



## PRINCIPAL'S LOG – September 6, 2020

### Pressing on...

Dear Parents/Guardians/Staff

We are now at the “Community Spread” stage of Covid-19 transmission and it is unlikely that “on campus” classes will resume in the near future. We are however losing too much time and so must press on.

#### PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS:

Be even more careful and vigilant in adhering to the safety protocols. Treat each person as an infected carrier and protect yourself. Pay special attention to high risk situations e.g. frequently handled surfaces, public transport, retail outlets and areas where people gather. Watch your personal habits e.g. touching your face, who you come in contact with, physical distancing.

#### RE-OPENING SCHEDULE:

- Week of **September 14: Grade 11 Year group orientation and classes will resume remotely/online**
- Week of **September 21: Grades 7-10 Year group orientation and classes will resume remotely/online**
- Week of **October 5: Grade 13 (Upper 6<sup>th</sup>) will begin remotely/online**
- Week of **October 12: Grade 12 (Lower 6<sup>th</sup>) will begin remotely/online**

**I am sure there will be challenges and there will be solutions. WE MUST BEGIN.**

#### RE-OPENING SCHEDULE:

We are scheduling the following online Orientation Sessions for ALL year groups as we prepare for a very special year:

Tuesday **September 8: Grade 11** Orientation & Information: **9am to 11am: Group J**

Tuesday **September 8: Grade 11** Orientation & Information: **12pm to 2pm: Group C**

Wednesday **September 9: Grade 10** Orientation & Information: **9am to 11am: Group J**

Wednesday **September 9: Grade 10** Orientation & Information: **12pm to 2pm: Group C**

Thursday **September 10: Grade 7** Orientation & Information: **9am to 11am: Groups J & C**

Friday **September 11: Grade 8** Orientation & Information: **9am to 11am: Group J**

Friday **September 11: Grade 8** Orientation & Information: **12pm to 2pm: Group C**

Monday **September 14: Grade 9** Orientation: **4pm to 5pm: Group J**

Monday **September 14: Grade 9** Orientation: **6pm to 7pm: Group C**

**While this is a tedious process, it is very necessary. We have split each cohort into two, except grade 7. Please note that you can only join these meetings through your son's **JC email address** and so parent and son will be together in the meeting. We remind everyone, especially first form and new parents to get their sons registered by contacting Ms. MacGregor-Bromfield ([dmacgregor-bromfield@jc.edu.jm](mailto:dmacgregor-bromfield@jc.edu.jm)).**

#### CXC RESULTS:

Results are expected in the week of September 21. We will make final determination of students matriculating to or continuing in 6<sup>th</sup> form after. Please note that students do not automatically qualify for Upper 6<sup>th</sup> but will only be granted a space based on performance (Grades 1-3 in Unit 1), good discipline and participation in school activities.

**We do not encourage/allow repeating at any grade as a policy.** Consideration will only be given in very special cases of health, adversity and other developmental issues. These must all be discussed with and approved by me.

## SCHOOL START-UP:

BE PREPARED FOR REMOTE DELIVERY FOR ALL FUTURE CLASSES.

Whenever on campus classes resume, our blended approach will mean half of the school population will be on campus on a given day while the other half will attend classes online/remotely.

There will be accommodation for boys with underlying or other conditions which will put them at significant risk on campus and therefore they will be remotely learning all or most of the time. We are also giving consideration to special cases where boys are unable to access online classes and therefore need to be on campus most of the time. Parents/Guardians of students requiring these special considerations should immediately contact the Dean of Students Affairs, Mrs. Deborah Walcott (dwalcott@jc.edu.jm). **Please also indicate if you any other special challenges.**

Please read through the resumption plan sent out earlier, especially how to attend online classes. Final timetables will be posted later this week. All registers, grades and performances will be kept on RENWEB and will be on students' permanent record.

## GET TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, BOOKS, UNIFORMS:

Get the required devices for remote classes –

- Smart phones are now encouraged
- Chromebooks are the devices of choice
- **All** uniforms and accessories are now available through the JC Old Boys' Office.

## MEDICALS:

On campus medicals were partially completed. Students who have not yet done so, **MUST** get medicals completed at private doctors before reporting to on campus classes.

## BOARDERS:

We are carefully managing the re-entry of boarders to the Dorm. As we now only administer Remote/Online classes, we will delay populating the Dorm until the environment improves. Students are to remain home until we inform them it is safe to return.

## FEE PAYMENT:

**The requirement of new tools and technologies have made fees even more important. The need for devices, robust internet and assistance for students and staff have added to our critical expenses. The need to keep our environment safe for all is also a non-negotiable requirement. Please pay your fees.**

Development Fund Contribution	-	\$30,000.00 (1st - 5th form)
PTA Dues	-	\$ 3,000.00 (1 <sup>st</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> form)
Sixth Form Fees	-	\$70,000.00
"History of JC"	-	\$ 3,000.00 (Mandatory for all 6 <sup>th</sup> formers)

Fees should be paid on line by Direct Deposit to Jamaica College School Development Fund – NCB, Matilda's Corner/ Liguanea branch Account# 371004424. Or at the School's office using a debit/credit card.

## SPORTS & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

We have discontinued all team and group training and will review weekly. We will update you as we continue to watch the environment.

**Please be safe, College Family**

**Bless Oh Lord this College....**

Wayne Robinson  
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