



## Newsletter 37 2017-18

Friday 29th June 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

### The final week!

Congratulations to our Class of 2018 on their graduation on Wednesday.

It was a special pleasure to welcome all of the JIS community and some honoured guests into our graduation ceremony in the gym on Wednesday morning. The students and their families then planned a day of celebrations and activities at the HLY Clubhouse.

We wish all our graduating students the very best of luck as they move to other countries and new schools within Hong Kong, to begin their secondary school career.



### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – House fun activity day – Red Dragons, Blue Pegasus, Yellow Phoenix

House Activity Day was a huge success all round. It was fun, had some great activities and really showed the benefits of students from age 4 – 11 years old working together on a team challenge or two! There were some fabulous examples of collaboration and leadership and some very touching moments of social skills and community.



Many thanks to all the staff who helped organize the events, be timekeepers, judges and guides on the day. A special mention of Ada Cheung who did much of the preparations and planning and led her staff PSPE team in the development of the day. Obviously something new to add to the JIS calendar in future years!

### *Uniform update: don't panic!*



As mentioned in a previous newsletter we are in the process of developing and upgrading our school uniform for next school year. We apologise that it is not currently available, as planned but the uniform shop at school will be open before school starts Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August; Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August all day 8:30 – 3:30pm. The shop will then be open every Friday at Tai Po school. There will be an on-line shopping option, which we will share details of in due course.

PLEASE do not feel that you have to have complete new school uniform for day 1, August 21st. We fully understand that many students will have uniform that has a lot of wear left in it. We expect to transition the uniform for around 6 months and then look to Jan 2019 as the official start. We shall be selling new summer clothing items in August and will diversify what is available through the term as we head into cooler weather, in October and November.

### *Fond farewells to some of our staff today:*

*We wish all staff who are moving on to adventures new and to happy retirement. We thank them all for their years of support and dedication to the school.*

**Gina Samarsekera:** Gina left us on Thursday (28<sup>th</sup>) after several great years as one of our E.A.'s. Gina has worked in P3 and P4 over the years and has supported the school with many hours of dedication. Good luck Gina!

**Ruth Beauchamp:** Good luck in Italy. We hope the new school and new job goes well and look forward to hearing from you in the future.

**James and Nadine Appleton:** James has been with JIS for 8 great years and Nadine has been with us for around 2 and a half years (all included). They are off to the Cayman Islands with their family to start a new life, new climate and new adventures. We thank them for all their efforts in so, so many ways over the years. We will miss them but know we shall keep in touch.

**Jessie Choi:** After 18 years at JIS Jessie has opted for retirement to slow things down in her life and to spend time with her family. She has promised to come back and help when we need her but she is looking forward to a change in her life and we wish all the health and happiness in her retirement.

We also have some students who are leaving us this summer to join new schools in Hong Kong and other countries. Good luck to everyone, have a great time at your new school and if you can, come back and see us sometime soon.

**ICHK Newsletter** for this week: click [here](#) from the staff and students at ICHK

### *JIS dates for the holidays:*

*School office closed from 6<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July.*

*Uniform shop opening hours:* Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August; Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August all day 8:30 – 3:30pm

*Start of new term is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018 – 8:15a.m.*

Wishing everyone a fabulous summer break. Be healthy, happy and safe!

Simon Walton