

CONVENT OF THE HOLY INFANT JESUS SECONDARY

2026 Secondary 1 Registration



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SECONDARY



School Leaders



Principal
Ms Genevieve Chye

School Leaders



Vice-Principal
Mdm Lim Lay Hoon



Vice-Principal
Mrs Chris Kwok



Vice-Principal (Admin)
Ms Paula Kesavan

CHIJ Staff



**Year Head
(Lower Secondary)**
Mr Francis Yap



**Assistant Year Head
(Lower Secondary)**
Mrs Tivona Chelliah

Who We Are

Established in 1854 at Victoria Street

Formerly known as Town Convent

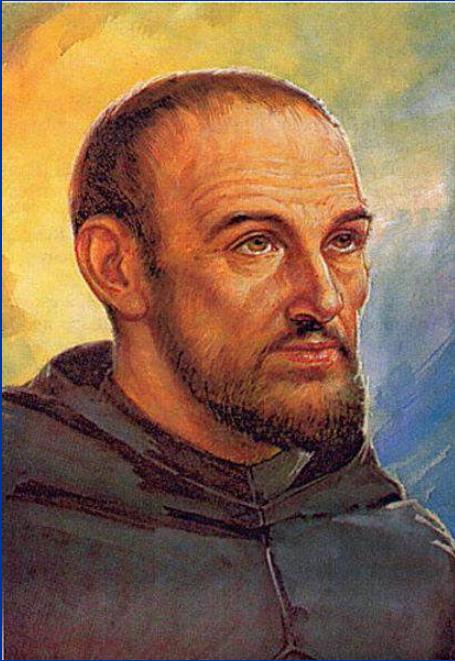
Mother school of the CHIJ family
(11 IJ Schools in Singapore)



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Our Mission



A CHIJ school is a Christ-centred school community where all work together for the promotion of truth, justice, freedom and love, with special reference to the needs of persons who are disadvantaged in any way.

School Motto



**Simple in Virtue
Steadfast in Duty**

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Our Vision

A Woman of Distinction

a THINKER, LEADER and COMMUNICATOR



Confident with Humility,
Principled with Compassion, and
Cultured with Grace

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A Distinctive IJ Education and Experience

3Ls@IJ

LEARN

LIVE

LEAD



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CHIJ Signature Programmes

- CoE (Language & the Arts) Programmes
- Art Elective Programme (AEP)
- Drama lessons for all Lower Secondary Classes
- IJ Goes Global (Twinning & Immersion)
- IJ BEACON (Mission)
- Catholic Formation Programme (for Catholic students only)
- Milestone Programmes (e.g. IJ Fiesta & Spirit Day, Sec 1 Adventure Camp, Work Exposure Programme, Self-Awareness Camp)



Academic Development

Secondary 1 & 2

- English Language
- Mother Tongue Language
(Chinese / Malay/ Tamil / HMTL)
- Science
- Mathematics
- Literature*
- History*
- Geography*
- Humanities (for students taking predominantly G1 subjects)

- Common Curriculum Subjects:
- Art
 - PE
 - Character Education (CCE)
 - Food & Consumer Education (FCE)
 - Design & Technology (D&T)
 - Drama
 - Music

**Lit/Hist/Geo for those taking predominately G2 and G3 subjects*



Academic Development

GEM programme for students offering predominantly G1 subjects

- GEM programme is designed to enable students to cultivate 21st century competencies and skills, with a focus on adaptive and inventive thinking, effective communication, and confidence and resilience building.
- Students can look forward to enrichment modules such as Robotics workshops, life skills modules on social skills, executive functioning, and health and fitness activities to enhance psychomotor skills and resilience development.
- These would be planned within the school timetable.



Transition to Secondary School

Physical/Cognitive:

- Increase in the number of subjects and new subjects
- Increase in academic rigour
- Balancing academics, CCA and other activities
- Longer school hours
- Recess & Snack Time

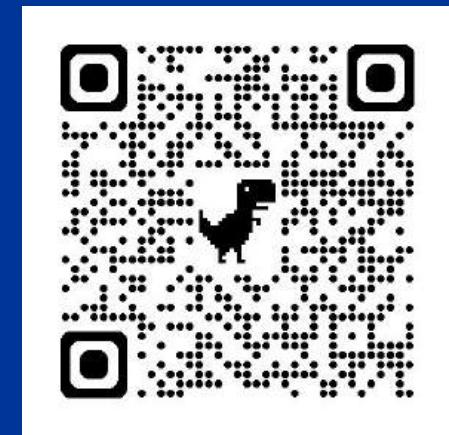
Socio-Emotional:

- Developing a sense of self
- Peer relationships and influence
- Gaining independence and learning responsible decision-making



Home-School Partnership

- **School Website** and official social media account
- **Parents Gateway (PG)** for announcements and consent forms
- **School Events**
 - Sec 1 Parents' Talk (Orientation) & Campfire
 - Parent-Teacher Meetings
 - Briefings (e.g. CCA, Subject Allocation)
 - Others (e.g. Honours Day, Graduation Ceremony)
- Parent Support Group (PSG)
- **Keep in contact with school teachers via email (7am to 5pm)**



Important Information for First Week of School

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First Week of School

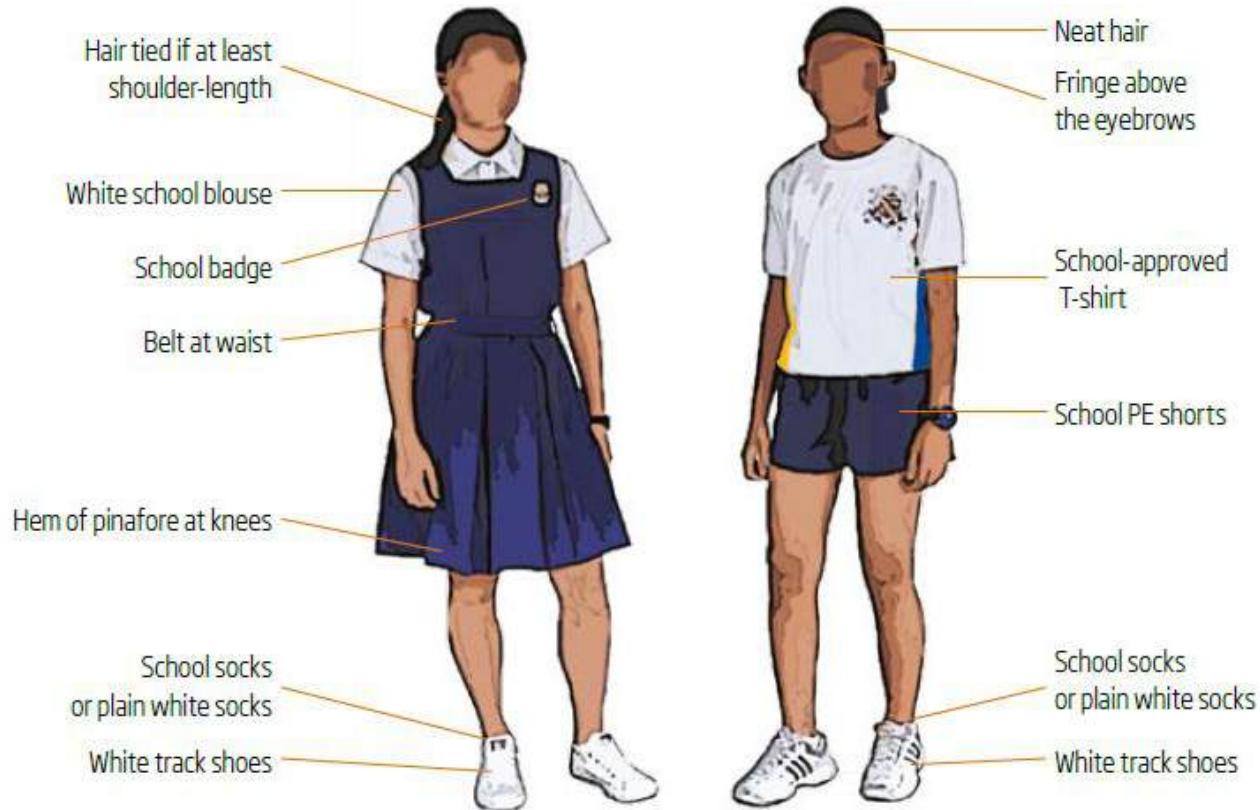
- Sec 1 Orientation: **2 – 9 Jan 2026**
 - Orientation programme will be sent via **Parents Gateway**
- **First day of school (Fri 2 Jan 2026):**
 - Report by **7.20am** at the **Classroom**
 - Morning Assembly followed by Introduction to IJ and Principal's Address
 - **School Badge** will be given during Campfire
- **Sec 1 Parents' Talk: Fri 9 Jan 2026 (4pm)**
 - Subjects at Secondary One
 - CCA concerns & LEAPS2.0
 - School programmes
- **Campfire: 9 Jan 2026 (6–8pm)**



Attire

SCHOOL UNIFORM

This is to be worn when entering and leaving school, and for all school activities, unless otherwise specified.



PE ATTIRE

This is to be worn only for PE lessons and for other activities as specified by the school.

Attire

- School blouse to be worn **every Monday**
- School approved T-shirts include
 - PE T-Shirt
 - House T-Shirt (when allocation is announced)
 - School-wide events T-Shirt (e.g. IJ Fiesta T-shirt)



Attire – School Shoes



Responsible Use of Devices

THE STRAITS TIMES

Wednesday, December 03, 2025

Parents and schools support MOE's tighter smartphone rules

Students more focused and engaged with peers, say schools with comparable policies

Gabrielle Chan

As secondary school students brace themselves for stricter smartphone rules in 2026, parents say they are largely supportive as these complement similar limits at home.

Schools that The Straits Times spoke to also said they have long implemented comparable policies, and the result is that students are more focused in class and more engaged with their peers.

From January 2026, secondary school students will not be allowed to use smartphones and smartwatches outside lesson time – including recess, between lessons and during co-curricular activities (CCAs) – under tightened screen-use guidelines announced by the Ministry of Education (MOE) on Nov 30.

Currently, students are barred from using these devices only during regular curriculum time.

The stricter rules, which will also apply during supplementary, enrichment and remedial lessons, are part of a broader push to help children and parents develop healthier digital habits.

These guidelines have already been in place for primary school pupils from 2025.

A mother of two teenagers, Mrs Sher-ll Torrey, 48, said the new guidelines align with her own efforts to manage her children's screen time.

The founder of social enterprise Mum's@Work Singapore has limited app time and phone use at home for her 13-year-old son.

"Younger teenagers are still trying to set their own boundaries,"



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"surrender" them from 10pm to 5am. App downloads require parental approval.

She called the new rules "necessary", adding: "Raising a child takes a village, and school is part of that village."

The rules will not change much at school for Ms Yusnizan Mohd Taib's Secondary 1 son at Bukit View Secondary, but managing screen time at home remains challenging. She tries to cap his usage at two hours a day.

The 49-year-old IT business owner is hopeful that the guidelines will help her child to build better screen time habits.

Several schools have already implemented stricter phone policies. While the guidelines state that phones can be kept in school bags, many have gone ahead with lockers.

St Gabriel's Secondary School also installed similar phone lockers in 2022, and allowed phones to be used only at the foyer after school hours, said Mr Poh Wei Beng, the head of department for student management.

Students must place their phones in the lockers by 7.25am, he added.

This whole-school approach, combined with repeated messaging, visual reminders, parent engagement and role-modelling by

student leaders, has resulted in stronger peer relationships, fewer classroom distractions, and better attendance during lessons, Mr Poh said.

"Overall, the school environment has become more focused, responsible and socially vibrant," he added.

"By now students are used to the routines of storing their smartphones in lockers and adhering to the no-smartphone policy," Mr Poh said, when asked about preparation for the tighter guidelines.

Crest Secondary School introduced a different experiment – six round tables in the canteen designated for phone use during recess.

Principal Benjamin Kwok said this method gave students an opportunity to make responsible choices.

He said the school is prepared to align fully with the tighter guidelines, with lockers already installed in canteens for phone storage.

"We look forward to greater interaction, more responsible digital usage of devices," he said. "Our students are cooperative, and looking ahead, the shift won't be a big surprise for them."

Some students said the new rules would make little difference as their schools already enforce similar policies, while others felt they were "a little restrictive".

A Secondary 3 student from Anglo-Chinese School (Barker Road) said it would be "as per normal" for him.

"I never use my phone during school hours anyway," he said, adding that students have to ask for permission to use their phones in school.

At Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School, phone use is currently allowed after lessons.

"But we can't use it until the end of the day," said a Secondary 3 student. "It gives us more comfort knowing our phone is with us and within reach."

One of her schoolmates said she feels "quite uneasy" without her phone. "Having my phone on me gives me a sense of comfort, knowing I can contact my family if anything happens," she said.

Even so, both acknowledged that the rules are fair, and that the benefits outweigh the inconvenience.

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THE STRAITS TIMES

Monday, December 01, 2025

No smartphone and smartwatch use in secondary schools from 2026

Revised guidelines aim to help children and their parents develop healthy digital habits

Ng Boon Hoei
Correspondent

From January 2026, secondary school students will no longer be allowed to use smartphones and smartwatches outside lesson time, such as during recess or at break times, as part of the tighter guidelines on screen

use. Currently, they are limited to using these devices in school during regular lesson time.

"Each present learning device is a potential distraction, and students should not be allowed to use them in school to understand its impact and mitigate it," said Mr Poh.

"We have noticed that students are more focused and engaged with their studies when they are not using their devices in school," he said. "The ministry's intention is to encourage students to use their devices in school to either keep them from using them outside school or to use them in school to mitigate their impact on learning."

Mr Poh said the revised guidelines will allow students to use their devices in school to either keep them from using them outside school or to use them in school to mitigate their impact on learning.

"This can help students to manage their screen time and reduce their risk of developing digital addictions," he said. "In this regard, the authorities will continue to work with schools to promote healthy screen time practices among students and young adults to ensure they are equipped with the skills to manage their devices effectively."

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These changes, she said, will support students in developing healthy digital habits and discipline to use personal devices responsibly in school.

"The revised guidelines also recognise the use of these devices during recess and break times, such as during recess or at break times, as part of the tighter guidelines on screen use," she said.

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Responsible Use of Devices

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

- Students' mobile phones and smart watches should be **kept in their own lockers** during curriculum time (**by 7.30am**), including recess.
- Mobile phones should not be used in the classroom block, even after curriculum time.

Personal Learning Devices (iPad)

- Students should bring their iPads for lessons and keep them in their lockers when not in use.
- iPads should only be used for schoolwork during curriculum hours.
- PLDs and mobile phones should be charged at home.

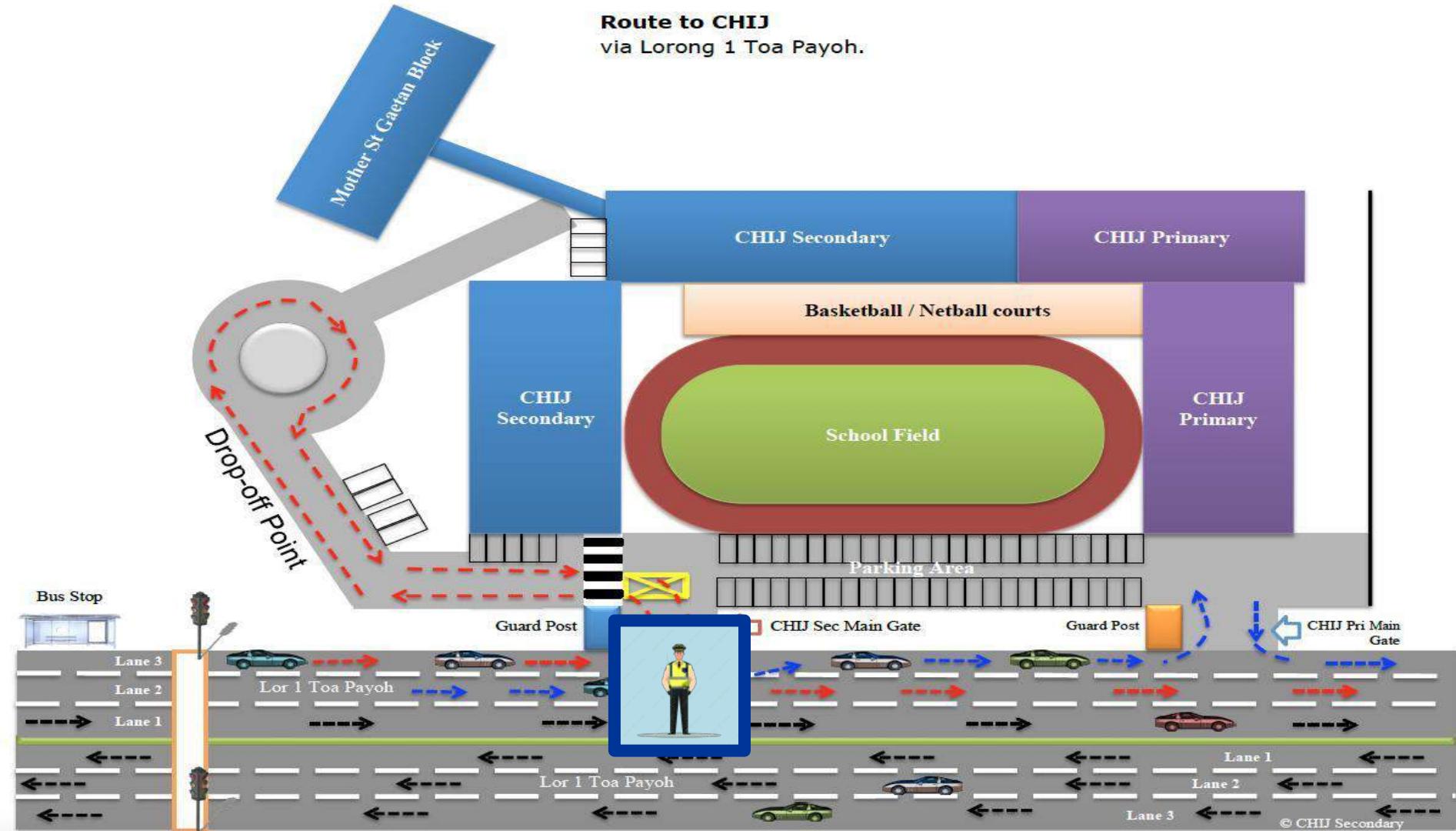


Traffic Concerns

- Please keep to **left-most lane for entry** to CHIJ Secondary for morning drop-offs
- **Turn left** into driveway (follow directions)
- **Designated Drop-Off points** along driveway (No drop-offs at porch area unless it is raining)
- No drop-offs at bus-stop
- Traffic Wardens will support movement of vehicles from 6.45am-7.30am.
- Please be **very patient** during the first few weeks for all parties (Pri & Sec) to familiarise with traffic conditions.



Traffic Concerns



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Traffic Concerns



Side Gate 2 beside
main entrance



CHIJ Sec Main
Entrance (Gate 1)

Alighting from vehicle at Side Gate 3 (near coffeeshop)



Walkway beside coffeeshop



Side Gate 3

Alighting from vehicle at Side Gate 3 (near coffeeshop)



Left turn before
bus-stop



Right turn into
HDB car-park

Security Matters

Parents' Car Access via Main Gate 1: Car Decal required for access

6.30-7.30am (Mon- Fri)

4:00pm onwards (Mon-Fri)

- Please wait at main carpark area for PICK-UPS. No access to driveway in the afternoon.
- Access arrangement will be updated when necessary.

Opening Hours of Side Gates:

- Gate 2 (facing Lorong 1 Toa Payoh): 0630-0730, 1330-1900;
- Gate 3 (next to Block 168): 1330-1830



Security Matters

Opening Hours of Turnstiles:



Gate 2 (Turnstile)

0630 to 0730: 1-way in
1330 to 1900: 1-way out



Gate 3

1330 to 1830: 1-way out

Parents' Resources

<https://www.chijsec.edu.sg/resources/parents>



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ART ELECTIVE PROGRAMME

SCHOLAR • PRACTITIONER • ADVOCATE • LEADER

3h/Week

4-Year Programme

Students in the AEP will take AEP in place of Art, Design & Technology (D&T) and Food & Consumer Education (FCE) at the lower Secondary level.



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Sec 1 Registration Resources

<https://www.chijsec.edu.sg/resources/parents>



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What to Expect in the 4-Year AEP Programme



You will have opportunities to

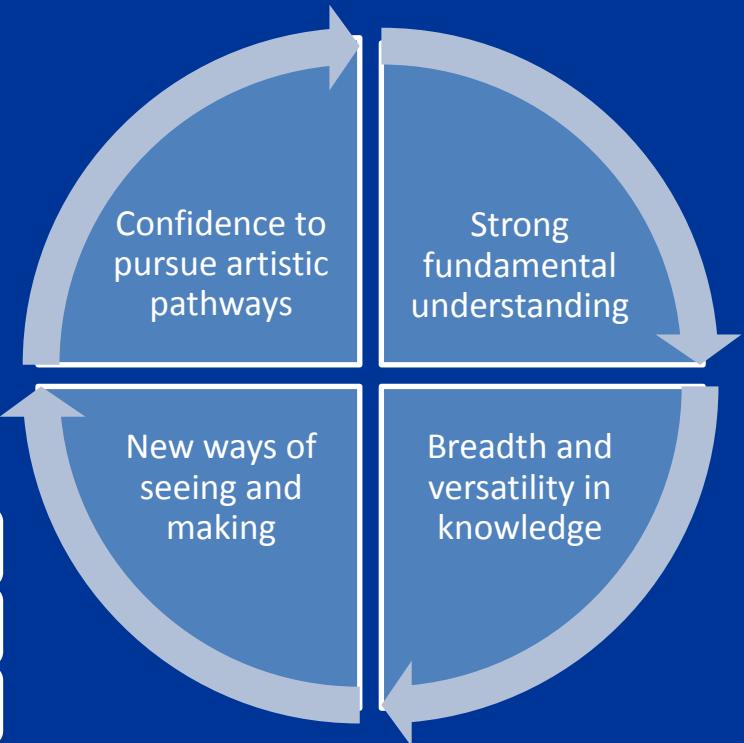
Develop creativity, conceptual and analytical thinking

Learn through studio practice and art criticism

Engage with a range of materials, media and creative processes

Learn from art practitioners and peers from AEP schools

The AEP curriculum is not just about honing technical skills.
The programme builds



Is this Programme for You?

4-Year Commitment

Scheduled Lesson Timings

Lower Sec: 1-hour: during common Art lesson time

1 $\frac{2}{3}$ -hours: during FCE / D&T

Selected Mon afternoons*: LJs to museums

Upper Sec: 3-hours: (Likely) Mondays*, 3-6pm

Enrichment and Extended activities

e.g. Learning Journeys, AEP & Artist Workshops, Competitions, Collaboration & Service to the Community

Homework

for AEP projects and assignments



Subject Choices at Upper Secondary

Need to offer **Higher Art**

at Singapore-Cambridge Secondary (SEC) Examinations (as of 2025)

AEP Selection Exercise

Friday, 26 December 2025

9.00 am – 10.30 am

Materials required: Graphite Pencils (eg. 2B, 4B, 6B)
Portfolio of artworks, max 15 (if any)

Venue: Report to General Office at **8.45 am** to be directed to the test venue

Registration: by **Thursday, 25 Dec 2025, 1.00 pm**
via <https://for.edu.sg/2026ijaepselection>



The selection exercise involves short art tasks:

- Observational study
- Creative Art task
- Art Writing component
- Review of Art portfolio

It will take both students' current aptitude and potential into consideration.

Offering Subject(s) at a More Demanding Level

- A PG message has been sent to eligible students from PG1 and PG2 for subjects at the more demanding level.
- Please indicate if your child will be accepting or rejecting the offer on Parent's Gateway. If your child/ward is eligible for more than 1 subject at a more demanding level, you will be receiving a separate PG letter(s) by subject(s).
- A separate sharing on this will be at the end of this segment.

Deadline: 24 December 2025, 12 noon (Wednesday)



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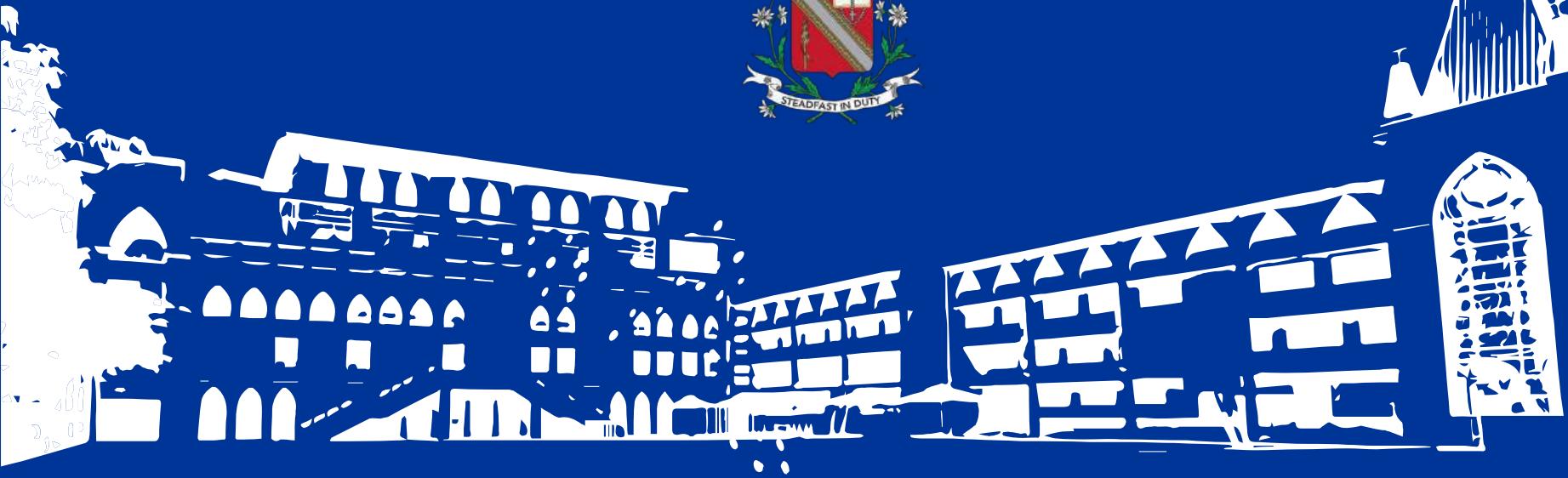
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Welcome to the IJ Family



**THANK YOU
See you on 9 January 2026!**

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FAQs

**Regarding first week of school:
Can my daughter/ward wear Primary School
uniform for her 1st day of school if she is unable to
get her uniform in time?**

Yes, the student can wear her primary school attire if the school uniform is not ready.

Please do not turn up in PE t-shirt and PE shorts.



FAQs

Regarding Higher Mother Tongue

**How do we know if my daughter/ward will be
enrolled in higher MTL?**

(She took higher MTL for her PSLE.)

Students who are offered Higher MTL will receive a letter via PG to notify them.

Please accept the offer by 26 Dec.

FAQs

Regarding Subjects at a More Demanding Level

How do we know if my daughter/ward is taking subject(s) at a more demanding level?

The eligibility criteria is as follows:

Indicative Level of Most Subjects at Start of Sec 1	PSLE Standard grade	PSLE Foundation grade	Option to offer subject at
G2	AL 5 or better	-	G3
G1	AL 5 or better	-	G2 / G3
	AL 6	ALA	G2

Eligible students would receive an offer over PG by subject, for response by 24 Dec. More details will be shared later.



FAQs

Regarding booklist

Should we buy the hardcopy or E-book?

The publisher has given students the option to buy only hardcopies or e-book with hardcopies. E-book is only available if hardcopies are purchased. They come as a bundle.

Students who opt for the e-book bundle will be given a code for them to download it into the iPad. They will be allowed to use their iPads in class during lessons (to receive in Feb).



FAQs

Regarding booklist

Why are some workbooks optional?

The workbooks provide additional support for students who would like to have more revision resources.

FAQs

Regarding booklist and uniform purchase

We encourage students to buy textbooks and uniforms online
- online order and payment may be made through the supplier's websites.

There are limited dates for physical sales of textbooks and uniforms in school. Please consider opting for the delivery services online.

You may refer to the school website for the Sec 1 Booklist.

FAQs

Regarding booklist and uniform purchase

School Textbooks	Pacific Bookstores Tel: 6559 2269 Email: sales@pacificbookstores.com Website: www.pacificbookstores.com
School Uniforms	Magdalene Sewing Centre Pte Ltd Enquiry: 62935840 or (WhatsApp): 8638 0499 (available only on weekdays 8.30am-4pm) Email: info@magdalene.com.sg Website: https://www.magdalene.com.sg/
Sale Window of School Textbooks & Uniforms for Sec 1s:	
19/12/2025, Fri	
22/12/2025, Mon	
23/12/2025, Tue	
26/12/2025, Fri	
29/12/2025, Mon	
30/12/2025, Tue	
Operating Hours:	
Mon-Fri: 9am to 3pm	
2 & 5 Jan 2026: (Uniform Operating Hours: 9:30 am to 1 pm)	
For the purchase of school uniforms from the vendor, there are several options available: You can easily place an order online by visiting https://www.magdalene.com.sg .	
If you prefer to visit their physical retail shop in Ang Mo Kio, kindly make an e-appointment through their website at https://www.magdalene.com.sg prior to your visit.	