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Dear parents and Wahyanites,

Arrangements for Half-Day Face-to-Face Class Resumption from 15 March 2021 Onwards

Crippled by the pandemic situation, the S.1-5 Mid-year Examination, spanning almost two months since mid-January, will finally come to an end by this week; classes – be it on campus or online, will be resumed for all forms commencing 15 March 2021.

As we navigate our way through this volatile situation when full-scale class resumption is nowhere in sight, and a fresh wave of outbreak could be triggered anywhere at any time, we are extra-cautious in planning ahead, trying our best to be supportive to both our educators and students, with the aim of making learning experience in such trying times as enriching as possible.

In this connection, given that only one-third (1/3) of the total number of students, equivalent to two forms, are allowed to have face-to-face classes on campus on a half-day basis, face-to-face class time will be levelled as much as possible for all forms after some painstaking effort in timetabling as we adhere to the **7-lesson eLearning Timetable** to avoid any clashes.

The arrangements ensure that each form enjoys 3-4 weeks of face-to-face classes, with S.3, S.4 and S.5 having more weeks as it is a matter of urgency to prepare them for promotion to senior secondary and the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination respectively. Face-to-face classes on campus are not arranged in the afternoon since there are only two lessons and it is not cost-effective, considering the travel time. 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:



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Schedule for Half-Day Face-to-Face Class Resumption from 15 March 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	12 - 16 April	33	A
S.1 & S.4	19 - 23 April	34	B
S.3 & S.5*	26 - 30 April	35	B
S.2 & S.3	3 - 7 May	36	A
S.1 & S.4	10 - 14 May	37	A
S.3 & S.4	17 - 21 May	38	B
S.2 & S.5	24 - 28 May	39	A

Remarks: *S.5 Exchange Programme

Fine-tuned Timetable Arrangements for Half-Day Face-to-Face Class Resumption from 15 March 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

After having face-to-face classes on campus in the morning, students go home to have online classes in the afternoon. 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 any 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.

Dates to Note:

- **19 March 2021- Staff Development Day**, which is a holiday for students.
- **20 March 2021- (a.m.) S.3 Parents' Day; (p.m.) S.2 & S.5 Parents' Day**, complying with the restrictions on the number of students on campus. Details of the arrangements will be announced later.
- **22 March 2021- Holiday after the Parents' Day**
- **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.

The Canteen will offer service in the morning session from 15 March 2021 onwards. According to the “Health Protection Measures for Schools” issued by the Centre for Health Protection, students should refrain from talking when they take off their masks to have snacks or drink water.

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 Education Bureau (EDB).

The School will continue to put in place the preventive measures stipulated in the “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, wearing masks at all times, 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.

As the pandemic evolves around the globe, there seems to be no ironclad guarantee of the placidity of life that we are all used to. Yet, the essence of Jesuit education is about being responsive and adaptive to the signs of the times. I hope that all Wahyanites, no matter who you are- new to Wah Yan (S.1), in a stew over subject selection (S.2-3), or anxious exam warriors-to-be (S.4-5), can feel well taken care of with our fine-tuned arrangements. Let us pray that full-scale class resumption will be allowed by the EDB when the pandemic situation is ameliorated.

Amid volatility and uncertainty, let us keep our faith and God will take care of the rest, bringing hope and love to us. During the period of Lent, we prepare ourselves for the coming of Easter through prayer, repentance of sins and simple living. In Lent, many Catholics commit to fasting in order to replicate Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days. I would like to share with you words of wisdom from Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words; be silent and listen.

I look forward to seeing you all, in person, on campus from 15 March onwards. In hoc signo vinces.

Yours faithfully,



Warren CHUNG
Principal

