

ASSEMBLY NOTES

(31st Mar 2020)

Venue

link: <https://meet.google.com/dfc-sqof-szz>

Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 321-445-8537 and enter this PIN: 313 550 156#

1. We sing the Malaysia National Anthem at the beginning of every assembly.



NEGARAKU

Negaraku,
Tanah tumpahnya darahku,
Rakyat hidup,
Bersatu dan maju,
Rahmat bahagia,
Tuhan kurniakan,
Raja kita,
Selamat bertakhta.

(below link below for the lyrics and music)

[National Anthem - Negaraku](#)

2. Message from our principal, Ms. Emma.

Dear Students and staff, there are certain classes that will have a change in teacher due to either the teacher has resigned or their contract will come to an end this May due to surplus of teachers with poor new student enrolment for the past three months and beyond. I believe many students whose parents have businesses will understand sales have come down a lot since Chinese New Year. Times have been hard before, with the MCO in order to slow down the spread of COVID-19, times ahead will only get harder. Around the world, hotels and aviation industry businesses have virtually stopped due to every country imposing limited entry into the countries' airports.

Let us just imagine the billions of job losses in all the industries as a result of COVID-19 Pandemic. Our school Honsbridge is also in the biggest crisis, we faced pressure since Jan 2020 whereby student enrolment has dropped to zero in Feb and Mar 2020. Hence, my top management and I have had to make very difficult decisions to be prepared for the worst in the coming six months. We need to ensure our limited cash flow is enough to pay for staff's salary and to rent the school premises and other fixed costs which are still as high so that our school can sustain and together we ride out the stormy sea for as long as the next six months. Whether our decisions are right or wrong, you will agree that actions have been taken for the best interest of school as a whole in the long term.

Rest assured, our Vice Principal and I are trying to think and roll out solutions to the many problems that we are facing in advanced. The reality is we also faced more problems from staff and teachers who disagree with our solutions that we proposed. A classic case is Mr Dom and I forecasted on the 13 March, we have to plan for rolling out E-

classes to our students because classes will be interrupted due to shutting down of schools. True enough, our teachers have only 13, 16 and 17 March to get ourselves ready for rolling out E-learning so that our students can continue learning on the 18 Mar, the start of MCO. In that short intensive three days of learning, Ms Diana and Mr Dom tried to understand our teachers' problems regarding E- learning and we ironed out the differences together with our teachers. With the united effort and dedication from our teachers and staff, our students' parents and students can still experience face to face live lessons, assembly and even ECA from home during the MCO. For dealing with such difficult problems in as short notice as two days and mitigating the disruption to classes affecting our 245 students, many parents have praised my team with many positive feedback, on behalf of my team, the positive words are like the biggest rewards, thank you so much because my teachers and staff need encouragement where we are doing right. Where we need to improve, do give us time to work on the issues. We hope to give the solution which we believe suits the school's interests as a whole going forward.

Finally, I would like to ask everyone to count our blessings that we all have at the moment and join me in appreciating these teachers and staff for their service rendered to our school. Rest assured, departing teachers' classes will be handing over their classes to experienced existing teachers who will learn from departing teachers how best to teach these classes going forward.

New teachers who have joined Honsbridge in Mar 2020 :-

1. Ms Adilah teaches English, English Literature, History, Bahasa

2. Ms Uma teaches English, Literature, Business and History
3. Ms Kavitra teaches English, History, living skills and Bahasa.

Teachers who will be taking over the classes are

1. Ms Komathi for Biology, English and Science
2. Ms Prash and Dr Norkasmani for ICT
3. Dr Norkasmani, Ms Adilah and Ms Nissa for Bahasa
4. Dr Billy, Ms Kok, Ms Diana for Sciences and Chemistry
5. Mr Tan, Ms Diana, Dr Norkasmani for Math /Add Math
6. Ms Uma, Ms Christina, Ms Sarah, Ms Kavitra for English, Literature, History.

I would like to ask everyone not to panic and learn more over time to work around the changes in order for my team to give as much security to our staff and students as possible. To ride out this stormy sea ahead together, I also count on everyone to recommend Honsbridge for new students to join our community.

2. Movement Control Order (MCO) extension.

It was announced by our Prime Minister that the MCO would be extended for another 2 weeks, which is from the 1st of April - 14th of April 2020. Honsbridge would like to remind everyone to:

1. Stay at home
2. Wash your hands with soap
3. Use hand sanitizer.


3. Feedback on E-Learning

We have received encouraging messages from our parents on how we are conducting our E-learning. I would also quote a few of their comments from our previous E-learning survey from our senior classes right down to our primary classes.

a) Ms. Tiara (Student- Hadif of Year 10/G24B)

I must say THANK YOU to all the Honsbridge team for being proactive in rolling out e-learning and ensuring that the students schedules are ongoing as best as possible during these challenging times; from the set up of the system to ensuring that students attend class and monitoring them.

It's been very effective and I appreciate the work put in to still have lessons go on. So my heartiest THANKS to all there for your hard work and dedication.

Keep up the great work, the great spirit and may you and your families all stay safe during this time 

b) Ms. Marie (Student - Shawn Liew Year 10/G24A)

I need to applaud you and your team for the amazing job that you have been doing in making sure that school is continuing as "normal" as possible. I have been sharing our experience with my global colleagues (while being in multiple conference calls myself) and they were indeed immensely impressed with all the set up and arrangements.

c) Mr. Tay (Students - JieJun P2 & JieRen Y7/J18A)

Impressive that the school can start online class almost immediately.

d) Student - Edmund Khor Y9/J16A

The teachers are super dedicated and helpful during this period of time . Much appreciated!

e) Parents of Student - Shaqueel P3

Shaqueel did not receive an invite to some of his classes and had to join manually and we had to scramble to join these classes. This was resolved after joining manually, we can see the classes in google classroom.

Shaqueel was unable to upload his video for speech and drama class via google classroom. He has submitted it via email to the teacher.

We do not expect everything to be perfect the first time and this is a really great effort. However, I would like to comment that the Mandarin, Science and English classes went very smoothly.

f) Parents of Student of Ram P2

Only on the first day couldn't log in for a long time but the school responded quickly and solved it

g) [Karen Ow](#) (Student - Olivia P4):

Kudos to the Honsbridge teachers for your onward planning & swift response to the pandemic situation. Moving towards virtual learning is a great move! Truly grateful towards your dedication for this. Awesome!!

h) [Carlmen of Y9/ J16A Then Sheau Jia](#)

Thanks for the commitment to turn this around so quickly, very forward looking and innovative team!

i) [Winnie Luthien Thye](#) of Y10/G24 Llara

Super guys!! This is great. Stay safe everyone!!

j) [Thuhairah Hasrah Abdul Rahman](#) of Y9/J16 Tengku Muhammad Asadullah

I am very impressed with the way the school has managed in these dire

times. A very responsive and innovative team. Thank you for your initiatives

k) [Wati Muhammad](#) of Adam Y9/J16

This is a very good initiative Honsbridge. Well done!

l) [Yap Siew Kwan](#) of Charmaine Y10/G23

Good job Honsbridge! I'm impressed with your fast response and action to have this running in such a short time!

m) [Joey Liew](#) of Leo P5 and Natalie Y6/SJ5

Appreciate the efforts of the school to let the students continue their study at home at this critical time. Bravo...

The image shows a screenshot of the Honsbridge International Facebook page. The page header includes the Facebook logo, the name 'Honsbridge', and navigation options like 'Home', 'Create', and 'Notifications'. The main content area features a video of a classroom setting, engagement statistics (213 people reached, 34 engagements), and a comment from Lisa Chu. The right sidebar contains a 'Book Now' button, 'Page transparency' information, and language options.

5. E- Speech Day

We will still have our Speech day celebration. Like anything else, it is going to be virtual. Discuss among your classmates together with your HRT on google classroom. Use your HRT and enrichment time today to brainstorm in your

respective HRT class google classroom

Post your auditions your classmate or schoolmate or your sibling for the speech day contest on Facebook and tag

Honsbridge 's got talent

The closing date for posting is on Tue, 14 April 2020.

6. Please check your email

Students, it is important that you check your Honsbridge emails as often as possible as you would not want to miss out on important announcements and invitations. Speaking of invitations, some students have yet to accept their invitation to their respective Homeroom classes. Please do so immediately.

7. Parent-Teacher Meeting

The PTM will be conducted on the 25th of April from 9 am - 12 pm. Each appointment is set for 10 minutes. Links for the appointments have been posted on your Homeroom class's page. If you have further questions, please refer to your Homeroom Teacher.

8. Virtual Open Day and English Workshop

Recently we conducted our first Virtual Open Day, It was held last Saturday, 28th of March 2020. We also held our first English workshop where we had a lesson on plagues and some fun exercises to go with it. It was a great and fun class.

9. Internet Connection

Recently, the internet connection has been a bit sluggish during the MCO. We understand if you keep getting logged out of your classroom. However, it is important to keep yourself in the loop by getting updates from your teachers and friends. Teachers are always updating the classroom board and the work course with the much needed instructions. At the same time, you may always directly contact your teacher for further clarification.

10. New time table

Next week we will have changes in the timetable and teachers. Notification will be posted on All schools by your respective HRT for the new timetable

will be effective from Monday 6th Apr onwards.

End of Assembly with HONSBRIDGE SCHOOL SONG

Let us all raise for the

[HB School Song](#)



School Song



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We strive for excellence
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