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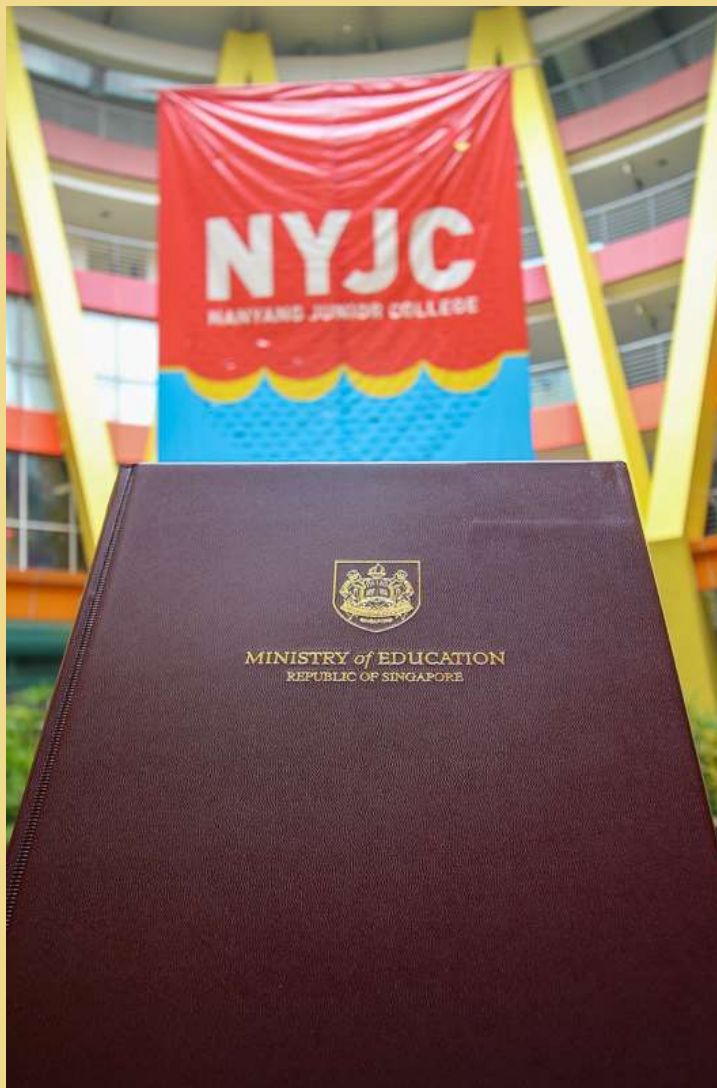
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BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS

Term 1 heralds many new beginnings – the commencement of a new academic year, the 'O' level graduates starting their next stage in their journey in our college and the dawning of the Lunar New Year. In the above picture is the banner many NYJC students will recall greeting them during their first steps into the college, either during Open House or Orientation.

In the same term, our graduates return to collect their results - the final milestone of the 'A' level curriculum. While the paper documents signify their accomplishments both in and outside the classroom, we hope to provide more insights about their strength of character in our article. Although this marks the ending of their formal education in the college, we hope that many will follow in the footsteps of their seniors who have contributed much to the college as alumni.

ORIENTATION

The college welcomed the JC1s through its gates on 28 January, with *Avanta*, the name of this year's orientation programme. *Avanta* means "to soar" (in Romanian) and may the students be inspired in the next two years to surpass themselves. It started with a college tour, followed by game activities, an Amazing Race, NY dances, and culminating in a finale performance on the last day. Besides these fun- and fellowship-filled activities, there were consultations and talks related to the subjects, so that the students were acquainted with the academic demands.

Although there were limits placed on number of participants and types of activities, the resourcefulness of the Student Council ensured that the J1s could bond with each other, while observing Safety Management Measures at the same time.



CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The Covid-19 safety measures threatened to dampen the spirit and joy of togetherness that Chinese New Year is traditionally about, but kudos to the organising committee of this year's celebration in the college for pulling off an observance of the occasion on 11 February, that was still fun and engaging for the students and staff. The formal address by the school leaders, and the pre-recorded video segments aside, what really helped to usher in the festivities was the decentralised celebratory activities in each of the class' venues, such as a 'Kahoot' game, Class-based activities, a live game show and the popular lucky draw for students. The laughter and the palpable excitement that emanated from the classrooms and the corridors were testament to the joyous time had by all. It definitely helped students and staff to look forward to a good year of the Auspicious Ox.



TOTAL DEFENCE DAY, SPORTS & AESTHETICS ENRICHMENT DAY

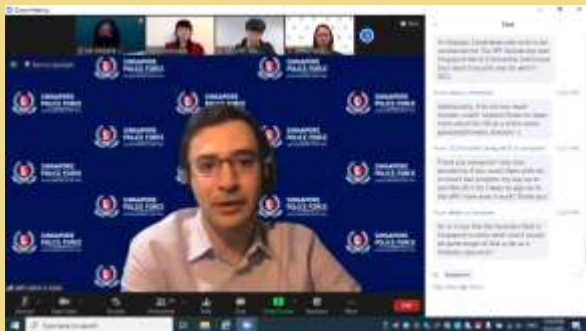
Right after the Chinese New Year holiday, on 16 February, the J1s returned to college for an educational and enjoyable day. They started the day with the Total Defence Day message by the Minister for Defence, as well as a Civics lesson. After that, they were divided into groups based on their interests in sports and aesthetics. The students were engaged in varied activities like archery, bowling, golfing, soap making and trampoline exercises. It was an edifying experience for all as the students had a chance to learn outside the classroom before resuming the formal curriculum.



EDSPIRATION

On 16 February, the J2s were at home for EDspiration, which is a day set aside for them to explore their interests and goals in the areas of university education and careers. The online format not only allowed more students to attend the talks (which were formerly limited by venue constraints) but also enabled us to invite speakers who are currently overseas. Some of the alumni guest speakers include: Mr. Kenneth Lou (co-founder of Seedly), Ms. Yen Tan (COO of Khoo Teck Puat Hospital) and Captain Teoh Zhi Sheng (MINDEF). The wide range of speakers included amongst others, seasoned professionals from Dyson, Ministry of Finance and Tan Tock Seng Hospital, scholarship divisions of DSTA, MOE, SmartNation, university professors and our alumni who are currently studying in overseas universities.

To cater to parents who were interested in finding out more about tertiary education, the day ended with a webinar in the evening. All six autonomous universities, with the addition of Yale-NUS College, had admission directors who clarified queries about their university courses, application processes and scholarship opportunities.



2020 A LEVEL RESULTS

On 19 February, the graduates of 2020 returned to the college to receive their results. The school has achieved a median rank point of 86, a testament to the hard work of both students and teachers. Our top two students, Yang Yiming and Rachel Angelynn Gunawan have garnered 8 distinctions. Here are some students speaking about our college's support and how they coped with the additional difficulty of adapting to home-based learning last year.

Supportive school environment

"I would never regret saying yes to NY. If I were to choose a word to describe Nanyang, it would be 'empowering'."

Yang Yiming – Student Council, Member; Ministry of Recreational Games, President

"Nanyang JC always stood out for me since I first started looking at junior colleges during my final year of secondary school. It was a school that had a reputation for supporting a balanced JC life where the students are able to have fun but also enjoy a supportive environment where the students can excel in their studies. In the end, NY did live up to my expectations."

Naomi Ong Jean Ann, Badminton Girls' Captain (DSA)

"Our time in NY has been nothing but memorable and fruitful, thanks to our friends, tutors and especially our CCA, Gym Club. CCA was not only an avenue for stress relief but also provided us with opportunities to make new friends and build ties with teachers who gave us the support we needed, in and out of CCA."

Abdul Fattah Lee B Abdul Aziz (1906) & Harith Hakim B Mazlan (1915), President and Vice-President of Gym Club

"I was concerned that I would not be able to cope with both schoolwork and my extra-curricular activities but thankfully, my worries were unfounded due to the strong support system that I was blessed with in NY."

Abhimanyu Selvakumar, President Scout, NYJC Galileo Vice President

Coping with changes due to COVID

"At the start of the period, I had to adjust to everything being done online. I really struggled as it was very easy to be distracted at home and I procrastinated a lot. But as the weeks passed, I managed to work out a routine, with time devoted to both studying and relaxing, and at the end, it was a really fruitful experience."

Chua Zikos Vasileios , Football Captain

"The teachers constantly encouraged us and checked up on us during stressful periods. I was also very touched by how my teachers believed in me and told me to have more confidence when I felt anxious leading up to the 'A' Levels."

Lim Yuan Xin, Judo Vice-Captain

"When the pandemic hit Singapore, I was initially very affected by it especially when we were informed just the day before that most of the orientation activities would have to be cancelled. It was a great disappointment when orientation plans had to be scrapped or changed, but we made the best of the situation and tried to make orientation as fun and comfortable for the J1s."

Ho Hui Min, Member of Biz Club, President of Galileo

"Since our instructor could not be physically present for many extra practices, my EXCO and I had to step up to lead the ensemble ourselves and in the process, it shaped me to become a more confident and firm person."

Lim Zhi Xuan, Guzheng Ensemble, President

We have also shared, through our official Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Nanyangjc/>), many other students' reflections on their journey.

