



23 August 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Jerudong International School (JIS) New Student Induction

We are very much looking forward to your son or daughter joining the Senior School at JIS. In light of the current COVID situation in Brunei, the school will now commence remotely rather than in person. Thus, there will be no in-person, face to face induction programme on **Friday, 27th August** as previously advised. This is incredibly sad but we are determined to make sure that your son or daughter still feels an important part of the school as soon as possible.

Being new to a country and/or a new school is a major challenge in anybody's life, particularly at a time like this, when getting on a plane and flying to a different country has become a major planning event. This '**transition process**' when we move from a comfortable and familiar environment to a new but uncertain one is a natural part of life and a necessary process that allows us to adjust to our new life. It is the way for our mind and body to get used to and familiarise ourselves with our new environment. During this transition process the whole family will go through different stages at different times. Being aware of these stages is the first step to make this journey a little easier. The transition journey is a unique and personal experience, and each family member may go through the different stages at a different rate and possibly experience them in different ways. It can take a toll, physically and emotionally.

To know more about this process and how to make it smoother for your family, please have a look at [this](#) presentation.

The start of this year will be like no other we have experienced before here at JIS. Please do look at all the information contained in this letter but please also never worry about asking any questions about anything.

1. INDUCTION DAY PRESENTATION

Please take some time to go through this presentation: [Senior School Induction Day Presentation](#)

We would also like to take this opportunity to prepare you, your son and / or daughter for the online school community. When school restarts in person, we will arrange a specific induction to the school campus for you and son or daughter at that time.

2. SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

Your son or daughter's **school email address** and **login** is listed below. **If they are using a Chromebook, they will need to use this email address to set up their new Chromebook.**

All students will need their school email address to login to our learning platform called Firefly, to be able to access their timetable and learning information.

Your son or daughter's **school email address**: *Insert here*

Your son or daughter's **password**: *Insert here*



For any technical help, please contact our Helpdesk Team during Office Hours on:
help.desk@jis.edu.bn

3. VIRTUAL SCHOOL - FIREFLY - THE ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM

The school will use Firefly for virtual school. Parents may login using your personal email address and the password you create. These short videos will show you how to access Firefly:

- [Firefly Login](#)
- [VIDEO: Introduction to Firefly - PART 1](#)
- [VIDEO: Introduction to Firefly - PART 2](#)

How virtual school will work and look like for parents and students, will be emailed to everyone tomorrow.

4. SENIOR SCHOOL - TEXTBOOKS

The school will provide all materials required, online for Week 1 (30 August - 4 September). We will advise all students and parents about the process for the collection of textbooks in Week 3 - the week starting Monday, 13th September.

5. PASTORAL CARE & WELL BEING - THE HOUSE SYSTEM

During your son or daughter's time here at JIS, the central support and care system for them will be their House. There are 16 Houses at JIS (12 for day students and 4 for boarding students). Each House is run by a Housemaster or Housemistress together with a team of tutors. Your son or daughter's Housemaster or Housemistress and their tutor will be your main point of contact throughout your son or daughter's time here and the relationship with them is a key for them and yourselves.

Please note that your son or daughter's Housemaster / Housemistress will contact them by their school email during the week starting Monday, 23rd August - before school starts to make sure that they are ok and have everything they need to get the most out of virtual school.

Each House listed below has a link to their Firefly page where you will see photographs and contact information for the Housemaster / Housemistress and the tutors. Please don't hesitate to contact them:

DAY HOUSES

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| Argus House | Mr Dom Powles | hsms.argus@jis.edu.bn |
| Barbet House | Mr Scott Conway | hsms.barbet@jis.edu.bn |
| Blackeye House | Mrs Rachel Brown | hsms.blackeye@jis.edu.bn |



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| Fireback House | Mrs Olivia Prince | hsms.fireback@jis.edu.bn |
| Frogmouth House | Mrs Sue Mead | hsms.frogmouth@jis.edu.bn |
| Hawk House | Mr Chris Darwent | hsms.hawk@jis.edu.bn |
| Heron House | Mrs Georgina Windsor | hsms.heron@jis.edu.bn |
| Monarch House | Mr Anthony Oshodi | hsms.monarch@jis.edu.bn |
| Sandpiper House | Mrs Ingrid Lush | hsms.sandpiper@jis.edu.bn |
| Skylark House | Mrs Yvette Conway | hsms.skylark@jis.edu.bn |
| Swift House | Mr Dave Smith | hsms.swift@jis.edu.bn |
| Whistler House | Mr Ed Lockyer | hsms.whistler@jis.edu.bn |

BOARDING HOUSES

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| Eagle House | Mr Dan Stirling | hsms.eagle@jis.edu.bn |
| Ibis House | Mr David Griffiths | hsms.ibis@jis.edu.bn |
| Kingfisher House | Mrs Beenal Roberts | hsms.kingfisher@jis.edu.bn |
| Osprey House | Mrs Lynsay Scott | hsms.osprey@jis.edu.bn |

6. INFORMATION FOR NEW PARENTS

Please check the page on Firefly for New Parents:

<https://jis.fireflycloud.asia/parent-information-1/information-new-jis-parents>

This page is regularly updated for information on:

- Uniform.
- Stationery packs.
- Instrumental music lessons.
- Shop opening times.
- After school care club.

The school shop is presently closed for in-person visits but Liza and Rachel, the shop team are available online at jis.shop@jis.edu.bn for any questions regarding uniform and stationery.



7. PARENT INFORMATION VIDEOS

Please do ensure you have watched these short videos to help orient you to the school.

- [Parent Pass and Car Pass](#)
- [The Health Centre Team](#)
- [Meet our School Counsellors](#)
- [Food at JIS](#)

We realise this is a great deal of information. Please do not hesitate to email if anything is unclear.

The admissions team can be reached on enrol@jis.edu.bn and Ms Amy Lai, the Senior School secretary can be emailed at amy.lai@jis.edu.bn.

With best wishes,

Tony Piper (anthony.piper@jis.edu.bn)
Vice Principal / Head of Senior School

Anne Dickinson
Head of Admissions and Marketing