Sacred Heart College, Senior School, St Julian's

30th April 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the third tem of this scholastic year. I hope you have had a Blessed and Joyful Easter.

I would like to thank Mrs Carmen Vella for her hard work and dedication to the school in these last years and wish her a good retirement, which she well deserves. As I embark on my new role as Headmistress in this school, I am sure that I can count on your support to pursue our mission in providing the best education for our students.

During this term **Form 1** students will be having their Christ Encounter. This is a special day of reflection and Christian formation which the school strongly believes in. ALL students are expected to attend as this is a school day with a difference. Please phone the school in the morning if your daughter is unwell.

Form 1 students have had a day seminar called 'Growing Up – New Experiences'. All parents of Form 1 will be invited to a **Mini Open Day** on Tuesday **12th May 2015 between 8.45am and 12.40pm**. More details about this activity will be issued closer to the date.

Our **Form 2** students will be having talks during midday break about subjects that they can take as options as from Form 3. The parents of these students will be invited to the school for a talk on options on **Monday 26th May 2015 at 8.45am in the School Auditorium.** Form 2 students will also be present for this talk.

Form 3 students have participated in an international study entitled Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2015. It is designed to measure and interpret differences in national educational systems in order to help improve the teaching and learning of Mathematics and Science worldwide. This takes place every four years in more than 60 countries.

All **Form 4** students have participated in the Annual Inter Church Schools Activity on **Wednesday 22nd April 2015**. This offered them a celebration and reflection experience on Christ as the Great Answer to Their Big Questions, thanks to several Catholic Youth Movements who have animated this activity.

Form 4 students will also be having a day seminar on 'Boy/Girl Relationships' in collaboration with St Albert the Great College and St Elias College.

Prize Day shall be held on **Friday 8th May 2015 at 7pm** with a repeat performance on **Saturday 9th May at 7pm**. Please note that the school will be closed in the morning on 8th May.

A gentle reminder to all parents: The forms for Informal Educational Activities, that is activities attended after school hours, are to be brought back to school by **Friday 15th May 2015**, and are to be handed to the School Secretary. More information about the Secondary School Certificate and Profile may be obtained from the website of the Education Division: http://skola.edu.mt/secondary-school-certificate-and-profile

During this term, the school shall select up to 5 Personal Qualities that best suit each one of our students. These will be chosen from a list of 10, namely: Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Sense of Respect, Adherence to Regulations, Altruism, Teamwork, Communicative Skills, Sense of Responsibility, Courtesy and Initiative. The selected qualities will be indicated on every student's annual exam report and on the Secondary School Certificate and Profile at the end of Form 5.

Annual Exams shall be starting on **Wednesday 10th June 2015**. These exams should be taken seriously and students must not leave study and revision for the last few days before exams start. Any absence during exams has to be covered by a note or a medical certificate which has to be brought or posted to the School Administration. The results of annual exams are recorded on the national database and will be shown on the Secondary School Certificate and Profile of each student leaving Form 5. Schools have been notified that any absence during exams that is not covered by a medical certificate is to be marked as 'absent'. **Orals and Listening Comprehensions are considered as part of the school exams.**

Please note that students who fail certain subjects will be required to attend coaching lessons during the summer holidays. These subjects will be indicated by the school. **Coaching** has to be done under professional guidance, either by attending private lessons or with a member of the family who is qualified in the subject. The work done during these lessons is to be brought to school by the students on the first day of school in September and is to be submitted to their teachers. This work has to be neat and presented in an organised manner. It also needs to be corrected and signed by the tutor/teacher with whom the student has worked. A written report about the child's progress, signed by the same teacher, has to be presented with the work.

Some other reminders:

- **Every Wednesday at 7.50am** we organise an early morning mass for those students who are here. Please encourage them to attend.
- Students are only excused from school when they are unwell. An **absence** note has to be brought to school on the **FIRST** day they return and is to be handed to their Class Teacher. Absences over **two days** must be covered by a medical certificate. Schools are required to report any absences not covered by notes or medical certificates.
- **Students collected by private cars** should be picked up from the Hermitage Gate behind the Junior School building. No cars are allowed in the school driveway at 3pm. In special cases where the children are not able to walk to the Hermitage Gate, they may be picked up from the school main door at 3.15pm or 1.00pm during half days.
- Students are to come to school wearing the **full school uniform** and are only allowed to come to school in their P.E. kit on the day that they have P.E. lessons. Sports shoes and their laces should be **white**. If for any reason students are not in their proper uniform, they have to present a note, written by their parents/guardians, on **the same day,** to the School Administration. Parents of students not appropriately dressed will be notified.
- **Electronic apparatus –** mobile phones, mp3 players, tablets etc. -- is not allowed in school. Please see that your children obey this rule otherwise these items will be confiscated.
- No image or reference to staff, students, school building, school uniform or regalia that pertain to the Sacred Heart College, St. Julian's, may be reproduced on the internet without written consent of the Head of School. It is therefore illegal for any student to post photos or details on the internet that can in any way identify them as students of the school. Your cooperation to ensure that no such images or references are made available is required. Serious disciplinary measures may result if students are caught abusing this facility.

Kindly note that the school will be closed during the month of August.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless us all.

Mrs. J. Attard Pulis
Headmistress,
Senior School.

<u>**Sacred Heart College, Senior School, St Julian's**</u>

It-30 t'April 2015

Għeżież ġenituri,
Nilqagħkom għat-tielet term ta' din is-sena skolastika. Nispera li kellkom Għid mimli Barka u Sliem.

Nixtieq minn qalbi nirringrazzja lis-Sinjura Carmen Vella għall-ħidma u d-dedikazzjoni tagħha f'din l-iskola f'dawn l-aħħar snin u nixtiqilha l-ġid għall-futur. Hekk kif qed nibda l-ħidma tiegħi bħala l-Kap ta' din l-iskola Sekondarja, jien persważa li se nsib is-sapport mingħandkom sabiex inkompli l-missjoni li bħala skola nipprovdu l-aħjar edukazzjoni għall-istudenti kollha tagħna.

F'dan it-term l-istudenti tal-**Ewwel sena** se jkollhom il-*Christ Encounter*. Din hi ġurnata speċjali ta' riflessjoni u formazzjoni Nisranija li l-iskola tagħna tant temmen fiha. L-istudenti KOLLHA għandhom jattendu għal din il-ġurnata skolastika b'differenza. Jekk jogħġobkom ċemplu l-iskola filgħodu jekk bintkom tkun ma tiflaħx.

L-istudenti tal-**Ewwel sena** kellhom ukoll seminar ta' ġurnata bit-tema 'Growing Up – New Experiences'. Il-ġenituri kollha tal-istudenti tal-Form 1 se jkunu mistiedna għal ***Mini Open Day*** nhar **it-Tlieta 12 ta' Mejju 2015 bejn id-8.45am u s-12.40pm**. Aktar dettalji dwar din l-attività jingħataw aktar `il quddiem.

L-istudenti tagħna li qegħdin fit-**Tieni sena** se jkollhom laqgħat waqt il-*break* ta' nofsinhar dwar is-suġġetti li huma jistgħu jagħżlu bħala *options*. Il-ġenituri ta' dawn l-istudenti se jkunu mistiedna għal-laqgħa fuq l-*options* nhar **it-Tlieta 26 ta' Mejju 2015 fid-8.45am fl-*Auditorium*** tal-iskola. L-istudenti wkoll se jkunu preżenti f'din il-laqgħa.

L-istudenti tat-**Tielet sena** pparteċipaw fi studju internazzjonali bl-isem *Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)* 2015. Dan l-studju jkejjel u jinterpreta differenzi f'sistemi nazzjonali edukattivi biex b'hekk jitjieb it-tagħlim tal-Matematika u x-Xjenza mad-dinja kollha. Dan l-istudju jsir kull erba' snin f'aktar minn 60 pajjiż madwar id-dinja.

Dawk l-istudenti kollha li qegħdin fir-**Raba' Sena** ħadu sehem f'attività annwali għall-iskejjel kollha tal-Knisja nhar **l-Erbgħa 22 t'April 2015**. Din offrietilhom esperjenza ta' ċelebrazzjoni u riflessjoni fuq Kristu bħala t-Tweġiba għall-mistoqsijiet li jista' jkollhom. Dan seta' jseħħ grazzi għal diversi Movimenti Kattoliċi taż-żgħażagħ li animaw din l-attività.

L-istudenti tar-**Raba' Sena** se jkollhom ukoll seminar ta' ġurnata bit-tema 'Boy/Girl Relationships' b'kollaborazzjoni mal-Kulleġġi ta' St Albert u St Elias.

Prize Day din is-sena se ssir nhar **il-Ġimgħa 8 ta' Mejju fis-7pm** u jkun hemm ripetizzjoni tal-*performance* nhar **is-Sibt 9 ta' Mejju fis-7pm**. Infakkarkom li l-iskola tkun magħluqa filgħodu fit-8 ta' Mejju.

Il-formoli tal-*Informal Educational Activities*, jiġifieri dawk l-attivitajiet li l-istudenti jattendu wara l-ħin tal-iskola, għandhom jinġiebu lura l-iskola sa nhar **il-Ġimgħa 15 ta' Mejju 2015**, u għandhom jingħataw lis-Segretarja tal-iskola. Aktar informazzjoni dwar is-*Secondary School Certificate and Profile* tinsab fuq is-sit tad-Diviżjoni tal-Edukazzjoni: <u>http://skola.edu.mt/secondary-school-certificate-and-profile</u>

F'dan it-term, l-iskola se tagħżel sa massimu ta' 5 Kwalitajiet li l-iżjed jispikkaw f'kull studenta. Dawn se jintgħażlu minn lista ta' 10 li huma: Sens ta' tmexxija, Intrapriża, Sens ta' Rispett, Rispett lejn ir-Regoli, Altruwiżmu, Ħidma suffiċjenti fi grupp, Ħiliet ta' Komunikazzjoni, Sens ta' Responsabbiltà, Kortesija u Inizjattiva. Il-Kwalitajiet li jintgħażlu se jiġu mniżżla fuq ir-riżultat tal-eżamijiet tal-aħħar tas-sena u fuq is-*Secondary School Certificate and Profile* fl-aħħar tal- Form 5.

L-eżamijiet tal-aħħar tas-sena se jibdew nhar **l-Erbgħa 10 ta' Ġunju 2015**. Dawn l-eżamijiet għandhom jittieħdu bis-serjetà u l-istudenti m'għandhomx iħallu l-istudju u r-reviżjoni għall-aħħar ġranet ta' qabel l-eżamijiet. Meta xi studenta ma tiġix għal xi eżami, għandha tinġieb jew tintbagħat nota jew ċertifikat tat-tabib lill-Amministrazzjoni tal-Iskola. Ir-riżultati tal-eżamijiet tal-aħħar tas-sena jiġu mniżżla fuq id-*database* nazzjonali u jidhru fuq is-*Secondary School Certificate and Profile* ta' kull studenta meta tispiċċa l-Ħames sena sekondarja. L-iskejjel ġew mgħarrfa li meta xi studenti ma jiġux għal xi eżami jiġu mniżżlin li 'fallew' jekk ma jkunux ġabu Ċertifikat tat-Tabib. **L-eżamijiet Orali, tas-Smigħ u l-Qari huma meqjusa bħala parti mill-eżamijiet tal-iskola.**

Dawk l-istudenti li ma jgħaddux minn xi suġġetti, għandhom jieħdu lezzjonijiet ta' *coaching* matul il-vaganzi tas-sajf. Dawn is-suġġetti jiġu ndikati mill-iskola. Il-***Coaching*** irid isir ma' persuni ikkwalifikati fis-suġġetti kkonċernati permezz ta' lezzjonijiet privati jew ma' xi membru tal-familja ikkwalifikata fis-suġġett. Ix-xogħol li jsir f'dawn il-lezzjonijiet għandu jinġieb l-iskola mill-istudenti fl-ewwel ġurnata tal-iskola f'Settembru u għandu jingħata lill-għalliema kkonċernati. Dan ix-xogħol irid ikun pulit, ppreżentat b'mod organiżżat, ikkoreġut u ffirmat mill-persuna li miegħu/magħha jkun sar ix-xogħol. Għandha tinġieb ukoll **nota miktuba mill-istess persuna b'rimarki dwar il-progress tal-istudenta.**

Nixtieq infakkarkom ukoll li:

- **Kull nhar t'Erbgħa fit-7.50am** ikun hemm **quddiesa** fil-kappella tal-iskola għal dawk l-istudenti li jaslu kmieni. Nitlobkom tħeġġuhom biex jattendu.
- L-istudenti huma skużati mill-iskola biss f'każ li jkunu ma jifilħux. **Fl-ewwel ġurnata** li jiġu lura għandhom iġibu magħhom nota li għandha tingħata lill-*Classteacher*. Jekk ifallu **iżjed minn jumejn** għandhom iġibu ċertifikat mediku. L-iskejjel huma mitluba jirrappurtaw tfal li jfallu u ma jġibux *absence note* jew ċertifikat tat-tabib.
- **L-istudenti li jinġabru minnkom b'karozzi privati**, għandhom jiġu miġbura mill-*Hermitage Gate* li tinsab wara l-*Junior School*. Fit-3pm m'għandux ikun hemm karozzi fid-*driveway* tal-iskola. F'każijiet speċjali meta t-tfal ma jkunux jistgħu jimxu sal-*Hermitage Gate*, jistgħu jinġabru mill-entratura prinċipali tal-iskola fit-3.15pm jew fis-1.00pm fin-nofstanhari.
- L-istudenti għandhom jiġu l-iskola bl-**uniformi kompluta** u jistgħu jilbsu l-P.E. Kit biss fil-ġurnata li jkollhom il-*P.E*. Iż-żraben li jintużaw għall-isport u l-lazzijiet tagħhom għandhom ikunu **bojod**. Jekk għal xi raġuni l-istudenti ma jkunux lebsin l-uniformi kif suppost, għandhom jippreżentaw nota, miktuba mill-ġenituri **dakinhar stess,** lill-Amministrazzjoni tal-iskola. Il-Ġenituri jiġu nnotifikati f'każ li binthom ma tkunx liebsa l-uniformi kif suppost.
- **Apparat elettroniku** bħal *mobile phones, mp3 players, tablets* eċċ, mhux permess fl-iskola. Nixtieq il-kollaborazzjoni tagħkom f'din billi tassiguraw li bintkom tobdi din ir-regola. Jekk jinġiebu l-iskola, dawn jiġu kkonfiskati.
- L-ebda dehra jew referenza tal-istaff, l-istudenti, il-bini tal-iskola, l-uniformi tal-iskola jew simboli li jappartjenu għas-Sacred Heart College, San Ġiljan, ma jistgħu jiġu rriprodu ċuti fuq l-internet mingħajr il-kunsens tal-Kap tal-Iskola. Allura huwa illegali li l-istudenti jtellgħu ritratti jew dettalji fuq l-internet li jistgħu b'xi mod jew ieħor jiġu identifikati bħala studenti tal-iskola. Il-kooperazzjoni tagħkom hija meħtieġa sabiex nassiguraw li l-ebda ritratti jew referenzi ma jiġu viabbli. Mezzi serji u dixxiplinarji jittieħdu jekk l-istudenti inqabdu jabbużaw minn din il- faċilità.

Nixtieq infakkarkom li l-iskola tkun magħluqa f'Awwissu. Nitolbu lill-Qalb Imqaddsa ta' Ġesù biex iberikna lkoll.

Mrs. J. Attard Pulis
Kap tal-Iskola Sekondarja.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 22nd April	Form 4 Inter Church School Activity
Thursday 30th April	Christ Encounter Form 1A
Friday 8th May	Prize Day at 7pm
Tuesday 12th May	Mini Open Day for Form 1 parents fom 8.45am to 12.40pm
Wednesday 13th May – Wednesday 20th May	Option Talks for Form 2 Students during midday break
Thursday 14th May	Christ Encounter Form 1One
Friday 15th May	Christ Encounter Form 1Alpha Deadline for submitting Informal Activities form to the School Secretary
Monday 25th May	Feast of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, Foundress of the Society of the Sacred Heart
Tuesday 26th May	Talk for Form 2 parents on Options at 8.45am in the School Auditorium
Thursday 28th May	Eucharistic Day Deadline Form 2 Option Papers
Saturday 30th May	Form 2 ECDL Computer Essentials Module
Monday 1st June	Half Days start today. School finishes at 12.45pm
Friday 5th June	Fun Day
Wednesday 10th June	Exams Start
Friday 12th June	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Thursday 25th June	Meeting for parents of Year 6 students at 9.00am
Saturday 27th June	Form 4 ECDL Module 5 PTA Thanksgiving Get-together
Saturday 4th July	Form 3 ECDL Spreadsheets Module
Saturday 11th July	Form 2 ECDL Powerpoint Module

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We have read the circular dated 30th April 2015 and we will make sure that our daughter abides by it :
Aħna qrajna ċ-ċirkolari tad-30 t'April 2015 u se nassiguraw li t-tifla tagħna ssegwi dak li hemm fiha:

Daughter's Name : ________________________ Class : ______________

Parents' Signature : ________________________ ____________________________