

School Newsletter ⁷

Important information from the school.

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The August newsletter will be issued on August 24 (Mon.).

How to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

The basics of infection prevention, for the novel coronavirus as for other infectious diseases, are hand-washing, gargling, and manners (such as wearing a mask) when coughing. It is extremely important for each of us to do our part to prevent the spread of infection. When going out (such as to school), be careful to avoid the three Cs (closed/crowds/close together), and otherwise behave in order to avoid getting sick or making anyone else sick.

Academic Affairs

Schooling

If you have a fever or otherwise don't feel well, making it difficult to attend schooling, contact your homeroom teacher.

Assignments Using Media/Alternative Assignments

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection, these lectures offer assignments using media/alternative assignments. You will be able to meet your attendance requirements through schooling (divided attendance) and the submission of assignments using media/alternative assignments, so plan your work carefully.

The final deadline for assignments using media/alternative assignments is **August 4 (Tue.)**. (Hand-in: 17:00; by post: cancelled postmark)

Check the details of reports, assignments using media, and alternative assignments at the URL below.

<https://youtube/P5-B0zEJfTA>

Find the QR code here ⇒



Open Media Room

The media room will be open for preparation of assignments using media. Reservation in advance is required.

(Application URL)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfspBKEYnELBZkPHmugUZqJTIOabfPH7YfF4fwmMor04NWuEA/viewform>



Reports

The final deadline for reports is **August 4 (Tue.)**. (Hand-in: 17:00; by post: cancelled postmark)

*Note that you can use the report support room if you are not sure how to complete your reports, upon application.

However, the number of seats is limited.

(Application URL)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfspBKEYnELBZkPHmugUZqJTIOabfPH7YfF4fwmMor04NWuEA/viewform>



Study Progress Report Mailings

We will inform you of your schooling attendance status and report submission status on the following schedule.

- July 21 (Tue.) Third study progress report (as needed)

MyPage Function

Because the schooling schedule has changed from its original plan, the attendance dates and times are different. Check for reference when viewing.

Future Study and Career Paths

Summer is here for real, and it's time to get serious about career and future study plans. Because this is so important, many of you are still trying to decide what to do; the time has come. It's important to think on your own, but also to glean new ideas from advice from others. Consult with your homeroom teacher or guidance counselor as soon as possible.

Future Paths Information for Students

A service page on future paths has been added to the school website. Feel free to make use of its employment and education aptitude checks, links to school information searches (external company links), and so on.

<https://www.ymcagakuin.ac.jp/information/post-15.html>



Help yourself to the Future Paths areas on the 1st and 5th floors of the school

Information on future paths is available at the Future Paths areas on the 1st and 5th floors of the school. Help yourself to the information journals and guides in the Future Paths areas.

Career and Future Study Interviews/Advice <3rd-year students>

Talk to your homeroom teacher any time for interviews and advice about your future.
Also refer to the "Study advice" on YouTube for hints on studying for exams.



YouTube study advice video: about 34 minutes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jihrs1_DyhE

Overall Selection (AO) Exams

- Application for the overall selection entrance exams (AO exams) is beginning at some schools. The actual applications will be submitted from September on, but applicants for some schools are required to send in documents or participate in open campus events before then.
- Anyone can apply for the AO exam, but many schools require the applicant not to apply elsewhere; be careful to confirm.

Open Recommendation Exams (see "A Future for Everyone" p.4)

- Open recommendation exams are those not restricted to specific high schools. This is a recommendation exam system open to anyone who meets the application requirements and whose high school meets the recommendation requirements.
- The criterion for recommendation at our school is to have **completed 54 credits or more by the end of the first term of the year of graduation.**

Designated School Recommendation Exams (see "A Future for Everyone" p.4)

- Designated school recommendation is a system of exams in which a university, junior college, or vocational school designates specific high schools and takes recommendations from them on a priority basis. **Designated school recommendation applications require application within the school first: if you apply and are accepted you may not turn down your acceptance.** Also, if you cancel your application after being approved by the in-school process, you will not be recommended for any further exams requiring school recommendations, including open recommendation exams.
- Application Requirements
 - (1) Academic grades meeting the standard designated by the university, junior college, or vocational school.
 - (2) **60 credits or more completed** by the end of the first term of the year of graduation.
(Includes credits due to be received due to exterior study such as high school equivalence exams.)
 - (3) **No more than one "warning" received** with regard to the Rules for School Life.
 - (4) If accepted, certain to matriculate.
- Process for designated school recommendation application
 - Attend designated school recommendation briefing
 - ⇒ Apply for designated school recommendation (1 student per school)
 - ⇒ Interview including parent/guardian
 - ⇒ In-school selection
 - ⇒ Application

Designated school recommendation briefing schedule

- (1) July 30th (Thu.) 15:00 to 16:00
- (2) September 4th (Fri.) 15:00 to 16:00

<https://forms.gle/SuRcY2VokA4BgEnF7>



□ Application Deadline

First deadline: September 25th (Fri.) <Two weeks in advance for applications with deadlines before October 9th (Fri.)>

Second deadline: If application slots are not filled by the first deadline, 17:00 two weeks before the application deadline.

Application will be possible thereafter if not all the application slots are filled.

- Notices from colleges about designated recommendation schools have not all arrived yet, so check the August school newsletter for more information. If you need information immediately, talk to the guidance counselor or ask directly.

College Entrance Common Test (see "A Future for Everyone" p.5)

- The Exam Guide (application form) will be distributed at school in early September. We will notify you as soon as the schedule is firm.
- You must apply through the school. Individual applications are not possible.
Deadline for submitting application forms to the school (YMCA Gakuin): October 2nd (Friday)

Employment <3rd-year students>

<Employment upon School Introduction>

- **Want ads are available for viewing from July 1st (Wednesday) on.** Ask your homeroom teacher or guidance counselor at the staffroom. They will distribute the necessary documents for job searching. If you are interested in a particular company, attend a pre-application tour of their premises.
- **Application will change from October 5 (Mon.) on.** You cannot apply to two or more companies at once.
- **Once you receive a formal notice of hiring, you cannot reject it.**

Special Activities

- Graduation requirements include **30 or more hours of participation in special activities**. However, in order to avoid the 3 Cs and prevent the spread of coronavirus, it is now extremely difficult to carry out special activities face to face in groups. We will keep you posted via SakuraNet about online and small-group special activities, which you can choose to take part in. University/junior college/vocational school open campuses and companies' hiring briefings also count as special activities (including online versions). Application forms are available in the staffroom.
- "Time for Film and Art: Off-Campus Art and Cinema Appreciation" (two credit hours for each movie or exhibit, up to 18 hours): View the movies and exhibits listed under "Special Activities (Off-campus art and cinema appreciation)" on the school website, and go through the procedure to receive credit for special activities. Application forms are available in the staffroom.
- ★ June Special Activities (Off-campus art and cinema appreciation) are here
<https://www.ymcagakuin.ac.jp/upload/4adcb692d3db3ae8f0bc918dd3407210a137a9f7.pdf>
- ★ July Special Activities (Off-campus art and cinema appreciation) are here
<https://www.ymcagakuin.ac.jp/upload/51f5a0377721118a9f7af72639dc2a656f622a54.pdf>

Student Affairs

Counseling

- Counseling is available on the following days during the schooling period. Parents and guardians are also welcome to make appointments for themselves as needed. Sessions will be held irregularly in July; consult the person in charge.
 - Time: 14:00 to 16:50 (50-minute sessions)
 - Supervisor: 石倉篤 (ISHIKURA, Atsushi)
 - Counselors: Monday: 川野敬子 (KAWANO, Keiko)
Wednesday: 小野真由子 (ONO, Mayuko)
Friday: 道嶋公子 (MICHIJIMA, Satoko)

Administrative Matters

Administrative Affairs during Summer Vacation

- Vacation: August 8 (Sat.) to August 16 (Sun.) During this time, the office will not be open.
- Applications for student discount cards or discounts on long-distance travel can be **processed by August 7 (Friday) if handed in by August 5 (Wednesday), 17:00**. Also, issuance on the same day is not possible.

Grant Application for the Private High School Attendance Grant

- Forms have been sent to students resident in Osaka Prefecture as of July 1.
Confirm the requirements and apply by July 27th (Monday). Pick up an application form from the staffroom.

Application for 2020 Academic Year Tuition Support Aid

- Leaflets will be sent in late July to students resident in Osaka Prefecture who receive academic support aid from the government. Confirm the requirements and apply by the deadline.

Payment of First Term Tuition

- Tuition for students who have applied for academic support aid will be charged along with other costs, with the support aid amount subtracted.
Scheduled charge date: July 22 (Wed.)
Payment deadline: August 5 (Wed.)

Osaka Prefecture Private High School Tuition Reduction Aid

If the tuition payer is resident in Osaka Prefecture and is finding payment difficult due to household finance troubles caused by economic troubles of the workplace, etc., confirm below.

<http://www.pref.osaka.lg.jp/attach/4475/00018500/gaiyo.pdf>

Contact the staffroom if this applies.

Scholarships

□ The table below shows scholarships currently open for application.

	Name/Content/Amount	Application period
Grant	Take Wing! Gold Ribbon Scholarships for Further Education http://www.goldribbon.jp/informations/200605.html	June 10th, 2020 (Wed.) through September 30, 2020 (Wed.)