

# FROM EACH HIS BEST

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## EDITOR'S FOREWORD

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2020 threw an unexpected curveball at us and engulfed us in uncertainty and apprehension. Be it full home-based learning (FHBL), the Circuit Breaker, the earlier month-long holidays as well as adapting to the new regulations and Safe Management Measures (SMMs), there were several firsts this year. However in the true spirit of our school motto 'From Each His Best', we took on the pandemic and ensuing crisis head-on.

There were frenzied preparations for FHBL in terms of getting the students and teachers ready to use varied ICT platforms and tools to ensure that learning could continue at home. The teachers were resilient, forthcoming and even 'gung ho' about dealing with the new challenges such as having Zoom lessons, monitoring students' work as well as marking and providing feedback, all in a contactless manner. Students too had to get used to checking-in from home and keeping up with online tasks and independent learning. It is of no doubt that both the teachers and students had fears and insecurities and wondered if we had done the right things and if we had done things right. The situation had brought about a new normal and a complete upheaval of several things that were comfortingly familiar to both the staff and students.

In spite of all these, Bendemeer staff and students rose to the challenges and learnt to manoeuvre our way through. The School Leaders and teachers found new and innovative ways for the school to function as normally as possible despite the numerous constraints and restrictions, such as having the National Day proceedings streamed live to all of the classrooms. Several new opportunities and avenues have been opened up because we thought out of the box and we have been presented with possibilities for these new ideas to continue to be adopted in future. This online magazine is one such new initiative proudly brought to you by the School Publications Committee.

True to our motto, From Each His Best, Bendemeer staff and students have given their best to manage the crisis in their own ways and have also extended assistance to those around them to ensure that no one is left behind. We survived the various adaptations that needed to be made and the struggles we faced due to our prevalent caring culture and the Bendemeer family has become stronger together. We look forward to a blissful 2021.