



**A Jesuit Secondary School**

13 April 2022

Dear educators, parents and Wahyanites,

**Arrangements for Class Resumption after the Special Vacation**

The past two months were like a whirlwind, seeing a spike in Omicron infection cases and an abrupt special/summer vacation mandated in Spring that upended regular learning and teaching plans. Time flies, but we are always the pilot. When the unprecedented special vacation comes to a close, we all crave for returning to 56 Waterloo Road, our home away from home, where we enjoy school life and relish camaraderie. Our vast and verdant campus covets your homecoming that promises vim and vigour.

With the recent easing of the pandemic and higher vaccination rates, relative normality is resuming as the government relaxes stringent COVID prevention measures. Pursuant to the letter from the Education Bureau (EDB) dated 11 April, our arrangements for class resumption are as follows:

**1) 25 to 29 April 2022: Whole-Day Online Classes**

We shall adopt the **regular 9-lesson timetable** for online classes to make way for the HKDSE core subject examinations:

Wah Yan College, Kowloon (Timetable 2021-22)

Period	Time		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday*	Friday
	8:20	-	8:40	<b>Morning &amp; Catholic Formation</b>			
1	8:40	-	9:15			Junior Home-room-Reading Class Teacher/Activity Period	
2	9:15	-	9:50				
3	9:50	-	10:25			Senior Home-room-Reading Class Teacher/Activity Period	
	10:25	-	10:45	<b>Recess</b>			
4	10:45	-	11:20				
5	11:20	-	11:55				
6	11:55	-	12:30				
	12:30	-	13:50	<b>Lunch</b>			
	13:50	-	14:00	<b>Examen</b>			
7	14:00	-	14:35				
8	14:35	-	15:10				
9	15:10	-	15:45				

## 2) From 3 May 2022 Onwards\* : Half-Day Face-to-Face Classes

We shall use the **half-day 9-lesson timetable**:

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 Uniform Test extends from 4 to 11 May 2022 to make students understand their learning progress and let teachers provide feedback on students' performance for betterment.*

Face-to-face classes will be allowed for the whole day if the following two EDB requirements are met:

- All teaching and support staff members have had two doses of vaccination for more than 14 days;
- More than 90% of S.1 - S.5 students have had two vaccination doses for more than 14 days (Students with medical exemptions and those having received one dose of vaccine before COVID infection and within the one month period after recovery will not be counted towards the total number of the student population eligible to receive vaccination).

## 3) Flexibility Allowed for Vaccinated Students

**Students vaccinated with two doses for more than 14 days have better health protection**, so they are allowed the following flexibility to enjoy extra-curricular activities, fostering whole-person development through experiences and reflection:

- During half-day face-to-face classes: they are allowed to stay behind after school to participate in activities such as music, sports or school team training;
- When participating in contact sports (such as football and basketball):

they are exempt from wearing masks.

**4) Daily Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) before Coming to School**

**All teaching staff, support staff and students have to take RATs and be tested negative before coming to school** (persons who have recovered from COVID infections and do not show any symptoms are exempt from RATs for three months). If tested positive, they should stay at home and report to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) within 24 hours.

The school will report to the CHP the number of positive RAT results (nil return is required) before 10:00 a.m. each school day. The mandatory RATs function on an honour system, but the school will make spot checks on students' RAT results. **Staff and students should take photos of their RAT results as records each school day.**

**Needy students will be provided with RAT kits free of charge.**

**5) Handling Infection Cases and Close Contacts with Infected Persons**

If there are only sporadic infection cases, classes will not be suspended to minimize disruption to students' learning and whole-person development. Yet, the CHP will monitor the situation if the following happens:

- a) More than 5% of the total number of staff and students are tested positive;
- b) More than 10% of the students of a single class are tested positive.

Classes will not be suspended simply because of close contacts, i.e. people living together with persons infected with COVID.

**6) Updated Vaccine Pass Requirements as of 20 March 2022**

All teaching and support staff, except those with medical exemptions, must meet the following requirements:

On or before 24 February 2022	On or before 21 April 2022	On or after 31 May 2022
First vaccination dose	Second vaccination dose	a) Second vaccination dose if within 5 months after the second dose; b) Third vaccination

		dose after the second dose for 5 months.
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Student visitors who enter the campus for participating in activities are exempt from the vaccine pass requirements.

### 7) **Racing against Time to Get Vaccinated**

Amid the severe threats posed by the COVID pandemic, vaccination is the most effective measure to prevent serious cases and reduce the risk of fatalities. We encourage students to get vaccinated for their own protection and the protection of others.

Taking on the COVID-induced challenges which caught us by surprise for over two years, we, both students and educators, learn important life lessons on resilience, patience, and faith with lucidity and conviction. In the face of the onerous whirlwinds of life, instead of festering on frustrations, we weather the storms with composure, find the rhythms of life, regain our balance, and get ready to move forward steadily and gracefully – because there is always a silver lining.

While we are celebrating the Ignatian Year and learning from the conversion of St. Ignatius after the Cannonball Moment, let us see all things new in Christ and find transformation and transcendence amid adversities, as echoed by Cameron Bellm’s prayer for the Ignatian Year below:

*Five hundred years stretch wide and coil in tight  
All at once, drawing us from our modern lives  
Back to a battlefield, a cannonball flying,  
Reminding us that we are pilgrims  
Before we are anything else.  
Wherever we find ourselves on this earth—  
Like us, breathed into being by divine love—  
May we never make the mistake of believing  
That we are far from you.  
In this Ignatian year, we are called  
To see all things new in Christ—  
Even time. Even space.  
Even ourselves.  
Amen.*

May Almighty God bless us with health, resilience, patience and faith.

Yours faithfully,



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Principal

