



Newsletter March 2021

RE-OPENING OF THE COLLEGE ON 8TH MARCH

HIC is reopened on the 8th March. Both students and teachers have returned to their normal classes. Looking back, the lockdown has been swift and orderly managed. During the school closure, teachers continued their lessons online and students had kept their pace of learning despite of working at home. The overall lockdown period has lasted for a little over 2 months. This made sure that physical contact has been minimised for all when the severity of the pandemic has reached its highest level.

All safety measures will remain in place to ensure the health and safety of all staff and students. Hand sanitisation and face covering are essential for entering the premise. While gathering is inevitable, a social distance still needs to be kept at its best in public space.

COVID-19 TESTING WEEKLY TESTING

Following the latest Government guidance, HIC had conducted coronavirus tests for both its staff and students on 6th and 7th March. The weekly testing for staff and students is well organised. This had made sure everyone could return to their normal learning and teaching schedule safely and the risk of spreading the virus is minimised before the College is reopened on Monday 8th March.

To achieve this, the College has set up the COVID response team to manage the process throughout, which included following up on people on records, keeping track of potential cases if any and circulating test schedules and updates to keep all informed.

The team consists of key members including

- Ritu Tripathy (Team leader)
- Priya Kandeepan (volunteer)
- Theebika and Thibava (volunteers)
- Kandiah Kandeepan (Head of the College and provider testing site for HIC)

The team will continue monitor and progress follow-up tests of all staff and students after the College has returned to its normal teaching and learning. It will ensure all health and test results are reported timely such that Covid risk is reduced to minimal at the College.

TEACHER ASSESSED GRADES IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21

In light of the cancellation of national GCSE and GCE exams in May 2021, alternative assessments will be given by the teachers to predict student grades in order to help them prepare the incoming UCAS applications. At HIC, mock assessment exams will be conducted for all students for each of their subject choices. Based on the past work and mock exam results, predicted grades will be given by the teachers. Subject teachers will also generate reports to give a comprehensive review of students' behaviour and performance. We are still waiting for an update by authorities regarding private students. Our Exams Officer, Ritu Tripathy says that we can assess private candidates based on the work they have completed privately and covered at our college. Private students need to provide evidences of their completed work and the teachers will predict their grades based on their previous work and internal assessments given.

