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## **MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPUS PRINCIPAL**

We are excited to welcome students back to the campus!
Watch the video posted on the Matrix Global Schools Facebook page for school opening procedures

One of the many things we've learnt during the Movement Control Order is just how much we care about being in school and how our love of learning is maximised when we are all together.

Yes, we've discovered distance learning and lots of fun new technology during our confinement, from live lessons that build resilience to PE exercises that keep our bodies moving! But nothing beats the benefits of being on campus, with specialist facilities (from the laboratories, studios, theatre and sports) to maximise learning.

Since Wednesday, 24 June, we have welcomed back Form 5 and Year 10 students and we are all adapting well and making the most of 'the new normal'. We look forward to welcoming back our youngest students in Early Years on 1 July, and eagerly await the good news of when we can welcome back all classes.

In the meantime, for those not on campus, their curriculum will continue through our distance learning programme. Some students have thrived in the home learning environment and some have found it extremely challenging. Students have been expected to up-skill quickly, with more independence, self-discipline and personal responsibility

needed to finish their assignments on time. These are important life skills we teach at every level of the curricula, along with an understanding that learning doesn't stop at school, which has proved just how nimble our learners can be

As the world continues to change, it's important to reflect not only on what we have achieved but what we are grateful for. At Matrix Global Schools, we are immensely grateful to our inclusive school community for listening, challenging and supporting the school to ensure the very best for each child's future. We are appreciative to our parents and students for their positivity and flexibility during these difficult times.

Thank you to the collaborative teams who went above and beyond to help get the school safe and ready and thank you to everyone for abiding by the new procedures. We will keep working hard to ensure that our systems are both safe and convenient for you.

To the vast majority of parents and guardians who have paid up this term's fees, we thank you very much. We are grateful for your trust, loyalty and support. To our students, we are happy to say, "It's back to school again!"















#### A REMINDER from MGS Art Department

Don't forget to send in your entries for the MATRIX ART PRIZE, the annual MGS art competition with cash prizes up for grabs! Creative work can be made in any media with the theme 'Me & My Seremban'. Contact Ms Tiya (MIS Art Teacher) at atiyah.s@matrixschools.edu.my for submissions.



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## 校长寄语

行动管制令,让我们领悟到在实体学校学习的重要性。当老师与同学们在一起学习与交流时,才 能使教与学达致最完美 的效果。

当然,在行动管制令期间,网上教学或一些网上的健身节目,都使我们感受到通过新科技的远距离教学能带来的乐趣与 新鲜感。然而,这些都无法媲美在实体校园上课的诸多益处。唯有通过一些实体的设施(实验室、音乐室、礼堂、体育 设备等)才能让学习事半功倍。

本校的中五与十年级生已经在6月24日返校,而我们也尽可能让学前班尽早适应新常态。我们也期盼其他年级的学生能早日回归校园。

与此同时,尚未返校的学生仍会继续其远距离课程。有些孩子已适应了在家学习的氛围,而另外一些则认为这种学习方式太具挑战性了。这期间,学生需要在短时间内学习不同的技能,完成各项课业上的要求如:独立与自律。这种让我们能终身受用的品格 的锻炼,也证明了教育不只是局限于校园里,而这也同时证明了我们的孩子是灵活与变通的。

世界变幻莫测,除了反思现有的成就,我们也应时刻感恩。感激金群利学校这大家庭的每位成员为孩子的未来所给与的聆听与支持。本校在此感谢家长与孩子们在这艰难时刻所表现出的正面思维与韧性。

感谢学校各造的合作与努力以确保校务进行顺畅,也感谢大家都能遵守新常态。本校将持续努力以确保学校的系统 运作安全与顺畅。

本校衷心地感谢所有准时付学费的家长与监护人。诚心感谢您的信任、忠诚与支持。至于孩子们,欢迎再次回到学校!

## PESANAN PENGETUA KAMPUS

Antara perkara yang kita pelajari semasa Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) ini adalah betapa kita rindukan rutin harian di sekolah dan bagaimana proses pembelajaran dapat dioptimumkan apabila kita semua bersama.

Kita telah meneroka pelbagai kaedah dan teknologi yang menyeronokkan dalam melaksanakan pembelajaran jarak jauh merangkumi siaran langung atas talian dan Pendidikan Jasmani untuk mengekalkan kesihatan tubuh badan! Namun begitu, semua ini masih tidak menyerupai keberkesanan sepertimana di kampus yang lengkap dengan peralatan khas pembelajaran seperti makmal, studio muzik dan kompleks sukan.

Pada hari Rabu, 24 Jun, kita telah menyambut kembali kedatangan pelajar-pelajar Tingkatan 5 dan Tahun 10 ke sekolah dengan prosedur norma baharu. Ini akan diikuti dengan kembalinya pelajar-pelajar kecil di prasekolah pada 1 Julai. Kami juga tidak sabar menunggu berita gembira untuk pelajar-pelajar lain kembali bersekolah semula.

Sementara itu, pelajar-pelajar yang tidak berada di kampus akan meneruskan pembelajaran atas talian. Walaupun ada di kalangan pelajar yang terus berkembang dengan cara pembelajaran dari rumah, ada juga yang merasakan cara pembelajaran sebegini amat mencabar.

Pelajar diharapkan untuk meningkatkan kemahiran belajar dengan cepat, untuk menjadi lebih berdikari dan berdisiplin diri dalam memikul tanggungjawab peribadi bagi menyelesaikan tugas mereka tepat pada waktunya.

Walau bagaimanapun, cabaran ini perlu diteruskan dalam kehidupan seseorang pelajar dan tidak akan berakhir walaupun telah meninggalkan alam persekolahan.

Dengan perubahan yang berlaku di dunia sekarang, kita perlu merenung kembali akan apa yang telah kita capai sebelum ini dan mensyukuri apa yang telah kita kecapi. Di MGS, kita amat bertuah kerana mempunyai komuniti yang bersedia untuk mendengar, memberi cadangan serta sokongan padu kepada pihak sekolah untuk memastikan masa depan yang terbaik untuk anak-anak kita. Kami amat berterima kasih kepada semua ibu bapa/penjaga dan para pelajar atas keperihatinan dan sikap positif yang ditunjukkan sepanjang PKP ini.

Terima kasih juga di atas kerjasama yang diberikan oleh pasukan sokongan sekolah yang telah bertungkus lumus untuk memastikan MGS berada dalam keadaan baik dan sedia untuk menerima pelajar di samping mematuhi semua prosedur yang ditetapkan.

Kepada sebahagian besar ibubapa/penjaga yang telah menjelaskan yuran penggal ini, kami mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih. Kami bersyukur atas kepercayaan, kesetiaan dan sokongan tuan puan terhadap sekolah kita. Kepada para pelajar MGS, "Selamat kembali semula ke sekolah!"

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## MGS Students sharing their thoughts about Learning from Home!



In my opinion, online learning is a convenient way of getting new knowledge from home. Students do not have to wake up as early to go to school and carry their heavy bags. We can also search the internet for additional

help when doing assignments.

From the past few months of online learning, I have experienced a new lifestyle where I can plan my time for my studies and rest. Online classes are less interactive so it will be a good practice for students to learn independence and become problem solver.

Shuy Zhi Heng, Year 10



I feel that online learning has many advantages for students and teachers. We can enjoy the comfort of our homes while having our lessons. It is also less stressful as there are breaks in between the classes.

Online learning also gives us more time to complete our assignments compared to traditional learning. But having said that, as students, we should not take advantage of the chance to learn at home to become lazy and not do our assignments. Our assignments are important as that is how the teachers will test our knowledge and understanding on the lessons taught.

All in all, online learning has been a good experience for us all and I really enjoy it. We should always do our assignments and use this time to study and revise our lessons.

Faith Voo. Standard 5



Since the Movement Control Order (MCO) was enforced, we all had to adjust ourselves to online learning to ensure we are not left behind on school work. Online learning has

opened up my perspective on learning in many ways. It is very different compared to traditional learning in classrooms. Online learning has made me realise how much more disciplined we need to be to make sure we attend all our classes and complete our assignments on time.

Moreover, self-motivation to learn is an essential requirement. A positive attitude will definitely help us overcome and equip ourselves for future challenges.

Amrita Kaur, Form 4



During the MCO, the school started to teach us using the internet / online learning. At first, I was excited as I have never done this before and it will be a new learning

experience for everyone. I remember cleaning up my entire desk to make room for my laptop, phone and books.

When classes began and teachers started to teach, it was completely different from how they teach in school. For some subjects, like Science and English, it was easy to ask questions of the teacher and if I have a question after school hours, I could ask my dad or my friends. But for subjects like Mathematics and Drama, it was hard to ask questions as I can not type the equations and it was difficult for me to understand. During these moments, I missed my class where the teacher would sit next to you and teach you until you understand.

Learning through Google Meet was fun and it was embarrassing to turn on the camera especially during the morning lessons because I would have just got up. But it was nice though to see some familiar faces from time to time.

Online learning has also helped me to gain additional knowledge about the topic on my own by doing prelearning research. Though it has helped me understand better, sometimes I just miss my teachers.

So I just cannot wait to go back to school and see my friends, teachers and to start learning normally again.

Harini Arumugam, Year 10



Online learning was surely reassuring to me because I was able to study without being concerned about getting infected by the COVID-19 virus. Furthermore, I was able to study

with a more flexible schedule. For example, my teachers recorded videos and uploaded them through Google Classroom and conducted live sessions to ensure students understand the topic well. As for me, this was a very effective learning method because I could pause the video when I was losing focus and continue it after a short break or even replay it when I could not understand.

Last but not least, I would like to emphasise that we will never be able to finish our syllabus on time without our teachers' effort amidst this pandemic. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate my teachers who are always giving their best for us.

Cho Yoon Sang, Form 5

Watch the <u>brilliant collaborative work produced by</u> <u>our Form 5 students</u> while they were learning English from home on MGS Facebook Page!

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# **Celebrating Father's Day**

Across the campus, students were guided to create artwork to show their appreciation for their fathers. Below are some of the best entires we have received.



### In MIS Early Years

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."









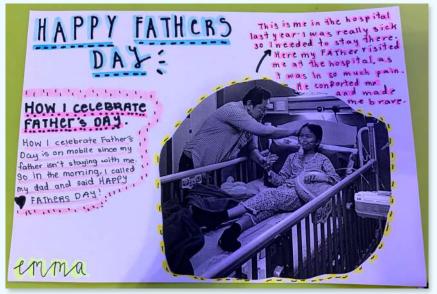
Lee Jayvee

Swen Soh Eng Suan

Hanna Marissa

#### In MIS Primary

"A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow."



Emma Wen Li Lim, Year 6





Althea Guno, Year 2



Ramos Gurung, Year 2



Thaddeus, Terence and Chloe Chen



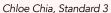
Vandanaa Nair, Year 5

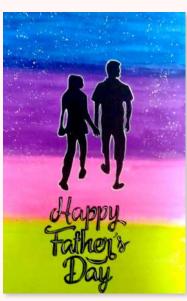
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#### In Matrix Private School

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way."







Susaan Thanabalan, Form 2



Gurveer Singh, Standard 3



Devidarshini, Standard 4



Yassheka, Standard 4



Ting Jun Ven, Standard 3 James Ng, Standard 1



Carlos Hong, Standard 1





Muhammad Harith Fayyadh, Standard 1



Riiyesh Aaryavin, Standard 1



Wong She Wen, Standard 3

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