



JURONGVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

6 June 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Bringing Semester 1 to a Close

1. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's growth and development. We ended the semester with the investiture of our Secondary Three student leaders. The handing and taking over of leadership roles mark a significant change in season for the school, especially for our Secondary Four students, whose immediate focus now shift to their academics.

2. Earlier this week, our Secondary Four students sat for their Mother Tongue National Examinations. Based on their teachers' observation, most of them appeared well prepared and focused on the task before them. I hope that this continues and wish the cohort the very best in the months ahead.

Saying Goodbye

3. We bid farewell to two teachers this semester:

- a. Mdm Aditi who has spent 15 years with us has decided that she needs to return to her family.
- b. Mr Thomas Lee, who will be pursuing his post graduate studies overseas.

I thank both staff members for their dedication and sacrifices over the years and wish them the best in their future undertakings.

School Achievements and Highlights

4. As the SYF and National Schools "B" Division ends, I am glad to inform you that our students have done well this season. I wish to especially congratulate our students in the Angklung and Kulintang Ensemble for achieving their first ever "Distinction" award. It is testament to their hard work and dedication to practice.

5. Congratulations are also due to our uniform groups who also received stellar results in their respective overall unit competitions.

6. The school held our annual run for the first time at the Singapore Sports Hub. I'd like to thank all parents and guardians for guiding your children/wards in getting to the venue. Some of you even made the effort to drop them off early in the morning — your support is greatly appreciated.

We were pleasantly surprised that most students arrived ahead of time, which allowed us to start the event smoothly and punctually. I was also impressed by how quickly many students completed the run — several exceeded expectations with their timings. A special mention



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goes to Class 2 Discipline, who earned the distinct honour of being the only class where every student finished the run within 30 minutes.

7. I understand that some parents initially had concerns about the event venue being further from school, especially with the reporting time still set at 7:30am. Please be assured that this decision was made after careful deliberation, and all students were thoroughly briefed and guided on how to get there.

It was heartening to see many students take the initiative to form their own travel groups. I'm aware of a group that gathered at school earlier to carpool together to the venue — a wonderful demonstration of responsibility and teamwork. After the run, some students even took the opportunity to explore the Sports Hub further, with one group trying out the beach volleyball courts for the first time.

At the heart of this decision was our desire to nurture independence, resilience, and responsibility in our students. We will continue to create opportunities that allow them to practise and grow these important qualities.

On the Canteen

8. In the second half of Term 2, we experienced reduced capacity at some of our canteen stalls. Our stallholders — many of whom have been with us for years and care deeply for our students — are getting on in age. A few of them have had to undergo unexpected medical procedures. I'm sure we can all empathise with their circumstances and their hope to return to work once they've made a full recovery. They remain very much a valued part of our school community.

9. Nonetheless, our school's canteen committee has been actively monitoring both the length of queues and the availability of food during recess and lunch breaks. It is essential that our students receive the nutrition they need to stay focused and healthy throughout the day.

To supplement what is currently available in the canteen, the school is prepared to introduce vending machines offering pre-packaged hot food. Should this option be activated, I seek your understanding that the school will not be able to regulate the prices of items sold through these machines.

Looking Ahead to Term 3

10. For most students, the focus from term 3 would be academics. Please continue to encourage your child/ward to work consistently and to assure them that help is also available if needed.

11. **Delayed Start to the Wednesday.** The school will be trialling a delayed start to the day every Wednesday in Semester 2. This trial is part of the school's efforts to bolster student wellbeing and to encourage better sleep hygiene. I have informed students of this





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trial and that they should not see this as a reason to sleep later on Tuesday nights.

School will start at **0830hrs** each Wednesday from the first Wednesday of term 3.

12. **OML Days**. There is a slight change in schedule for OML days in Term 3. With the National Oral Examinations taking place between 14-18 July 2025, the school will have its OML days in the same duration. i.e. The school will run OML days for all Secondary One to Three students from **Monday, 14 July 2025 to Friday 18 July 2025**, both dates inclusive. More information will be made available closer to these dates.

13. (For Secondary Three Students Only) **Additional OML Days**. With the majority of Secondary Three students participating in the Outward Bound Singapore Camp during the September holidays, **Monday 15 September 2025 AND Tuesday 16 September 2025**, will be designated as additional OML days for these students only. We have planned for these OML days to be meant for quiet, individual post camp reflections.

Secondary Three students who miss out on the OBS experience will be given separate instructions by their teachers.

School Policies and Reminders

14. A few important reminders:

- a. **Attendance and Punctuality**: Regular attendance is crucial for learning. Students should be punctual for school, CCAs, and other activities.
- b. **Digital Device Use**: As part of our responsible digital citizenship efforts, students should adhere to school rules regarding the use of personal learning devices (PLDs) and mobile phones.
- c. **Communication with Teachers**: Parents are encouraged to stay connected via Parents' Gateway for important updates. Should you need to reach out to your child's teachers, kindly do so during office hours via email or the General Office.





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Strengthening the Home-School Partnership

15. We deeply value the role of parents in shaping a positive learning environment. We encourage parents to take an active interest in their child's education and well-being. If you would like to explore ways to support the school, do consider joining our Parent Support Group (PSG).

16. Thank you for your trust and partnership as we work together to nurture and develop our students. I wish you and your family a restful and meaningful mid year break, and we look forward to welcoming our students back in Term 3 on Monday, 30 June 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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