



JURONGVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

13 January 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians

1. Greetings from all of us here at Jurongville Secondary School. On behalf of my colleagues, I extend our warmest greetings and wishes for the new year. Please also join me in welcoming 249 Secondary One students and their families, as well as 10 new members of staff.
2. Ms Ibaidah Ibrahim joins us as our Vice Principal (Academic). She will oversee academic matters. Non-academic matters will be overseen by Mr Gideon Yong.
3. Ms May Ng joins us from Schools' Division, MOE. She takes on the role of Subject Head/Curriculum and Innovation, focussing on developing our school-based curriculum to ensure that our students are prepared for future learning and their lives ahead.
4. With the continued emphasis on the use of technology, we welcome Mr Eddie Tay who joins us as Subject Head/ICT from Crescent Girls' School. Eddie will focus on ensuring that our students are kept up to date with developments in technology and are able to use technology safely and productively.
5. I am also happy to inform you that Mrs Samy has been appointed Senior Teacher/Tamil Language. Mrs Samy has been serving faithfully in her role for many years and this new appointment is a testament to MOE's and our school's trust in her expertise and continued leadership.
6. In addition to the above, I would also like to inform you of the redesignation for some of our staff members.
 - a. Ms Kay Khine Way, HOD/Science
 - b. Ms Han Hui Chin, Year Head (Covering)
 - c. Mr Shahul Hameed, Subject Head/Student Wellbeing (Covering)
 - d. Ms Ang Yan Pure, Subject Head/Science
 - e. Ms Pauline Fong, Subject Head/Discipline and Aesthetics
 - f. Ms Karmila Bte Asari, Subject Head/Mathematics

Our Mission and Our Students' Future

7. With an eye on emerging stronger together with hope and confidence, we remain true to our mission of "To nurture **world-ready** students with the **passion to learn, lead and serve**". This mission remains especially relevant considering the trajectory and pace of changes we experienced over the last few years. Emerging trends both in society and in the workplace have reiterated the need to ground our students firmly in sound values and the necessary disposition and skills to learn, unlearn and relearn.
8. To this end, my colleagues and I have chosen to pursue the following key strategic thrusts as part of our school's strategic plan:



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- a. To Foster a Nurturing and Vibrant Community
- b. To Nurture Passionate Learners and Leaders
- c. To Prepare World Ready Stewards.

9. Our school values of Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Empathy (PRIDE) are timeless and set the necessary foundations necessary for our students to achieve much in their lifetime. Our school rules reflect these values and aim to be a compass for students as they navigate their adolescent years. These rules can be found on pages 13-18 of the students' digital handbook located [here](#). I seek your understanding that our students will be held to these standards and values, just as how we, as parents, hold our own children to our own expectations at home.

A Positive Education Experience

10. Our students are expected to bring their personal learning devices for personalized learning. The use of these devices during school hours will be managed by a Device Management Application to prevent abuse.

11. We have rules that prohibit the use of mobile phones in school to ensure students are focused on learning. If you or your family member needs to reach your child in an event of an emergency during lesson hours, please call the school's general office. Unauthorised use of mobile phones in school will result in the confiscation of the phone by the school. As the over-use of mobile phones, particular for mobile gaming and consumption of social media happens mostly outside school, or at home, we appeal to you to set home rules on mobile phone and computer usage to minimise distractions and to prevent addiction.

12. Attendance at school (e.g., Regular, Remedial and Supplementary Lessons, CCA and School Events) is compulsory. Students who are absent from school without a Medical Certificate (MC) from a registered doctor will be regarded as having committed truancy. Parents' letters explaining your child's/ward's absence are strongly discouraged unless it is for a family emergency, e.g., the death of a family member. It is important for both school and home to insist on regular attendance to ensure learning and growth.

13. To better help you in supporting your child's/ward's growth, development and participation in school activities, a calendar of key school events for 2025 can be accessed [here](#).

Communications with School

14. We encourage parents to read all notifications sent via Parents' Gateway to receive timely information on school activities as well as to perform a range of functions including giving consent for school activities.

15. Parents may contact your child's/ward's teachers through their emails listed on the school website or request a call back by calling the general office and leaving your request with the staff member on duty. In extremely rare circumstances, teachers may allow parents and students to contact them via their personal mobile number. However, I seek your



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understanding that except for emergencies, teachers will only respond during office hours i.e. Weekdays between 7:30am and 6pm.

16. In line with Whole of Government (WOG) efforts to address the risk of impersonation scams where scammers pose as Singapore Government Officers, including school staff, please note that members of staff will **NOT**:

- a. Ask you to transfer money to them (or to other persons).
- b. Ask you to disclose personal or banking credentials.
- c. Ask you to download and install non-Government mobile applications (Apps).
from sources other than official app stores.
- d. Directly transfer the call to the Singapore Police Force.

17. 2025 is setting out to be an exciting and meaningful year. I look forward to partnering you to nurture the best in your child/ward.

Yours Sincerely,

Philibert Leow
Principal