



A Jesuit Secondary School

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Dear parents and Wahyanites,

Arrangements for Face-to-Face Class Resumption (Whole-School, Half-Day) from 24 May 2021 Onwards

As we embrace the Ignatian Year, which commences on 20 May 2021, face-to-face class resumption for the whole school is, coincidentally, made possible at the same time – even though the academic year is, yet again, drawing to a close. Still, we consider it a glimmer of blessings in the wake of the lingering pandemic.

Pursuant to the latest circular released by the Education Bureau (EDB), with effect from 24 May 2021, face-to-face classes could be arranged for the whole school on a half-day basis. The 7-lesson eLearning timetable will be used up to 21 May 2021, but **for 24 – 28 May 2021, the 9-lesson half-day timetable** will be adopted as all the forms, S.1 to S.5, will come back to have face-to-face classes on campus:

Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Duration
	8:20 - 8:35	Morning & Catholic Formation / Examen					0:15
1	8:35 - 9:05				Junior Home-room - Reading Class Teacher/Activity/Period		0:30
2	9:05 - 9:35						0:30
3	9:35 - 10:05				Senior Home-room - Reading Class Teacher/Activity/Period		0:30
	10:05 - 10:20	Recess					0:15
4	10:20 - 10:50						0:30
5	10:50 - 11:20						0:30
6	11:20 - 11:50						0:30
	11:50 - 12:05	Recess					0:15
7	12:05 - 12:35						0:30
8	12:35 - 13:05						0:30
9	13:05 - 13:35						0:30
							4:45

Please note that the Summer Order is cancelled as classes are already on a half-day

basis. **On 31 May 2021, there will be a whole-day Staff Development Day** for teachers to keep abreast of the latest development in education; students will have a day off to prepare for the Final Examination commencing on 1 June 2021.

We all yearn for the forthcoming whole-school resumption of face-to-face classes since human interactions best facilitate in-depth and active learning. Through interactions, we think, we share, and we learn; education is not just about the acquisition of knowledge and skills but also the cultivation of values and the formation of character, which are best accomplished through role modelling and face-to-face human interactions. At Wah Yan, we care about our students and offer *cura personalis*, which is hard to achieve only through online lessons.

For almost two years into the pandemic, we are pleased to see that Wahyanites have proven themselves competent, committed and compassionate fine young gentlemen with a conscience. They are well versed in defusing challenges and framing them as opportunities. Together, we shall tap into the volatile future and manage to rise in adversities.

Looking ahead, although the near future is likely to be as foggy and overcast as what we have witnessed over the two years, we shall keep marching on with faith, holding up our heads, towards the uncharted future – like the way every Wahyanite has done over the century – because, by this sign, we shall conquer.

While we are cherishing the Ignatian Year in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, let us not just celebrate for the sake of celebrations but also learn from the life episodes of the saint. In all the sufferings during his recuperation from several painful surgical operations on his broken right leg without anaesthetics, St. Ignatius found God in all things through spiritual exercises. We shall also find God in all things through reflection and Examen, which empower us to row deep into our hearts to see all things new in Christ and guide us to turn challenges into opportunities. As Wahyanites, we shall live out the spirit of Magis, seeking improvement, not for personal success or interests but to serve others and glorify God.

Let us keep ourselves in the Prayer for Generosity by St. Ignatius of Loyola:

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,

To labour and not to ask for reward,
Save that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen

Your teachers and I look forward to welcoming you all, S.1-S.5 – the taller, stronger, and rejuvenated versions of you back to enliven our vast campus and draw for yourselves a memorable close to wrap up this academic year 2020-2021.

Yours faithfully,



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Principal

