

4 May 2020

Dear parents/guardians of Secondary 4E and 5NA students

May School Holidays, DSA-JC/Poly EAE and National Examination Matters for Secondary 4 Express and 5 Normal Academic students

1. Thank you for the strong support you have given to your child as well as to the school during the HBL period. As HBL concludes on 4 May and in the context of the latest announcements by the Ministry of Education (MOE), it is timely for the school to give you an update on the holiday engagement activities we have planned for the students as well as on matters related to Term 3.

2. With the Multi-Ministry Taskforce's decision to extend the Circuit Breaker (CB) period till 1 June 2020, the Ministry of Education (MOE) had, in its press release dated 21 April 2020, announced that the mid-year school holidays will be brought forward to begin on 5 May 2020 till 1 June 2020. While HBL has been going well, it has been an intense period of hard work and adjustment for parents, students and teachers. An early June holiday will give everyone a respite. It also buys us time for a less restrictive school opening in June. The revised academic calendar, which we highlighted to you in the letter dated 27 April 2020, is reproduced below for your easy reference.

	Start Date	End Date
Mid-Year School Holidays	5 May 2020 (Tues)	1 June 2020 (Mon)
Term 3	2 June 2020 (Tues)	6 September 2020(Sun)
Mid-Term 3 Break	20 July 2020 (Mon)	26 July 2020 (Sun)
September Holidays	7 September 2020 (Mon)	13 September 2020 (Sun)

3. As the school holidays coincide with the extended Circuit Breaker (CB) period, the school and the student leaders have come up with a series of exciting and meaningful activities for the students to participate online during the holidays. Participation in these activities is optional and where students would like to participate, they should participate from the safety and comfort of their homes and any collaboration with classmates and schoolmates should only be done online as students would need to continue to observe the circuit breaker and social distancing measures very strictly.



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4. We have also provided students with a Holiday Care Package for them to explore topics such as Mental Well-being, Cyber Wellness issues as well as Values-in-Action initiatives at home and a variety of useful links and resources for them to read and enjoy during the school holidays. You may refer to www.tinyurl.com/HolidayCarePackage for more information.

5. The details of the engagement activities and the Holiday Care Package have been shared with the students directly via the following:

- a) Information Sheet to Students sent to students by their FTs
- b) Sharing by Form Teachers during Form Teacher Time on the morning of 4 May

You may also refer to the school website at www.jurongwestsec.moe.edu.sg for more details on the holiday engagement activities as well as the care package for students.

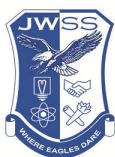
6. The school has reminded all students that they would need to continue taking the circuit breaker measures seriously. They are to stay at home and comply with safe distancing measures. They should not loiter in public or hang out with their friends or classmates.

7. During the May school holidays, as we always do during the mid-year school holidays, subject teachers will be giving some holiday assignments to all students. As we always done in previous years, we will ensure students are able to cope with the assignments and still enjoy the school holidays.

8. **From 20 May – 1 June**, the school will be conducting face-to-face lessons and consultations in school for students to attend in line with MOE's guidelines. This is a support we have always offered for graduating students during the Mid-Year holidays. Form Teachers will be informing students of the schedule they would need to follow so students are aware on which days, at what timings and for which subjects they need to be in school. All precautionary and safety measures as well as social distancing measures will be strictly adhered to when students attend lessons and consultations in school. Please note that all staff and students would be required to undergo temperature taking, continue wipe-down routines in venues used as well as wear masks.

9. In addition to the face-to-face lessons, students who would like to meet their subject teachers online to consult them or clarify any doubts, can inform their respective subject teachers and the teachers will arrange to meet up with students online as well.

10. The Mid-Year Examination (MYE) scheduled in Term 2 was cancelled due to HBL. We will still give the MYE papers for practice purposes to students when they return to school in Term 3 as doing the papers for practice would still serve as a good check for students on their understanding of topics and skills learnt. The school will communicate any changes to assessment weighting to students and parents in Term 3.



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11. Direct School Admissions-JC and Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise

The Direct School Admissions-JC and Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise (DSA-JC/Poly EAE) is an aptitude-based admissions exercise that allows students to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission to Junior Colleges or Polytechnics prior to receiving their O-Level examination results.

Every year, we conduct a school-based DSA-JC/Poly EAE Preparation Workshop for students who intend to apply for DSA-JC/Poly EAE. For this year, the details of the workshop, which would be conducted online, are as follows:

Day & Date	Friday, 29 May 2020
Time	3.00pm – 4.30pm
Registration details	Will be available on our school website on 22 May 2020

12. Students would already be aware of MOE's announcement of the revised examination dates for the GCE O-Level Mid-Year Examination for Mother Tongue Languages as well as adjustments made for the various coursework subjects as the respective subject teachers would have informed them. Please refer to Annex A for details.

13. Students would also already be aware of SEAB's announcement to remove the Common Last Topics (CLTs) in the GCE O-Level Examinations for certain content-based subjects, which their subject teachers would have communicated to them. These CLTs would also be removed from the school's Preliminary Examinations. Teachers will still complete the teaching of the removed topics so that students can understand the key ideas relevant for the subject, but these topics will not be tested in the examinations.

14. Students will return to school on 2 June (Tuesday) to commence Term 3. All students will be issued with a Progress Report by middle of Term 3 which will have qualitative comments from all their subject teachers on their progress for the subjects including during HBL. We will provide more details on school reopening at a later date.

15. We have also informed all students that during the school holidays, as usual, our School Counsellors (Ms Dora Poon and Mr Gymy Lim) as well as our AED LBS (Ms Nada) will continue to be there to support and guide them. If students would like to speak with any one of them, they should not hesitate to get in touch with them.

16. All the above information and details have also been communicated to students via an Information Sheet provided to them. You may wish to refer to the school website for a copy of the Information Sheet provided to them at <https://jurongwestsec.moe.edu.sg/staff-n-students>



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17. You would be aware that MOH's travel advisory still stands during the holiday period. As such, please be advised to defer all overseas travel. For more information on the MOH travel advisory, please refer to MOH website at www.moh.gov.sg.

18. For International Students, the border restrictions on passholders still stand. Therefore, for students holding student passes who still choose to travel despite the border restrictions, there is no guarantee that these students can return to Singapore.

19. I hope the above details are both useful and comprehensive. Should you have any further queries or would like further clarifications, do contact any of the one following school personnel:

a.	Your child's Form Teacher at his/her extension number or email address which can be found on our school website at https://jurongwestsec.moe.edu.sg/parents/class-form-teachers-2020
b.	Ms Amanda Lee, Year Head 2 at lee_si_jie@moe.edu.sg
c.	Mr Rayner Goh, Head of Department, Partnership & Outreach at Rayner_GOH@moe.edu.sg

20. Once again, thank you for your strong support and continued partnership.

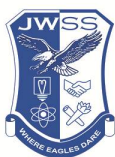
21. Let us continue to Stay Safe, Stay Strong, Stay Healthy and Stay Home and work together to overcome this challenge as one united people.

#TeamJWSS #SGUnited #wearebehindyou

Yours sincerely

Mr Michael Muhunthan
Principal

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**Revised Mother Tongue Language Mid-Year O-Level examination dates**

Subject Examined	Original Date	Rescheduled Date
O-level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) (1160/1 and 1160/2; 1148/1 and 1148/2; 1157/1 and 1157/2)	1 June 2020	18 June 2020 (Thurs) 2.00PM
O-level Mother Tongue Language B (MTL B) (1153/1 and 1153/2; 1151/1 and 1151/2; 1152/1 and 1152/2)	2 June 2020	19 June 2020 (Fri) 2.30PM
O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension (Chinese, Malay B, Tamil B)	21 Jul 2020	27 Jul 2020 (Mon) 2.30PM
O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension (Chinese B, Malay, Tamil)	21 Jul 2020	27 Jul 2020 (Mon) 4.30PM
O-level Higher Mother Tongue Language Oral Exam (1116/3; 1117/3; 1147/3)	<u>27</u> July – 3 Aug 2020	28 July – 4 Aug 2020

Revised Course Work Subject Assessment for National Examinations

Level	Subject	New Submission Deadline	Remarks
NT	Element of Business Skills	29 June	Further extension from 29 May to 29 Jun (total : 6 weeks extension)
NA	F&N	27 July	Reduce task (1 dish instead of 3-4 dish)
NT	D&T (REVISED)	30 July	Remove submission of prototype
NA	D&T (REVISED)	30 July	
O	ESS	11 August	Reduce from 2 to 1 task
O	D&T (REVISED)	13 August	Remove submission of prototype
O	F&N	18 August	Reduce task (1 dish instead of 3-4 dish)



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Annex A

Course Work Subjects with no revised submission date

Level	Subject	Date of Submission	Remarks
O	D&T - LEGACY (Sec 5NA only)	1 September (no extension)	Removal of submission of artefact
O	ART	22 September (no extension)	Will apply special consideration

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