

SJIS Weekly Update

10th January 2025



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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Important Dates:

7th to 17th Jan - HS KS4/5
Mock Exam

20th Jan - Term 2 CCA starts

Upcoming Events:

ES Music Parent Information
session - Tuesday 14th January
8:15am

Year 4-6 Sports day - Tuesday
25th February

Year 1-3 Sports Day -
Wednesday 26th February

Early Years Sports Day -
Thursday 27th February

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Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to members of the SJIS community, both returning and new. We hope that the children have had a great first week back at St. Joseph's - though, I am sure that there were a few tired children as they got up for school on Tuesday morning.

On Monday, we welcomed our new families to the SJIS community and there were orientation sessions for both parents and students. The new families were able to get important information, meet their teachers, meet some of their new classmates and purchase pre-loved uniform from Kitar Kitar.

Our examination groups are now well into their mock exams and we wish them every success. These examinations will provide them with an important experience to learn and reflect as they approach the examination season in the summer and we are confident that we will have some outstanding results to celebrate once again.

As always, we have some exciting activities to look forward to in Term 2 with, of course, our Lunar New Celebrations taking place on the 24th January. This is always an important part of our school calendar and a day that I know the students look forward to so watch out for more information on that. For the first time, the whole school will join together to perform and we will of course have lion dance, drumming and bazaar organised by our SPV and parent volunteers.

Once again, we wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to an amazing 2025, here at St. Joseph's Institution International School.



Catholic and Christian Community

We are excited to welcome you back to a new school term! This term, we'll focus on supporting students in their academic progress as they prepare for key milestones, including examinations.

At the same time, we'll continue to nurture a vibrant and caring school community where students and families are encouraged to come together in faith, fostering our core values of faith, service and community.

Catholic CCA for Term 2 Year 1-6 students

Catholic CCA [sign up link for term 2 HERE](#)



OPEN MORNING

16 January 2025

Thursday

9:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m.

Admissions Open AY24/25

REGISTER NOW!



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Open Morning

On Thursday 16th January, from 9:00 am till 11:00 am, we will be hosting an open morning for prospective parents.

The Open Morning will include a presentation and tour of the school from our Senior Leadership team.

Spaces are limited so if you know anyone that would like to sign up for the tour, please share and they can register via our website here:

<https://www.sji-international.edu.my/open-morning/>

World Kindness Day Rock Art



Thank you to SAND (Society of Art and Design) for showing the virtue of service and community with this wonderful initiative that involved students in both the ES and HS.

The purpose of this activity was to allow students to express their creativity, provide an opportunity for this creativity to be displayed to our school community and to promote kindness towards each other. Students were given rocks and acrylic paint markers, they then decorated the rocks based around the theme of World Kindness Day.

Well done to everyone involved!

English Language Usage

<p>In the classroom</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your group in English • Answer questions in English • Ask questions if you don't understand • Ask a friend to explain a word in your home language 	<p>At Social Time</p> <p>Play and talk in English</p> 
<p>In the canteen</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order food and drinks in English • Talk with friends while you eat • Listen carefully to learn new words 	<p>In the library</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the librarian for help • Talk about books with friends • Ask your teacher to suggest a good book for you

This term, we are promoting an initiative to enhance the use of English language throughout our school.

While we deeply value and celebrate the array of languages spoken by our students and their families, we are also emphasising the importance of English as our shared language. This will ensure that every member of our community feels included and valued. Unity is a cornerstone of our Lasallian values, and English is the language that unites us. Please see the [letter](#) that has been shared with our community.



Welcome new and returning students

We were delighted to welcome back our returning students and extend a warm greeting to the new students joining us this term at St. Joseph's. The children have settled in smoothly and are excited to reconnect with their classmates and teachers. With field trips, CCAs, residentials, and Lunar New Year celebrations on the horizon, there is much to look forward to. Wishing everyone a fantastic term ahead!



EAL - New Parent Session

It was a pleasure meeting the parents of our newest EAL learners. We discussed the importance of maintaining home languages, encouraged open communication with children in their mother tongues, and outlined our EAL support systems, including the Elementary EAL provision, assessment procedures, and After School EAL Program. We look forward to a collaborative partnership in supporting our learners' language development.



Seesaw - New Parent Session

Thank you so much for joining our Seesaw session! It was a pleasure to meet all the new parents as we explored how this fantastic platform supports your child's learning journey.

Seesaw is a wonderful tool that bridges the gap between home and school, offering you a glimpse into your child's daily activities, achievements, and progress. I hope the session helped you understand how Seesaw not only fosters your child's pride in their work but also creates meaningful opportunities for you to engage actively in their learning experience.



Year 4 & Year 5 Residential Information Sessions

It was great meeting Juhan and Eim from Radiant Retreats, to better understand the activities and expectations for the upcoming Year 4 residential to Janda Baik. We are all very excited for the trip!

Reminder:

ES Music Parent information session on Tuesday 14th January at 8:15am - Level 4 Art Room.



Talking about —
HS DIGITAL PARENTING

Add your questions and comments here ahead of the session

Supporting HS parents in managing healthy and safe online habits for their children, both at home and at school.

Friday 17th January
9.00am
(ONLINE)

Scan here for the Google Meet

Upcoming Parent Workshop: Talking About Digital Parenting

Friday 17th January (online and recorded - 9am)

This online workshop will aim to address some of the concerns and questions parents have about how to best support their children with their online use. The session will focus on the safe use of devices, as well as how they can be used productively at home and school.

If you have any questions or areas that you would specifically like to be addressed in this session, please scan this QR code, and we will do our best to support you.



Mock Exam Season

This week saw the start of our mock examination season for Years 11, 12 and 13, as well as some Year 10s. Our students have conducted themselves as impeccably as always, and we look forward to celebrating their success once results are shared.



Mock Reports

Mock reports will be sent home on 6th February. They will contain two grades, a 'Mock Exam Grade' for the papers that students have taken in this mock series, plus an 'Overall Mock Grade' which will take into account any additional factors like coursework or previous components already taken.

Mock Exam PTCs

For exam classes, there will be an additional round of 'twilight' PTCs this term, so that parents may get an additional insight into mock results and performance, as well as next steps for the final few weeks of IGCSE, A Level or IB DP study.

Thursday 6th Feb (3.30-6.30pm): Year 12 and 13

Wednesday 12th Feb (3.30-6.30pm): Year 11

Further information will follow nearer the time.

HS Sports Day Update

The HS Sports Day will take place on Friday 14th February (It has moved from 21st February). It will be an all day event, more information will be provided closer to the time regarding the running and order of the day.





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