see the light again. For now, the good news is, after a prolonged period of suspension, face-to-face class resumption could be rolled out on a half-day basis, though in phases, after the Lunar New Year holidays.

Pertinent to the announcement made by the Education Bureau (EDB) on 5 February 2021, taking into account the latest development of the pandemic situation, **one-third** of the total number of students, equivalent to **two forms**, will be allowed to have face-to-face classes on campus on a half-day basis after the Lunar New Year holidays, from **22 February 2021 onwards**. The EDB strongly advises that teachers, staff and students **should avoid crowd gatherings and trips outside Hong Kong during the Lunar New Year holidays**.

We miss you as much as you miss school – face-to-face classes, student activities, our brotherhood and camaraderie. At Wah Yan, we care for your hearts and minds as much as your intellectual development; what sets Jesuit Education apart is the quintessential cura personalis that we offer. In this regard, especially for S.6, our graduating class, we try very hard tinkering with the timetabling arrangements to retain the S.6 Last Day of School such that they can capture the pivotal moment and savour the last bit of Wahyan-esque life with their dear brothers and teachers on campus. For S.5 to S.1, our teachers long for you a lot too as we have not had face-to-face classes for quite a while, and we crave for resuming face-to-face classes in phases, commencing with S.5 and S.3.

We look forward to welcoming you back to feel the comforting breeze that wafts the scent of a rosy spring on this vast and green campus.

Our arrangements for 4 phases of resumption of half-day face-to-face classes are as follows:

1. From 22 to 26 February 2021

- According to the 7-lesson eLearning timetable, S.6 & S.5 students will have face-to-

face classes on campus before lunchtime and have online lessons at home in the afternoon. S.6 & S.5 students will have resumption of half-day face-to-face classes first in preparation for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE). The 7-lesson eLearning timetable is adopted as S.6 & S.5 subject teachers also teach other forms, which are having merely online lessons; it is only feasible for all forms to follow the same eLearning timetable in order to prevent any clashes of lessons. The eLearning timetable is designed in such a way that it allows a longer lunchtime, 1 hour 25 minutes, so that it is possible for students to get home to have their online lessons in the afternoon. If any individual S.6 & S.5 students have difficulties in getting home in time to have online lessons in the afternoon, they may stay behind and have online lessons on campus, and the Computer Room will remain open for students as usual.

- **S.6** students will have their last day of school on **26 February**, marking a captivating final chapter of their school life at Wah Yan. A special half-day timetable will be adopted for S.6 that day and there will not be any lessons in the afternoon so that S.6 students can savour the moment more. A Thanksgiving Mass will be arranged especially for S.6 students in the morning, showering God's blessings upon them along their path to the HKDSE. Due to anti-pandemic measures, the traditional Roasted Pig Cutting Ceremony will be replaced by other arrangements. Details of the arrangements will be announced on the eClass in due course.
- **On 27 February 2021(Saturday), from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, S.3 and S.2** students should go to the school office to pick up all the marked Mid-year Examination scripts and **get ready for the online discussion of the examination scripts, checking and verifying the examination marks, in the period from 1 to 5 March 2021.**
- **S.4-S.1** students will have online lessons **at home** according to the 7-lesson eLearning timetable.

2. From 1 to 5 March 2021

- **S.5** students will continue to have half-day face-to-face classes **on campus** before lunchtime and have online lessons at home in the afternoon, according to the 7-lesson eLearning timetable.
- **S.4** students will **return to school** to sit for the Mid-year Examination **in the morning** according to the examination schedule. Please note that the Geography Examination and the History Examination are arranged on 6 March 2020 (Saturday) due to the tight schedule.

- **S.3 & S.2** students will continue to have online lessons **at home** according to the 7-lesson eLearning timetable.
- **S.1** students will **return to school** to sit for the Mid-year Examination **in the afternoon** according to the examination schedule.

3. From 8 to 12 March 2021

- **S.5** students will continue to have half-day face-to-face classes **on campus** before lunchtime and have online lessons at home in the afternoon, according to the 7-lesson eLearning timetable.
- **S.4** will continue to sit for the Mid-year Examination **in the morning** up to 11 March 2021 according to the examination schedule.
- **S.3 & S.2** students will continue to have online lessons **at home** according to the 7-lesson eLearning timetable.
- **S.1** will continue to sit for the Mid-year Examination **in the afternoon** up to 11 March 2021 according to the examination schedule.
- On **12 March 2021**, the **Anniversaries Mass of Thanksgiving**, a finale to the Wah Yan 100th and 95th Anniversaries, will be held in St. Ignatius Chapel. Due to anti-pandemic measures and social distancing requirements, **S.5, S.4, S.3, S.2 and S.1 students will stay at home and watch the live-streaming of the Mass (attendance will be taken), from 10:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**, while only student representatives and leaders may attend the Mass in person. The event is a school activity and not open to the public. There will not be any online lessons that day.

4. From 15 March 2021 Onwards

- **S.5 & S.3** students will have half-day face-to-face classes **on campus** before lunchtime and have online lessons **at home** in the afternoon, according to the 7-lesson eLearning timetable, in preparation for the HKDSE and promotion to S.4 respectively. The 7-lesson eLearning timetable is adopted as S.5 & S.3 subject teachers also teach other forms, which are having merely online lessons; it is only feasible for all forms to follow the same eLearning timetable in order to prevent any clashes of lessons. The eLearning timetable is designed in such a way that it allows a longer lunchtime, 1 hour 25 minutes, so that it is possible for students to get home to have their online lessons in the afternoon. If any individual S.5 & S.3 students have difficulties in getting home in time to have online lessons in the afternoon,

they may stay behind and have online lessons on campus, and the Computer Room will remain open for students as usual.

- **S.4, S.2 & S.1** students will have online lessons at home according to the 7-lesson eLearning timetable.
- As per the notice dated 6 January 2021, the S.1-S.5 Uniform Test will be cancelled to spare more lesson time for teaching and learning. 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, S.3 and S.5 Parents' Day** will be held on **20 March 2021 (Saturday)**, either in person or online, depending on the pandemic situation. Details of the arrangements will be announced in due course.
- **On 9 April 2021(Friday)**, from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**, **S.4 and S.1** students should go to the school office to pick up all the marked Mid-year Examination scripts and **get ready for the online discussion of the examination scripts, checking and verifying the examination marks, in the period from 12 to 16 April 2021.**
- **S.3 Parents' Day for S.4 Selection of Elective Subjects** will be held on **17 April 2021 (Saturday)**, either in person or online, depending on the pandemic situation. Details of the arrangements will be announced in due course.
- **S.1 and S.4 Parents' Day** will be held on **8 May 2021 (Saturday)**, either in person or online, depending on the pandemic situation. Details of the arrangements will be announced in due course.

The above arrangements for different phases of resumption of half-day face-to-face classes are **subject to change** due to the volatile and uncertain pandemic situation. Teachers, parents and students should pay close attention to any latest announcements of the School as well as the EDB.

The School will continue to put in place the preventive measures stipulated in “Health Protection Measures for Schools” and ensure that the campus environment is clean and hygienic. All stakeholders should take precautionary measures to fight COVID-19, observing social distancing and good personal hygiene. If students do not feel well, they must not return to school and should consult doctors promptly to receive appropriate diagnoses and treatments.

Amid complexity and ambiguity, with faith, there is always hope and I will keep you in the Prayer of Hope:

Lord Jesus, I pray this day for strength,
Because there are times
When things get tough
And I feel like quitting.

Lord Jesus, I ask this day for the comforting reassurance
Of Your love,
Because there are times
When people fail me,
And I am tempted to lose hope.

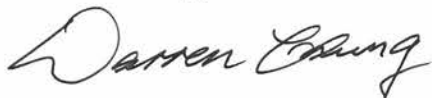
Lord Jesus, I seek this day for Your light
To guide my steps,
Because there are times
When life is confusing and difficult,
And I lose my way.

Help me, O Lord, to pick up the pieces,
Wipe my tears, face the sun,
And start all over again,
For all is possible when I place my faith and trust
In You, my Saving God.

Amen.

Wish you a blessed and auspicious Year of the Ox.

Yours faithfully,



Warren CHUNG
Principal

