

SJIIM Weekly Update

22nd April 2022

Important Dates:

25th Apr - 10th June IGCSE Exam

28th Apr - 18th May IBDP Exam

Upcoming Events:

25th Apr - House Spirit Day (Benilde)

29th Apr - Hari Raya Dress up Day

7 May - HS Sports Day

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from Sam Hollis University and Careers Counsellor and Head of Year 13

After completing my degree in Film Production at the Northern Film School in Leeds I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to do with my life! I panicked and took the first opportunity that came my way, which was a completely unfulfilling nine to five office job. This experience was a great lesson early on in my career. I realised that I needed to find work which I would enjoy and in which I could find purpose and fulfillment.

Having returned to my studies to complete qualifications in teaching and also in football coaching. I had the opportunity to teach film at a Further Education College in the UK. However, after a couple of years I felt ready for a change and I decided to study Counselling and this led to a new job role in the field of Advice and Guidance. This switch in focus was one of the best career decisions I made. I love working in advice and guidance. I have enjoyed working with a diverse range of students from around the world. Each day brings a different challenge and no two days have been the same which I absolutely love. My job has also afforded me the opportunity to work in the UK, Qatar, South Korea, United Arab Emirates and also Malaysia. In my current role as University and Careers Counsellor and Head of Year 13 I have had the privilege of helping to guide our students at SJIIM on to the next stages of their educational journeys.

My hobbies are playing football (I play for a team in Malaysia), music, reading and keeping fit. I also enjoy helping to coach some of the football teams at SJIIM.

Message from Jenna Hollis Year 4 Elementary teacher

After completing my BA (Hons) degree in Business and Tourism from Northumbria University I later obtained her QTS from Durham and PGCE through Leeds Metropolitan University. I have now been teaching since 2010. I taught in the UK where I met Mr Hollis. After visiting his mum who was teaching in Qatar we decided to try and have our own adventure. We both received jobs in Qatar in 2013 and have been working internationally since. We spent 4 years in Qatar during that time we got married and started our family. During my time working as a teacher in Qatar I was a CAS Coordinator which allowed me to have many great experiences including taking a group of students to Nepal to visit a school and go trekking.

I have always had a passion to work with children and have spent time in Early Years settings and qualified as a practitioner of developmental play. Teaching toddler and children's groups in Abu Dhabi and Malaysia. I also have a passion for children's well-being and am a qualified baby and children's yoga teacher. I am qualified to teach Children's Zumba and enjoyed being able to teach it during CCA in term 2. Outside of work, I enjoy Yoga, dancing and baking.

We have been living in Malaysia since 2019 and have enjoyed what Malaysia has had to offer so far. This is my first year at SJIIM as a teacher. I know I will be familiar to some of you as I was a parent rep for a nursery last year. Our son Leo is currently in reception and loves coming to school.



Catholic Corner

Our next Mass is Wednesday April 27th in our school chapel at 12:15 pm. This Mass is being offered to staff and students in Year 3 and above. High school students will receive an invite to the Mass and for the elementary school students, please can you add the names of your children to the sign up sheet [HERE](#)

Catholic CCA

Please use the link [HERE](#) to sign up for Catholic CCA in Term 3. Students from Year 1- Year 6 are invited to join.

Whole School Update



LYM Founder's Day T Shirts

The Lasallian Youth Movement have been busy designing and organising this year's Founder's Day T Shirts. [Please click here](#) to see more details and to place your order.

Please be aware that orders need to be placed by Monday 25th April, including full payment.



Hari Raya Dress Up Day - 29th April 2022

The fun just keeps coming! Next week on Friday students are encouraged to come to school wearing their favourite Malaysian outfit. If you prefer, you can wear bright colours instead.



Hari Raya Bazaar hosted by our PSG

Our amazing PSG team brought a dazzling wave of Hari Raya joy and festivities to school today by putting together an amazing range of traditional Malaysian activities for our younger children to try out including, congkak, hopscotch, ketupat weaving, 5 stones and more! The whole school were invited to the fabulous food stalls. Just a few of the delicious dishes included, curry puffs, satay, fish balls, kuehs and even popsicles! We are so blessed to have this opportunity to unite and celebrate these festivities in such a wonderful way. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and sponsored this bazaar-what an amazing event!



Message from Ello-Term 3 Top Up Reminder

Please make sure that you have topped up your child's lunch card and pre ordered their meals for Term 3. Ello have noticed that quite a few students have no balance remaining on their cards and have not pre ordered their meals, making it tricky to manage their food preparation. Thank you for helping us with this.



House Spirit Day - Benilde!

On Monday 25th April it is BENILDE DAY! We love to show our support and recognition for each and every house team at St Joseph's. Benilde Day will include lots of wonderful fun activities including, a presentation about the life and legacy of St Benilde, making teacher's gratitude notes and everyone's favourite-Splash it Off, which is indeed soaking the teachers with water guns!



Drop-off in the mornings

From Monday 25th April, students will return to going up to class at 7:45 in the morning. If students are dropped off before 7:45, they will have designated areas where they can play while they wait. These areas will be supervised by staff in the morning and delineated by phase, so that we continue to monitor student interactions in the case of Covid cases. From Monday, children will play in the following areas prior to going up to class:

Year 5 and 6: Football Field

Year 3 and 4: Basketball court (outdoor)

Year 1 and 2: Blue climbing frame area

At 7:45 students will be sent up to their classrooms to begin their morning work.

Winners of 1st Global Chinese Writing Competition for Young Writers

It is our pleasure to announce that 3 SJIIM students have achieved an excellent result in the "1st Global Chinese Writing Competition." This competition was organised by the Association of International Education Development & Research and International Bilingual Experts. Event was supported and attended by more than 100 well-known international/bilingual/oversea public schools from 20 countries and areas, such as China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macau, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, USA, Canada, UK, Australia and Italy. There are more than 2,000 participants, and SJIIM stands out as the only Malaysian school which achieves the prize for the three winning categories.



A grand virtual awards ceremony will be held at 8 PM on April 30th, 2022 (Saturday). All the participants, parents and school are invited to attend it through the Zoom link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9341771180> Meeting ID: 934 177 1180

Awardees list

Year 8 Lou WuShuang ([awarded work](#)) -second runner-up category of global native chinese speaker (junior);

Year 11 Kaelyn Miranda ([awarded work](#)) - first runner-up category of global non-native chinese speaker (senior);

Year 8 Wong Yu-Han ([awarded work](#))- second runner-up category of overseas district non-native chinese speaker(junior)



What does High Performance mean to you?

Inspired by the High Performance Podcast, which a number of teachers listen to regularly, Mr Hussain put together a display asking 'What does High Performance mean to you?' The display features quotes from famous people including athletes and leaders of industry, in addition to teachers at St. Joseph's.

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Spirit Day Results



Friday 8th April - Striking & Fielding House Spirit Day
Competition Results
(Y9 Rounders, Y7, 8, 10 Kickball and Y11, 12 13 Softball)

MUTIEN: 1st place (34 points)
JAIME: 2nd place (24 points)
MIGUEL: 3rd place (18 points)
BENILDE: 4th place (14 points)

Thanks again to all students who participated throughout the day. A special mention to our Y12s who, alongside the sport, ran a superb carnival event for the whole school. Excellent work - well done!

High School Sports Day



*****SAVE THE DATE*****

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

DATE: SATURDAY 7th MAY

TIME: 8:00am - 2:00pm

WHO: ALL high school students & parents welcome

EVENTS: Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Track Events and Ultimate Frisbee (TBC)

FOOD/DRINKS: On sale from Ellos and the PSG

Poetry Slam by th HS English Department



In English class, students have been submitting entries for this year's Poetry Slam competition. The Poetry Slam, an annual event, sees students competing by performing their poetry in front of their peers in special assemblies. There will be two special assemblies on Friday 29th April and we'll share updated and pictures next week.



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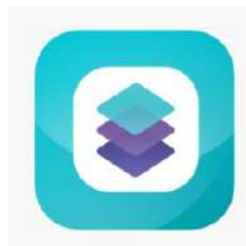
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