



# CHIJ KATONG CONVENT

346 Marine Terrace, Singapore 449150

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Dear Parents/ Guardians

## Welcome back to Semester 2!

As the new term begins, we thank God for continuing to keep our staff and students healthy in body, mind and spirit, and giving our students the discipline and determination to excel in the face of many challenges as they continue to pursue their goals this semester. We hope that all have had a good rest and are ready for the challenges ahead!

### 1. Staff Updates

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the following staff who have left CHIJ Katong Convent and wish them all the best in their endeavors.

- Ms Keh Lena
- Ms Yap Yi-Yin, Gail
- Ms Ng Ling Ling Adeline
- Ms Ho Yuen Ee
- Mr Low Wai Hoong

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members of staff:

- Mr Koh Mui Pong Thomas, Teacher (Computer Applications/Mathematics)
- Ms Lim Si Ying (Chemistry/Mathematics)
- Mr Basheer Ahamed Hamid Maricar (Mathematics/Physics)
- Ms Shahrulbariah Bte Ali, Receptionist (General Office)
- Ms Tan Lian Choo Celine, ICT Executive

### 2. Communications via School Website and Social Media

Information such as class timetable, assessment matters, CCA and school programmes is shared at URL: <https://www.chijkatongconvent.moe.edu.sg/the-kc-village/parents>.

Do continue to follow us on our social media for exciting updates!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CHIJKatongConventSG>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/chijkatongconvent>

### 3. Safety and Security Matters – Covid-19 Updates

With further easing of community SMMs, the school has planned upcoming events and activities in adherence to MOH/MOE guidelines. While students enjoy the greater variety of opportunities that will now be available, we would like to continue to stress the continued importance of safe management measures so that our school remains a safe and conducive environment for all students. Students are advised to exercise social responsibility and stay home if they are unwell with symptoms (e.g., sore throat, runny nose, fever or cough) and seek medical treatment if necessary.

As communicated via Parents Gateway on 30 May, schools are not required to implement staggered reporting times and we have resumed a common 7.35am reporting time for all students. In addition, we would reinstate the snack break after the daily noon day prayer. Students have the option to consume a snack (dry food) during lessons between 12.00pm and 12.15pm. In line with current SMM, students should mask up immediately after they have consumed their snack.

#### 4. Revised School Canteen Pricing

Canteen stallholders in schools have expressed they are facing challenges with rising costs, especially with costlier ingredients for healthy meals. The current COVID-19 situation in China and the Ukraine war have created additional cost pressures.

As canteen food prices need to reflect the underlying cost of the food items and allow the stallholders to earn a reasonable profit margin to sustain the business, schools are reviewing food prices and allowing stallholders to raise prices where justifiable, to ensure food quality while attracting and retaining stallholders.

Taking reference from MOE guideline, the canteen benchmark pricing is based on a medium meal portion (which includes rice with 1 serving of meat, 1 serving of vegetable and 1 serving of fruit) as most of our students buy medium-portion meals in schools. In our school, the recommended price range for a medium meal portion has been \$2.50. With effect from 4 July, this will be tagged at \$2.80. We have informed our students about this and invited them to speak with their teachers if they have any concerns as we try to ensure viability of our school canteen vendors.

#### 5. Academic Matters

##### a. Independent Learning Day (ILD)

Our students will continue to experience independent learning days this term during which they will stay at home to complete tasks set by teachers and carry out student-initiated learning to explore their personal interests. The ILD Schedule for term 3 is as follows:

ILD Schedule	Remarks
Term 3 Week 4: 18 Jul	for all students
Term 3 Week 6: 1 Aug	for Sec 1-3 & 4E5N students
Term 3 Week 8: 15 Aug	for Sec 1-3 & HBL <sup>1</sup> for 4E4N5N
Term 3 Week 10: 29 Aug	for Sec 1-3 & HBL <sup>1</sup> for 4N

For parity of curriculum spread, replacement timetables (for all students) will be carried out as follows:

Term 3 Week 2	5 Jul - Odd Monday timetable (9am to 2pm)
Term 3 Week 4	19 Jul - Even Monday timetable (9am to 2pm)
Term 3 Week 7	11 Aug - Even Monday timetable
Term 3 Week 7	12 Aug - Even Friday timetable
Term 3 Week 10	30 Aug - Even Monday timetable

The replacement is only for timetabled lessons till 2.30pm.

<sup>1</sup> HBL – Home-Based Learning which follows the timetable.

## b. Assessment Matters

### • **4NA/NT Preliminary Examinations**

The 4NA & 4NT Preliminary Examinations will be conducted from **22 July 2022 to 3 August 2022**. As the Independent Learning Day (ILD) falls on Monday (1 August 2022) for Sec 1 to 3 levels, there will be no exam conducted on this date. All graduating cohort students may use this day to revise for their preliminary examinations at home and there is no need to report to school on this day. Lessons will resume from **Thursday, 4 August 2022**.

### • **4E/5NA Preliminary Examinations**

The 4E/5NA Preliminary Examinations 2022 will be conducted from **25 August to 21 September 2022**. Please note that your child/ ward is required to attend the flag-raising ceremony if the paper commences at 8.00 am. She does not need to report to school if she does not have any paper on a particular day.

As the Pure Science Practical examinations only take place in the afternoon, your child/ ward will report to school in the morning for lessons as per normal. However, if your child / ward takes Science (Chem/Bio) Practical examination, she will report only at the stipulated reporting time as advised by the subject supervisor.

As the Independent Learning Day (ILD) falls on Mondays (29 August and 12 September 2022) for Sec 1 to 3 levels, there will be no exam conducted on this date. All graduating cohort students may use these two days to revise at home and will not need to report to school on these days. Lessons will resume from **Thursday 22 September 2022**.

### • **WA (Sec 1, 2 and 3)**

Weighted Assessment (WA) for Sec 1, 2 and 3 students will take place in **Term 3, Weeks 5 to 8**. The WA will be conducted during the respective subject lessons. Subject teachers will inform students on the assessment date and topics in advance so as to give them sufficient time for preparation. During the WA period, Sec 1, 2 and 3 students will be notified by their CCA teacher regarding CCA attendance.

A valid medical certificate should be produced if your child / ward is unwell to sit for the paper. Should her absence not be accompanied by a medical certificate, the school reserves the right to award zero mark for the paper.

Students who have to miss the prelim/ weighted assessment due to Covid-19 reasons are requested to inform their form teachers as soon as possible. They will be advised accordingly and their absence will be accorded the same treatment as those on medical leave.

## c. Extended Curriculum (for all Sec 4 & 5 students)

As part of the school's academic support to our graduating cohort, we will commence extended curriculum in week 2, Term 3. The academic support will encompass a mix of revision lessons, pull-out programmes, and consultations, depending on the needs of each class.

The extended curriculum will take place in the afternoons on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the following weeks.

<b>Cohort</b>	<b>Extended Curriculum Periods</b>
4NA	From Week 2, Wednesday to Week 4, Wednesday
4NT	From Week 2, Wednesday to Week 4, Wednesday
4E5N	From Week 2, Wednesday to Week 8, Friday

Please refer to the Extended Curriculum Schedule for more details. Students and parents can access their timetable from the school website on 30 June.

## 6. Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) and the National School Games (NSG)

### a. CCA Stand-Down for the End-of-Year Examinations

All CCA will stand down from 1 September Thursday to 18 October Tuesday, to allow students to prepare and sit for the End-of-Year Examinations. CCA will resume on 19 October Wednesday.

### b. National School Games 2022

The National School Games 2022 C Division tournaments are scheduled to begin in Term 3, from Week 2 onwards. Sports that will be competing in the NSG include badminton, netball, floorball and bowling.

## 7. Notices for the Term

### a. Book and Music Week: At First Light

2022 will see Book and Music Week return to celebrating the arts with a bang as we gather as an entire school for an in-person, live festival from 6 to 8 July. At First Light, the theme for 2022, not only captures the spirit of hope and possibility but also shines the spotlight on our first ever night festival occurring on the last day of BMW! Highlights of BMW 2022 include class light installations, KC Starz talent show and our drama elective programme showcase. It will truly be a celebration of KC's communicative, performing, and visual arts talents which we will view in a new light as we come together to explore how light can be used in the creation and appreciation of arts.

The reporting hours for Book and Music Week 2022 are as follows:

Wednesday 6 July	0735 – 1400h
Thursday 7 July	0735 – 1400h
Friday 8 July	1600 – 2000h

### b. Career Seminar for Grad Cohort

The Career Seminar for 2022 will be taking place on 12 July for the Graduating Cohort students. We are excited to welcome Ms Geraldine Chin, our alumna from EXXON Mobile as our Guest of Honour for this event. Ms Chin is actively involved in the leadership development of women and Asians in Exxon Mobile. Her experience in these areas would definitely be an inspiration for our students!

There will also be several presenters from various professions such as lawyers, scientists, arts managers, marketing executives and many more who will be sharing about their career journeys with the students. We hope this seminar will inspire students to discover their passions and pursue their interests.

### c. Annual School-Based Health Screening (for all Sec 1&2 and selected Sec 3 students)

The School Health Team will be visiting our school from 25 July to 3 August 2022 to conduct the yearly age-appropriate health screening for all Sec 1 and 2 students, and selected students from Sec 3.

Once your daughter/ ward has undergone the screening, you may wish to access her Health Assessment Summary (HAS) at <https://HealthHub.sg> via SingPass login. If you are

not able to access your child's HAS, you may wish to contact HPB's School Health Service via email at [HPB\\_Mailbox@hpb.gov.sg](mailto:HPB_Mailbox@hpb.gov.sg).

**d. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination (Applicable to Sec 1 and 2 students only)**

HPB offers fully subsidised Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations to eligible Sec 1 and 2 female students. HPV vaccinations are highly recommended for females 9-26 years old for protection against cervical cancer. HPV vaccination will take place from 12 to 14 July 2022.

A one-time parental consent is required before HPV vaccination can be administered. (Sec 1 parents/guardians need to opt-in for their child/ward. School will approach parents who have yet to opt-in.)

**e. KC Sports Day**

KC Sports Day will take place on Friday 5 August. More details on the event and venue will be shared at a later date.

**f. National Day Celebration**

We will celebrate National Day on Monday 8 August. The theme this year is "Stronger Together! Majulah!" After the last two years when celebrations were quieter because of safe management measures, we are looking forward to this year's celebrations. As part of the school's effort to instill national pride, students are encouraged to come to school dressed in red top with pinafore over, and shoes with KC socks. Students will report to school as usual by 7.35 am and they will be dismissed at 10.45 am. Students will return to school on Thursday 11 August.

**g. Teachers' Day Celebrations**

Teachers' Day Celebrations will be held on the last day of Term 3, on Thursday 1 September 2022 to appreciate and acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our teachers. To celebrate this day, our student leaders will be putting together activities that will allow our teachers and students to spend the time meaningfully. More details will be shared nearer to the date.

## **8. Forthcoming Programmes**

**a. Arts and Culture Sessions [For Sec 1-3 students]**

Term 3 will be an exciting time for our Arts Advocates with Book and Music Week preparation and Sec 4 and 5 farewell happening on 27 June. Enrollment of lower secondary arts advocates will also be taking place in Term 3 before the arts advocates plunge into the planning of the end of year student-initiated arts festival on 25 July and 15 August.

**b. Sec 1 Historical Investigation to the National Museum**

Secondary 1 Express and Normal Academic students will begin their Historical Investigations (HI) to the National Museum of Singapore in Term 3. The classes will be going on these dates and times:

- 28 June, 2 pm – 5 pm (Class 103 and 104)
- 5 July, 2 pm – 5 pm (Class 101 and 102)
- 8 July, 11 am – 3 pm (Class 105 and 106)

Prior to the trip, students would be briefed by their teachers on the inquiry topic and work expectations to make their learning experience purposeful. At the museum they would have opportunities to read and select sources that are relevant to support the inquiry focus on whether the British government was effective at maintaining law and order in colonial Singapore. They would also be exposed to some forms of collaborative learning post-

museum visit. It is hoped that students would gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of Singapore's history and sharpen their investigative skills.

**c. Sec 2 Geographical Investigation (GI)**

The Sec 2 students will begin their Geographical Investigations (GI) in Term 3. They have spent the first semester learning about housing issues in urban areas, with a focus on inclusivity and sustainability. As such, their GI and research will centre on the inclusivity of the Marine Terrace area. Through GI, students not only get the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of what they have learnt during their Geography lessons in class but they will also get to practice and hone GI-specific skills such as data collection, analyses and presentation. Their exposure to GI enables them to develop an affinity for the immediate community around KC as well as a sense of space, place, environment and scale; key concepts that underlie the Secondary Geography syllabus.

**9. Summary of Important Dates in Term 3/ 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>People Involved</b>
28 Jun, 5 & 8 Jul	Historical Investigation (HI) to the National Museum	Sec 1 students
4 Jul	Youth Day – scheduled school holiday	All students
5 Jul	GCE O-level CL/ML/TL Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4/5 students & Sec 3 HMTL students
6 – 8 Jul	Book and Music Week	All students
6 – 18 Jul	GCE O-level MTL Oral Examination	Sec 4/5 students & Sec 3 HMTL students
11 Jul	Public holiday in lieu of Hari Raya Haji	All students
12 – 14 Jul	HPV Vaccination	Sec 1 & 2 students
18 Jul, 1 Aug, 15 Aug, 29 Aug	Independent Learning Days	18 Jul – All students 1 Aug – Sec 1-3 & 4E5N students 15 Aug – Sec 1-3 (4E4N5N HBL) 29 Aug – Sec 1-3 (4N HBL)
21 Jul – 1 Aug	GCE O-level EL Oral Examination	Sec 4/5 students
22 Jul – 3 Aug	4N Preliminary Examinations	Sec 4 students
25 Jul – 3 Aug	Annual School-Based Health Screening	Sec 1,2 & selected Sec 3 students
29 Jul	International Friendship Day	All students
29 Jul – 5 Aug	GCE N-level MTL Oral Examination	Sec 4/5 students
5 Aug	Sports Day	All students
8 Aug	National Day celebrations	All students
9 Aug	National Day (Public Holiday)	All students

Date	Event	People Involved
10 Aug	National Day – scheduled school holiday	All students
15 – 19 Aug	GCE O-level HMTL Oral Examination	Sec 4 students
25 – 31 Aug, 12 – 16 Sep	4E5N Preliminary Examinations	Sec 4 & 5 students
1 Sep	Teachers' Day Celebration	All students
2 Sep	Teachers' Day (school holiday)	All students
5 – 11 Sep	September holidays	All students
12 Sep	First Day of Term 4	All students

***\*Do note that there may be changes to these dates. In such cases, updates will be disseminated to the relevant parties accordingly.***

Please call the General Office at 6448 6433 or email [chijktcs@moe.edu.sg](mailto:chijktcs@moe.edu.sg) should you have any queries.

We expect Term 3 to be just as busy and enriching for us at Katong Convent and we continue to look forward to your invaluable support as we nurture our girls into KCians with the essential 21st century competencies.

Thank you and may God bless you and your family.

Yours sincerely



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