



# SRI DESA TIMES

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## Back to School!

*Every day, we ensure that safety measures are taken seriously because the safety of all students and staff is our priority. Here is what one of our prefects had to say:*

After months of online learning, we looked forward to returning to a physical classroom setting but we wondered what the new norms would be like. Here's a glimpse of our safety procedures.

When students are dropped off at the lobby every morning, a teacher and a prefect will be there to take their temperatures. Students will then scan the MySejahtera barcode at the lobby and do the same before entering the school at Levels 3 and 3A.

Students take different routes to reach their respective classrooms and before the start of every lesson, our teachers will take student temperatures again. Our tables are placed one metre apart so physical distancing is easy. We still need to bring our own cutlery and wipe cloth. This has been our practice since last year. We practise physical distancing even in the restrooms - only three students are allowed to enter at a time.

With all these safety measures, students can worry less and focus on learning and enjoying the school day.

Dave Yeoh (Year 9)



*Students' temperatures are first taken at the lobby!*

## HIGHLIGHTS

January 4 : Term 1 begins

January 20 : 2020 High Achievers

January 22 : 'Let's Open Up' Mental Health Initiative

January 30 : Chinese New Year Donation Drive

February 5 : Chinese New Year Showcase

February 18 : Audio Production Workshop

March 3 : Alumni Stories- Adrian Yong

March 8 : Physical School Reopening (Y9, Y10, Y11)

March 12 : International Women's Day Showcase

March 19 : Exposure-CCA : Visual Art

Ongoing: Daily exercise

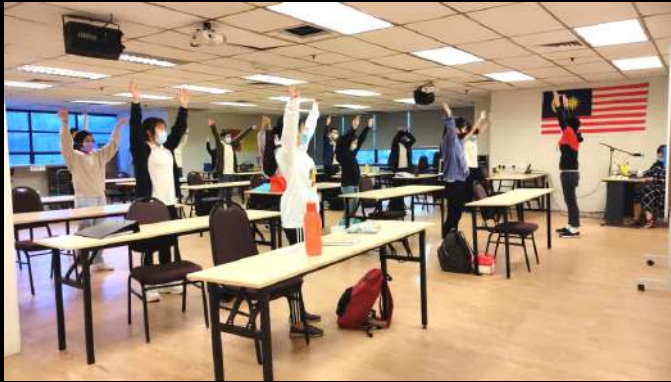


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## Starting The Day Right With Exercise



*Based on our Physical Pillar, which focuses on developing student health and fitness, we have incorporated stretching and light exercise into our daily routine while observing social distancing and safety measures.*

I think it is a good idea to get students to start the day with some stretching and light exercise. After the session, students feel energized and refreshed.

Some of my friends find that the morning exercise helps them to focus better in class. It's much better than just sitting at your seat the whole day.

Lee A-Ran (Year 9)

## 'Let's Open Up'

### Mental Health Initiative

*The 'Let's Open Up' session was introduced for students to discuss questions raised by students on mental health with our consultant clinical psychologist, Ms Kah Mun.*

It is good that we keep this session going on a regular basis because we get to learn more about how we can better manage problems in our lives. From the sessions, I learnt how to look after and to boost my mental health.

Sheryn Low (Year 10)

## Alumni Stories With Adrian Yong



Today, I'll be speaking with one of our alumni from the Class of 2020, Adrian Yong,

*Sheryn Low recently interviewed our 2020 Alumni, Adrian Yong. Adrian shared his experience on being a part of the Sri Desa family for five years.*

I feel that I have improved a lot since my days in Year 7 and I am happy with my IGCSE results. I have learnt many new things here. The co-curricular activities gave me the opportunities to develop my leadership and presentation skills. These experiences have made me a braver person. Over the years, I have also grown more mature and respectful, and have built good relationships with teachers and friends.

Adrian Yong (Alumni, Class of 2020)



## 2021 Chinese New Year Showcase



**Laetitia hosted our virtual Chinese New Year Showcase back in February.**

Being a Master of Ceremony was new to me and so, I was excited. I was also anxious wondering what the outcome would be.

Although it was stressful at first because I had to speak before the entire school, things went smoothly - better than I had expected.

This experience made me a braver person and a more confident speaker. I think it is important to step out of our comfort zone. You might just discover a hidden talent!

Laetitia Teh (Year 9)

## Chinese New Year Virtual Donation Drive



**Volunteering Out In Communities Everywhere (VOICE) Club recently organized their 1<sup>st</sup> Chinese New Year Virtual Donation Drive.**

The Covid-19 pandemic did not stop us from offering assistance to the less fortunate. We raised funds in the form of food donations for the Special Child Welfare Association (PKKII) so that the children can also have a joyous and warm Chinese New Year celebration.

All the items were sent by contributors to PKKII via delivery service from a nearby supermarket. The week-long online program successfully amassed donations of a total of 431 items which ranged from food items such as rice, biscuits and milk, to personal care items.

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and allowing us the chance to show care to our community.

Ivan Khor (Year 11)



## Audio Production Workshop

**Wong Yet Kang, one of our 2018 alumni, ran a virtual Audio Production Workshop, which was attended by all the students. Here is Ken Zen's take on the workshop.**

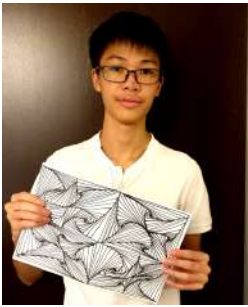
I found the workshop both fun and informative. Yet Kang taught us a lot about audio production.

Having a former senior running the workshop and sharing his knowledge made it more interesting.

I am also happy to see that he is doing very well now.

Low Ken Zen (Year 9)

## Exposure CCA Feature: Visual Arts



*Exposure CCA aims to expose students to the activities run by other clubs. Tech Club students recently got the chance to create fun artwork.*

I found the experience fun and interesting. At first, I had no clue how my drawing would turn out as I was really struggling to draw the lines.

As I was drawing the lines, the weight of stress was lifted off my shoulders. It was nice to take my mind off studies for a moment. It was also fun to see how others' artwork turned out.

Russell Yap (Year 11)

## International Women's Day Showcase



The celebration acknowledges women's contribution to society. I found my first experience hosting a virtual event fun and interesting. Luckily my seniors, Victor and Darren, were there to guide me. I learnt that teamwork is important and that minor miscommunication could affect the flow of an event. I also learnt to speak clearly and confidently.

Darrell Pan (Year 7)

## Congratulations!

**2020 IGCSE HIGH ACHIEVERS**

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                               |                                 |
| <b>Leong Yong-En</b><br>6A*2A | <b>Foong Siew Hong</b><br>6A*1A |
|                               |                                 |
| <b>Ng Wei Yi</b><br>4A*4A     | <b>Chua Yao Xian</b><br>5A      |

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