

# JURONGVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

1 December 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

#### Thank you for a Good Year

- 1. As our open house wound down on Saturday, 29 November 2025, we mark the end of the 2025 school year. On behalf of my colleagues, I thank you for your continued trust and partnership in your child's growth and development.
- 2. At our end of year assembly on the last day of school, more than a month ago, I brought our students through the events of the year, highlighting notable highs, and of course pointing out the low points of the year. I was glad that every student present also took the opportunity to reflect on how we have grown as a school community in a year. I concluded that overall, the highs we experienced as a school were more significant that the lows.
- 3. As we enter a period of introspection, I encouraged our students to take the end of year break to reflect on how they would want 2026 to be.

### **Saying Goodbyes**

- 4. As we end the year, we say our goodbyes to members of staff who are leaving us for various reasons with effect from 1 Jan 2026.
  - a. Mr Mohd Nasser, HOD/CCE heads to Nan Hua High School to take up the appointment of HOD/Humanities. As a senior Key Personnel, this rotation is part of Nasser's development as he furthers his career in the Education Service.
  - b. Ms Karmila, SH/Mathematics is leaving to Australia on No Pay Leave to accompany her husband who has been posted there. It is an exciting time for her and her family as they settle into a new country.
  - c. Ms Norita, Teacher/Design and Technology, has been posted to Yuan Ching Secondary School.
  - d. Mr Mohd Arshad, Teacher/POA, has been posted to Unity Secondary School.

In addition to the permanent staff, we also bid farewell to some of our Flexi Adjunct Staff who are leaving for various reasons. I would like to acknowledge their contribution to the school. They are:

- a. Mr Abdulattif, FAJT/EL, who embarks on a new life stage, welcoming his first grandchild.
- b. Madam Chen Pin Xin, FAJT/CL, who returns to the education service and to her previous posting.
- c. Mdm Violet Chua, FAJT/FCE, who has taken up an appointment in a school nearer to home.
- d. Mr Daniel Ngiow, FAJT/Mathematics, who is taking a break to travel the world.





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I am sure that you will join me in wishing all the staff well in their next posting and life stages.

#### **Welcoming new Staff and School Advisory Committee Member**

- 5. We will welcome new staff in 2026, and I will introduce them in my 2026 letter.
- 6. Ms Su En, Connie, joined JVS in the second semester of 2025 as HOD/EL. Connie joins us from the English Language and Literature Branch, MOE. She is an experienced HOD, and we look forward to her leadership of the department.
- 7. Ms Siti Ainah, joined us as well in Semester 2 from Fairfield Methodist Secondary School. She joins our Malay Language unit.
- 8. Ms Kit Lim joins our School Advisory Committee as a member for a 2-year term. Ms Lim is the Global Head of Change Enablement, Workplace Culture and Inclusion of a Shipping Company. She is also active in the local non-profit scene. Being the first and only woman on our SAC, I look forward to learning from and working with Ms Lim. I am confident that our female students will also find a good example in her.

### **Congratulations**

- 9. I am pleased to share the following new appointments for our staff members:
  - a. Ms May Ng, SH/Curriculum and Innovation, will assume the role of HOD/Curriculum and Innovation.
  - b. Mr Bakthiar, Teacher/Physical Education, will assume the role of Senior Teacher/Physical Education.

These are significant milestones in May's and Bakthiar's careers. Both will assume their new responsibilities with effect from 1 Jan 2026. Please join me in congratulating them and wishing them the best.

### Looking ahead to 2026

- 10. The 2026 school year will begin on Friday, 2 Jan 2026 for Secondary 2 to Secondary 5 students. Students are expected to observe grooming standards from the first day of school. I seek your help in ensuring that they are prepared for school before the first day of school.
- 11. For parents of 2026 Secondary Three Students, I am pleased to confirm that MOE has allocated our students a slot for the 5 days OBS programme, that will take place from **Monday**, **7 September 2026 to Friday**, **11 September 2026**. More information will be provided in due course. This is the third year in a row that MOE has allocated us a coveted spot. Schools are usually allocated a slot once in every two years.





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12. I am keen on exploring deepening the partnership with parents in 2026. In addition to your involvement with the PSG and participating in our school events, I would like to see how else we can welcome you into our community and how you can make a difference within this community.

#### **Protected Vacation Time**

- 13. As we enter December and the season of Advent, my teachers too, enter their protected vacation time. Although our General Office will continue to function on skeletal staffing, my teachers will have their precious down time. During this down time, my teachers will not be responding to emails, nor will they be able to take calls. Please direct your queries to the General Office; replies will understandably be slightly slower than usual. The school will still respond to any emergency with our best effort during this time.
- 14. On behalf of my colleagues, I wish you all a joyful and blessed Christmas, as well as a quiet and peaceful end to 2025. May 2026 be kind to us all.
- 15. I look forward to seeing your children back in school on Friday, 2 Jan 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Philibert Leow Principal

