



# *ST. JOSEPH'S TEACHERS' COLLEGE*

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St. Joseph's Teachers' College is mindful of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on humanity at this time in history. We, therefore, use this medium to reach out to all our present and prospective stakeholders to reassure you that your physical, emotional and spiritual health, matter to us. The College is grateful for your steadfast partnership even as we continue to undertake operational measures and implement robust support systems throughout this period of uncertainty and constrained face-to-face contact.

## **Our Commitment to our Staff**

The College has significantly enhanced its information communication technology systems; and is therefore, providing additional alternate platforms for temporary virtual facilitation of courses by Faculty, as we continue working with students and other stakeholders in our Semester II of the current academic year, 2019-2020. Likewise, access to continuous technical support is a guaranteed through this period, as we continue to meet the needs of our students. Special thanks to our Administrative Staff who currently work on a skeletal framework to maintain key operational duties. Also, heartfelt thanks to our Support Staff that continues to ensure that our College does not only remain aesthetically appealing, but also clean and conducive for business operation while maintaining social distancing and curfew in our new normal operations. We are committed to ensuring that all provisions are made available for smooth and seamless functioning, considering your health and safety as optimum priority.

## **Our Commitment to our Students**

During this pandemic, all education institutions have been impacted by COVID-19. Nonetheless, St. Joseph's Teachers' College is committed in honouring the contractual agreement made with our students by ensuring that they are engaged in academic facilitation regarding our main and collaborative programmes offered in conjunction with the University of the West Indies and the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica, respectively. Equal provisions have also been made for our Pre-College students and those pursuing CSEC subjects

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to access lecturers during their scheduled times on various electronic platforms. As such, we ask our students to maintain their part of the agreement by participating in the structured on-line activities, as best as possible, so that they will meet the necessary course completion requirements. Consequently, for those students experiencing challenges or have queries, you are encouraged to contact your lecturers or the relevant administrator via their college e-mail so that proper documentation may be done, or the most appropriate mitigation strategies may be implemented as may be necessary.

All students are important to us at St. Joseph's Teachers' College. Consequently, we ask that you, make special efforts to adhere to the social distancing rules outlined by the Government of Jamaica. Likewise, practice the necessary health precautions to protect yourself and your family from contracting COVID-19. Also, safeguard your physical, spiritual and mental health.

### **Our Commitment to Business Partners**

Given the knowledge we have of COVID-19, St. Joseph's Teachers' College has significantly scaled down our in-office operations. Instead, we continue to work remotely while we observe the stay-at-home order during our regular business hours. Should you need to contact the College, kindly do so at [sjtc@hotmail.com](mailto:sjtc@hotmail.com) or the respective Head of Department at their College domain e-mail address. We appreciate your business and anticipate the resumption of normal operations, of which you will be notified.

### **Our Commitment to September 2020 Prospects**

Prospective students considering applying to St. Joseph's Teachers' College to commence a programme of studies beginning August 2020 are encouraged to tender their applications through our on-line modality, as the Registry Department is still in operation and is available to assist you with the submission of on-line applications and documentations. If you have already applied to commence a specific programme 2020, you will be contacted regarding the date and format of interviews. Should you have questions regarding application or students' services, kindly contact the College Registrar, at [kenisha.daley@sjtc.edu.jm](mailto:kenisha.daley@sjtc.edu.jm) or Vice Principal (Administration) at [jacqueline.chen@sjtc.edu.jm](mailto:jacqueline.chen@sjtc.edu.jm), respectively.

## **Our Encouragement to All**

As a Christian institution, we share a spirit of peace and hope in God, our Sustainer and Refuge during these times of unrest and uncertainties when the world is searching for truth and healing. We rest assured of God's promise in Psalm 91 verses 11 which states, "for He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways". St. Joseph's Teachers' College prays for your divine coverage and protection. Follow the mandate, Stay at home: stay safe and well.

**Peace and Every Good!**

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