

## SJIIM Weekly Update

10th March 2023

### Important Dates:

17th Mar - Y1-6 Languages PTCs  
22nd Mar - PTC Y7,8,9,10 and 12  
20th/22nd Mar - EY-Y4 & Y6 PTCs  
11/13th April - Y5 PTCs

21st Aug - Start of Term 1 for  
Academic Year 2023-2024

### Upcoming Events:

15th Mar - IGCSE Options Evening  
17th Mar - Stations of the Cross  
21 Mar - School Mass  
22nd Mar - HS Spring Showcase  
Concert  
23rd Mar - Make-up Photography

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*"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"*

**Message written by : Students - Maya Fedorowicz and Evelyn Teng 10L**

### International Women's Day 2023

Despite the many inspirational women who have excelled in sport and science, there is still a lack of female participation in these fields. There are a number of factors that contribute to this, including a lack of visible role models, gender stereotypes, and a lack of access to resources.

One of the primary reasons why more women don't enter into sport and science is a lack of visible role models. Women in these fields are often not as celebrated or as visible as their male counterparts. This is especially true in science, where the majority of publications are still authored by men. Equally, the viewers of the Women's World Cup in football is just 31% of the men's, which is echoed by the discrepancy in the women's \$23m prize pot, in comparison to the men's colossal \$400m (2019 figures).

Ultimately, in order to increase female participation in sport and science, it is important to create a more equal playing field (forgive the pun!) by providing more visible role models and challenging gender stereotypes.

Here are some of our own Year 10s to talk about breaking their own glass ceiling in sport and science, as well as the women that inspired them along the way.



#### Maya Fedorowicz on women in sport

Womens sport - specifically women's football - is an ever growing industry, and although leaps of progress have been made in recent years there is still a stark difference between women's and men's sports. For instance, the majority of people in our school will have watched or heard about the men's world cup that happened in 2022, though I find almost no one knows or is talking about the upcoming women's world cup that is happening this year. There are some amazing female athlete role models: Brazilian Marta or English Ellen White. Please read more info [here](#).

#### Evelyn Teng on women in Science

Many people may be familiar with Watson and Crick's research on the structure of human DNA. Some may also be familiar with Rosalind Franklin, whose findings with X-ray crystallography were instrumental in this influential discovery. However, she had not received the credit she deserved for her work until years later. Sadly, many female scientists have experienced something similar, especially in the past, where their work has gone unnoticed in favour of discoveries made by their male counterparts. Please read more info [here](#).



**Maya and Evelyn are both inspirational young women who have achieved great success already in their time at SJIIM. Their contributions to sport and science have not only broken down barriers, but have also served as an example to all of us of what can be achieved if we persist and believe in ourselves.**

## Catholic and Christian Community (CCC)

### March Mass with an examination blessing.

There will be a special Mass on March 21st in our school chapel for students taking examinations. This Mass will take place at 12:30pm in our school chapel.

As always, students in Year 3 and above are warmly invited to attend the Mass. Parents are encouraged to as well!

Please use the sign up sheet to confirm your child's attendance Sign [HERE](#)

### New CCC logo

It is with great pleasure to share with you our new Catholic and Christian Community logo designed by the creative CCC team.



**PARENTS ROSARY CIRCLE**



FRIDAY  
17 March 2023  
8:15-8:50 am

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
We gather to meditate the Stations of the Cross during this Lenten Season

Venue:  
The School Chapel, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

To join please email:  
[cac@sj-i-international.edu.my](mailto:cac@sj-i-international.edu.my)  
(For non – Muslims only).

#### EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Join us each month to lift the SJIIM community in prayer. Just one decade of the Rosary and Christian fellowship as parents gather to pray for our children, teachers & school.



### Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent we invite you to join us in meditating the Stations of the Cross in our school chapel.

**Next date:** March 17th 08:15





## Kangaroo Maths 2023

The school is excited to be entering the Kangaroo Maths competition again this year and we are opening it up to all students in years 3-13. The competition will be held in school on 18th May and payment and entry needs to be submitted before the 20th March. The following [letter](#) contains more details.

If you have any questions, please contact our Heads of Maths; Shaun Wilson [swilson@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:swilson@sjj-international.edu.my) (ES) or Joel Lawrence [jlawrence@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:jlawrence@sjj-international.edu.my) (HS)



## Swimming Pool Update

We are pleased to inform you that swimming lessons and activities will resume from Monday! Please remind your children to bring their swimming kits to school on their swimming day. Thank you for your patience.



## Make-up Photo Session

Our friends at Fotorex have graciously offered to return to campus on **Thursday, 23rd March** for anyone that missed their class photo.

You also have the option of visiting the studio. Booking is required for the photo studio.

To schedule a session, please visit their website:  
<https://fotorex.simplybook.asia/v2/#book/location/2/count/1/>.



The process is straightforward, and you will be able to choose the date and time that works best for you. Please note that the session will be opened until **9th April** in order to have your child's photo to be in their respective class photos. You are encouraged to book as soon as possible. After this date, your child's photo will not be included in our yearbook. Thank you for your kind cooperation.





## Y6 Residential trip to Port Dickson

The Year 6s are the first group of ES students in nearly 4 years to go on a residential camp. The students were extremely excited, and faced healthy balance of challenge and fun. Day 1 consisted of team building activities, reminding that camp is about learning, not a holiday. The students developed interpersonal communication skills, cooperation and their ability to manage frustration. The following day, they were off to the beach - to learn how to sea kayak. After a few boats going in circles, everyone managed it and had fun in glorious conditions. Students were also challenged to build a marble run, to jungle trek to the famous Port Dickson lighthouse, build and race rafts and cook their own '*roti lilit*'. Children returned home with increased independence and maturity. Well done to all of our Year 6s - and a big thank you to the staff team that made it possible!





### Urgent messages

In response to parent requests, if your child's **class** teacher is unexpectedly absent (due to illness, etc), you will be notified by Mr Woodhams via Seesaw message that morning. For any urgent messages for **class** teachers (ie, a midday pick up), please send them to Ms Aisyah in the ES office and she will ensure it gets to the appropriate person. This is the case, for ANY urgent messages, please send to the ES office. Teachers are busy working with children during the day and there is no guarantee that they will see a message before 3pm.



### Students on-site after school

We would like to remind parents that once students are collected after school or after CCAs they should be supervised by parents at all times when on the school site. School staff will be in meetings or other activities and will not be available to supervise students after these times.



### Y3 Service Learning

Year 3 are very excited to share with you their Service Learning project-**Pay IT Forward**. Over the next few weeks we will embark on spreading kind deeds throughout our school community. We only ask that you **PAY IT FORWARD**. If you receive a kind deed, then please do a good deed for someone else.

*Inspire kindness and **PAY IT FORWARD**.*

### Reminder: EY & ES Parent Teacher Conferences

Booking closes 16th March, 4pm. Please visit [sjiim.meettheteacher.com](http://sjiim.meettheteacher.com) to book your appointments.

**Early Years & Elementary School Mandarin, Bahasa & EAL**  
Friday, 17th March

**Early Years & Elementary School Class Teachers (Y1 - 4 & Y6)**  
Monday, 20th March & Wednesday, 22nd March

**Elementary School Class Teacher Consultations (Year 5)**  
Tuesday, 11th April & Thursday, 13th April







## No School



### PTC - 22nd Mar (Wednesday)

There will be no school for Year 7,8,9,10 and 12 students on 22nd Mar. Y11 and Y13 will attend school as normal, but will participate in bespoke workshops to help prepare them for exams and beyond.

### Y11 Withdrawal Notice

We wish to remind Y11 parents that if you would like to withdraw your child from our school, you will need to provide us one term notice in order to get your security deposit refunded.

Kindly send a withdrawal notice/email on or before the first day of Term 3, which will be on Monday, **10th April 2023** to our

- 1) Head of School, Mr. Gary Cairns at [gcairns@sj-i-international.edu.my](mailto:gcairns@sj-i-international.edu.my) and copy to
- 2) Admissions, Ms. Kwa Jin Nee at [jinneekwa@sj-i-international.edu.my](mailto:jinneekwa@sj-i-international.edu.my)



### IBDP and IGCSE Exams

This week marks the beginning of the IB and IGCSE exam season and the completion of the IB Spanish and Chinese and the IGCSE Chinese speaking tests. Well done to all our students. Other speaking tests have been scheduled as follows:

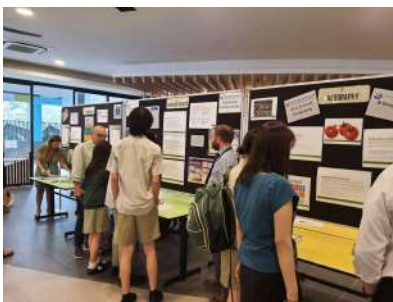
- 16th Mar – IGCSE Malay Foreign Language
- 20th Mar – IGCSE Spanish
- 13th & 14th Apr – IGCSE English Second Language

The final IBDP and IGCSE exams dates are:

- IGCSE – 25th Apr to 8th June 23
- IBDP – 28th Apr to 19th May 23

### Sixth Form Options Evening

Earlier this week, we enjoyed our first 'in-person' Sixth Form Options Evening since 2019. The Sixth Form team, as well as our expert teachers were on hand to answer questions and queries about the IBDP, as well as the new A Level programme that will be launched for the next academic year. There was a tangible excitement in the air as students made important decisions about their future studies and careers. We look forward to welcoming our largest Sixth Form cohort yet in August 2023!



**Year 11 students and parents, please note:** Final option choices must be made by **15th March** via the Google Form on Google Classroom.



## Year 9 Service Project: “Make your Mark”

The Year 9 Service Project: “Make your Mark” has really taken off this week with nearly all groups having their first full week of trading. As mentioned in last week’s update, the aim of this project is to develop key skills by using real money to take calculated risks in business. It’s to see what they can achieve with a RM50, not just by making money but also by making a difference in our community.

Please read comments from students [here](#).



## HS Spring Showcase Concert

The upcoming HS Spring Showcase Concert is set to take place on the 22nd of March, from 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm. We have a variety of performances from different music groups in school who have been practising diligently over the course of the term, including the school orchestra, choir and rock band. The winners of the Inter-house Performing Arts Competition are also set to perform, so come along for an evening of music and drama! We hope to see all of you there supporting the talented students of HS!



[ES Student Absence Form](#)  
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[ES Parent calendar 22/23](#)  
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[WS Teaching Staff Email 22/23](#)



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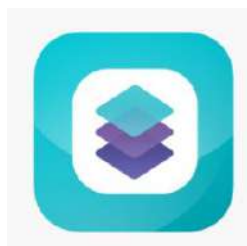
[Catholic Corner 22/23](#)



[PSG Update 22/23](#)



[Music Website](#)



[Schoolsbuddy](#)  
[WS CCA](#)



[E-purse \(Top up credit\)](#)  
[Tapestry \(For ES\)](#)  
[Parent portal \(For ES\)](#)



[Sports Fixtures Website](#)



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