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Dear parents and Wahyanites,

Class Arrangements after Easter Holidays

While Easter is right around the corner, the Resurrection of our Saviour is a constant reminder that hope and faith should never be lost as it is the darkest before the dawn and no matter how gloomy the outlook may seem, there will always be light glimmering in the distance. Easter brings the renewal of life together with love, hope and peace in our hearts. At Easter, love lights up our life; hope drives away fear; peace conquers despair.

As we herald renewal, love, hope and peace at Easter, we are glad to learn that restrictions on face-to-face classes could be further lifted after Easter holidays. We warmly welcome our Wahyanites back such that the campus could be enlivened again with the vitality and vibrancy of our bright young gentlemen.

Over the year, we have all witnessed how the impasse over the pandemic felt so astounding, so lingering, and so overwhelming. Yet, we have strived to be proactive and responsive to all the changes and challenges. It seems that a new world is in the making. Amid volatility and uncertainty, Wahyanites have proven themselves again as competent, committed, compassionate individuals with conscience, who excel and rise in adversity, and serve the needy with warm hearts – a new type of man is in the bud, i.e. the quintessential Wahyanites for and in the 21st century. With hope, we shall march on; with faith, we shall fly high.

Pursuant to the latest circular released by the Education Bureau (EDB), two-thirds of the school's total number of students (equivalent to four forms) could be allowed to have half-day face-to-face classes on campus after Easter holidays. Although more students will come back to school, the arrangements for overall timetabling will remain unchanged (face-to-face classes for the morning session; online classes for the afternoon session), and we will still adhere to the **7-Lesson eLearning Timetable** to avoid any clashes.

The arrangements ensure that all students will have the opportunity to have on-campus schooling, receive education through face-to-face classes, and interact with other students to

benefit their physical and psychological development. There are two sets of the timetable, A and B, so that lessons 6 & 7 can also be face-to-face classes. Details of the arrangements are as follows:

Class Arrangements after Easter Holidays from 12 April 2021 Onwards:

Form(s)	Period	Week No.	Timetable
S.3 & S.5	15 - 19 March	29	A
S.2 & S.5	22 - 26 March	30	B
S.1 & S.4 + S.3 & S.5	12 - 16 April	33	A
S.1 & S.4 + S.3 & S.5	19 - 23 April	34	B
Only Online Classes	26 - 30 April & 3 May	35	B
S.2 & S.3 + S.1 & S.4	4 - 7 May	36	A
S.1 & S.4 + S.2 & S.5	10 - 14 May	37	A
S.3 & S.4 + S.1 & S.2	17 - 21 May	38	B
S.2 & S.5 + S.3 & S.4	24 - 28 May	39	B

Fine-Tuned Timetable for Class Arrangements after Easter Holidays from 12 April 2021 Onwards:

Time	Timetable (Period)	
	A	B
08:20 – 08:40	Morning & Catholic Formation	
08:40 – 09:20	1	
09:30 – 10:10	2	
10:20 – 11:00	3	
11:10 – 11:50	6	4
12:00 – 12:40	7	5
14:05 – 14:15	Examen	
14:15 – 14:55	4	6
15:05 – 15:45	5	7

The 7-lesson eLearning timetable is designed in such a way that it allows a longer lunchtime, 1 hour 25 minutes, so that students have enough time to get home to have their online classes in the afternoon. If individual students have difficulties in getting home in time to have online classes in the afternoon, they may stay behind and have online classes on campus, and the CAL Room will remain open for students as usual.

To engage in online lessons, students should switch on their cameras so that they see their teachers and their teachers see them, facilitating interaction between students and teachers and making learning more active. If students don't have cameras, please seek assistance from Mr.

Anthony FUNG, Head of IT in Education Committee. If students don't want to show the background, they may blur the background or use animated backgrounds. Online lessons have been the major mode of learning amid the volatile and uncertain pandemic situation and students should take this mode of learning seriously, engaging themselves in lessons to achieve active and in-depth learning. Indeed, feedback has been received from parents that they expect teachers to ask their children to switch on their cameras during online lessons so that their children can be more engaged in the lessons. By the way, as educators, we aim to train our students not to be camera-shy, as communicating online has become a new normal and students should learn to present themselves elegantly in front of cameras, getting ready for their future endeavours.

Dates to Note:

- **12 to 16 April 2021- S.1 and S.4 Discussion of the Mid-Year Examination Scripts**, checking and verifying the examination marks. S.1 and S.4 subject teachers distribute and discuss the marked Mid-Year Examination scripts that week and students need not pick up the scripts in advance.
- **26 - 30 April & 3 May- S.1 to S.5 students only have online classes** as the School is an examination centre for the HKDSE Examination.
- **8 May- S.1 & S.4 Parents' Day**

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

Given that the COVID-19 pandemic situation remains unstable around the world, teachers, staff and students should avoid trips outside Hong Kong during Easter holidays. The School will continue to put in place the preventive measures stipulated in the "Health Protection Measures for Schools" and ensure that the school environment is clean and hygienic. All stakeholders should take precautionary measures to fight COVID-19, wearing masks at all times, maintaining appropriate social distancing and observing good personal hygiene. If students do not feel well, they must not return to school and should consult doctors promptly to receive diagnoses and treatments.

Amid the ever-changing situation, we shall be firmly anchored to our values and never lose our focus. Only if we see things through our hearts may we find God in all things. Indeed, "to

see all things new in Christ” is the theme of the forthcoming Ignatian Year, which commences on 20 May 2021 and extends to 31 July 2022, celebrating the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, our school sponsoring body. We desire to seize the moment to hear God’s calling and see God in all things so that, just like the conversion of St. Ignatius, there will be changes in our hearts inwardly, empowering us to see all things new in Christ, guiding us to turn challenges into opportunities, enabling us to hear the cry of the neglected and inspiring us to create a hope-filled future for and with young people. For this, I would like to keep you in a Prayer for Easter Eyes:

My Lord, Jesus,
You have risen to new life!
Give me new eyes with which to recognize
Your presence in the world around me.
Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the
Ordinary events of each day and into the
Extraordinary reality of your grace.
Brighten my view of the world with renewed
Hope in the coming of your Kingdom.
Soften my gaze so that I view others with the
Kind of tenderness and compassion
You showed to so many.
May each day of this Easter season provide
Glimpses of your glory.
In your sacred name, I pray.
Amen.

Wish you a Happy Easter and I look forward to welcoming you back, in person, on campus from 12 April onwards.

Yours faithfully,



Warren CHUNG
Principal

