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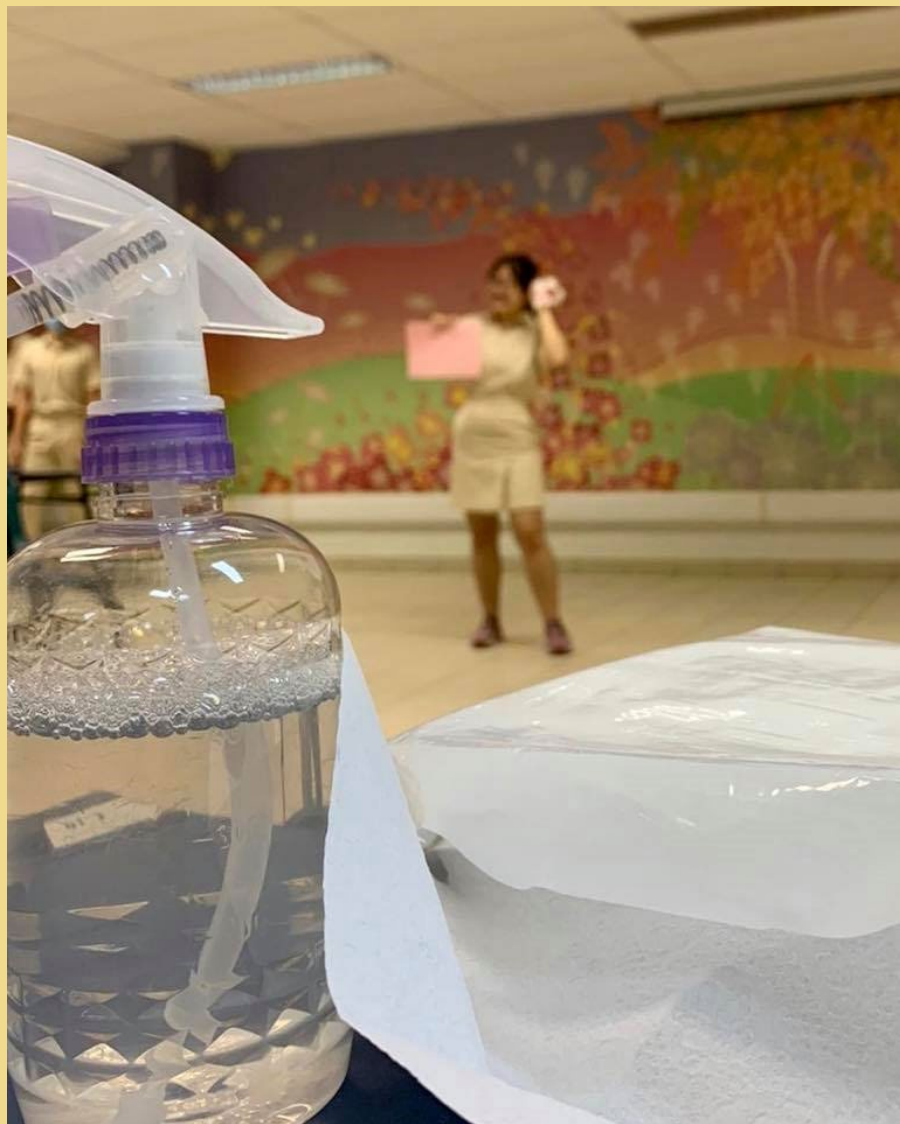
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TERM 3 UPDATES

TRANSITION AND ADAPTATION TO A NEW NORMAL

After the July holidays, we were able to transit from home-based learning to face-to-face lessons for all tutorials, from no CCAs to e-CCAs and recently, small-group interaction for lower-risk CCAs. Events that were postponed earlier in the year were conducted through remote means. These include: Principal's Dialogue with J1 Parents, talks with university admission officers for J2 Parents and College Day. The school has extended Civics Tutorial periods to allow for more pastoral guidance of students, while the Night Study Programme has started, providing an environment conducive for self-study and consultations with teachers.



COLLEGE DAY 2020

On 29 August, we celebrated the multi-faceted achievements, in both academic and non-academic areas, of the class of 2019. They have performed well not just in A levels, A division competitions and the SYF Arts Presentation but also contributed to the community.

While the awardees did not attend the ceremony physically, they still managed to convey their heartfelt appreciation of their fellow students and our staff through their creative videos. Although we could not meet in person, the recollections of the years that they have spent in college provided many heart-warming moments. We wish all awardees the best in their future endeavours!



41st College Day



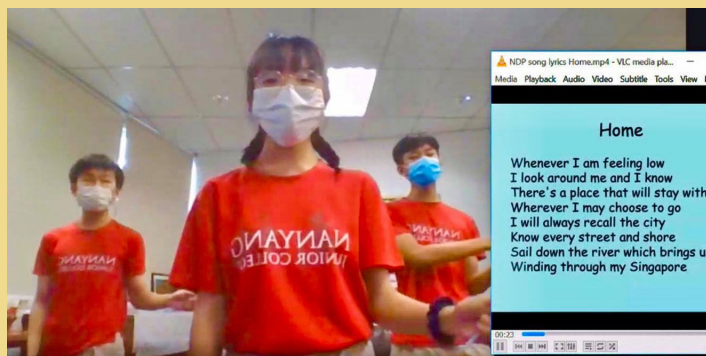


NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

On 7 August, the college celebrated National Day in a novel way that still managed to create a festive and united atmosphere. While the students could not gather in the hall, they were able to reflect about the significance of nationhood in these difficult times in the more intimate setting of their CT groups.

Crucial elements, such as the parade, pledge-taking and singing of the national anthem were retained and adjusted for the virtual space.

Kudos to both staff and students who put in their best efforts and adapting to the myriad changes – a true testament to our fortitude in the face of challenges.



RESUMPTION OF CCAS

From 27 July 2020, schools had the option to resume lower-risk Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) and other school activities, with appropriate safe management measures in place. Some of these include maximum of 20 students per activity and smaller groups of five or fewer students can have closer interaction. The college has carefully planned for permitted CCAs to resume their activities safely. Here are some pictures of our students resuming their CCAs and their delight and enthusiasm at being able to interact were evident.

Clockwise from top left: Symphonic Band, Chinese Orchestra, Volleyball, Drama Club, Guzheng Ensemble, Dragonboat



SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

With the disruption of normal school life due to the Circuit Breaker period and the continuation of safe management measures, we understand that students would require more support from the school. To address this, we have extended Civics Tutorial lessons to 90 minutes to allow more time for Civic Tutors to monitor the mental well-being of students and prepared lessons on strengthening mental resilience and motivation after their tests. J1 class leaders also exhibited their leadership skills by presenting and facilitating a discussion of education and career guidance, which their peers found useful in helping them gain greater clarity about their post-JC goals.

In terms of academic support, the school has conducted timed practices for J2s and started the night study programme for both levels this term. This was a mix of both remote and face-to-face sessions, based on the needs of the students.

To help J1 students adjust to the A level curriculum there was also a CT lesson for them to discover their learning style. Parents who are interested can access the research article with the following link: <https://www.educationcorner.com/learning-styles.html> .This article covers the VARK model of learning styles which stands for visual, aural/auditory, reading/writing, and kinesthetic.



IMPORTANT EVENTS IN TERM 4 AND 2021

Talks for Parents

There are two Zoom Webinars for parents in September:

A) Talk by Education & Career Guidance Counsellor, Ms. Saira Kuttan

Date & Time: 18 September (Fri), 7:30pm to 8:45pm

B) Tea Session with Singapore Management University (SMU)

Date & Time: 25 September (Fri), 7:30pm to 9pm

J1 parents would have received a hard copy letter, while J2 parents would have received the information through Parents Gateway.

A Level Examinations (J2) & End-of-Year Examinations (J1)

For the J2s, the A level science practical papers will begin from 15 October, while the written papers will begin from 2 November. Parents may refer to their child's entry proof for a detailed schedule of the A level examinations.

For the J1s, the end-of-year examinations will begin from 24 September for the written papers.

End of Year Holidays and First Day of School in 2021

The last day of school for the J1s will be 22 November. Parents are advised to make vacation plans after this date. After a restful break, the students will report to school on 11 January 2021 (Monday).