



6 January 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new families. I hope that your child has enjoyed being part of the orientation programme and made some new friends.

Please find some information below for the start of the 2021 academic year.

### **School Commencement**

#### Thursday 7 January – Morning Preparation

9:00am – 9:45am – Virtual Chapel (Year 1s at Oldham Chapel)

9:45am – 12:00noon – Year 5 Tutor Group meetings followed by IBDP Introduction

9:45am – 11:00am – All other year levels in Tutor Groups

Year groups will be released at 11:00am unless required for subject options/timetable changes with Divisional Coordinators.

#### Friday 8 January – Lessons commence

8:00am – 8:45am – Virtual Chapel (Year 6s at Oldham Chapel)

8:45am – 3:00pm – Regular timetable commences

### **Normal Arrival and Dismissal**

In 2020, school arrival and dismissal times were adjusted. This year, arrival and dismissal times will revert to the regular timetabled times.

### **Safe Management Measures – Phase 3**

The school has Safe Management Measures (SMMs) in place that all students and adults on campus need to adhere to. Students will be reminded of these measures in their Tutor Groups on Thursday, 7 January. The SMMs can be found on the school website under “Life At ACS” or through [this link](#).

### **Parent Handbook**

The Parent Handbook has undergone a significant revision for 2021. I would strongly recommend that you read it as it is a rich source of information about our school. The Handbook can be found on the school website under “Life at ACS -> Forms & Important Information” or through [this link](#).

### **Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)**

The school will resume CCAs in 2021, subject to the prevailing SMMs. A virtual CCA Fair will be held on Tuesday, 12 January, 3:15pm, for students to learn about the CCAs offered in 2021, SMMs in place and how to sign up for their preferred CCA(s). More details about this will be provided to the school community after the details are finalised.

### **IBDP Results 2020**

ACS (International) congratulates the Graduating Class of 2020 on their outstanding IBDP results. The cohort had a 99% pass rate and achieved an average score of 35.7 points which is expected to rise after re-marks are complete. 92% of our students achieved scores over the IB World Average of 29.8 points, with 20% gaining a score of over 40 points. We are particularly proud of Ren Yiting who achieved a perfect score of 45 points.

These results are particularly pleasing, given all the disruptions caused by COVID-19 in 2020. The school offers its thanks and appreciation to all the staff of ACS (International) for the hard work they have put into nurturing these students during their time at our school. For further details about our results, please visit *School News and Events* on the home page of the school website.

The staff at ACS (International) are looking forward to welcoming all students back for the start of the academic year. We wish our students every success as they embark on their studies in 2021.

Yours sincerely,



Gavin Kinch  
Principal