

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents,

### **Arrangements for Opening of Senior School**

Please note that these arrangements are in addition to the security protocols detailed in the letter sent out last Friday.

#### Access to School for Parents:

We request parents to refrain from coming in to the school premises unless absolutely necessary so that our security staff can focus on their duties and not on checking and monitoring parents entering and leaving the school.

#### Collecting Students:

The grounds near the school will be available for parking from 3pm for parents collecting their children at the end of school or after public exams. Cars are not allowed to wait or park outside school or anywhere on Thalakotuwa Gardens. Students will be escorted to the car park or the top of the road by teachers. Parents should not come into school to collect their children.

#### Friday Prayer:

We recommend that students do not attend mosque on Fridays at present. A room will be made available for students who want to pray in school. Students who do wish to go must obtain permission in advance from Mr. Shearer and be collected and dropped off at school by one of their parents, rather than travelling independently.

#### Changes to School Calendar:

- The Form 4 Scholarship examinations will take place as planned: students who have achieved an A average this term are invited to sit the exams and should inform their Class Teacher on the first day of school if they plan to enter
- There will be no Assembly until further notice – this also means that Middle School Inter-House Debating and the Middle School Inter-House Quiz have been postponed
- Inter-House Drama has been cancelled as there is insufficient time to rehearse
- There will be no Open Day this term
- Mid-term tests will not take place
- There will be no end-of-term exams so teaching can continue in the last weeks of term to make up for the time lost due to the delayed start of term. Teachers' main priority, especially with the exam classes, is to ensure that classes do not fall behind on the syllabus. Teachers may set tests in class, and these will contribute to students' final term grades. Students in the Lower 6<sup>th</sup>, in particular, should appreciate how important these grades will be for their university transcripts and predicted grades.

Yours faithfully,

Elizabeth Moir MBE  
Head of School