



AstroChallenge 2020

To: Teachers-in-charge and Participants

On April 22nd, the Ministry of Education brought forward the start of the June holidays to May 5th. This would have caused AstroChallenge to fall within term time. In view of this, we have sought feedback from both teachers and students regarding their preferred choice of alternative dates. The overwhelming majority of respondents have expressed a preference to shift AstroChallenge to the December holidays, after the end of the A levels.

Accordingly, the revised dates and start time of the competition are:

Day 0 – 5th September, 09:00 (online only)

Day 1 – 5th December, 09:00

Day 2 – 9th December, 09:00

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the format of AstroChallenge 2020 will be by default **online** unless large scale physical events are once again allowed before December. Competition details will be released closer to the date in an updated Information Letter. No major change in the format of the competition is currently expected. The organising committee will strictly adhere to safety guidelines and measures set by MOE and our respective universities. We will be monitoring the situation closely and provide timely updates regarding the competition to schools and participants.

- *Updated Registration Deadline and Indication of Interest*

In view of the revision of competition dates, registration for AstroChallenge 2020 will be open until **3rd December 2020**. We understand that schools may need more time to decide on the actual team(s) composition given the current circumstances, however we would kindly request schools to indicate their approximated number of participating teams before Day 0 for logistical planning purposes. Further information on the indication of interest, actual registration and payment instructions will be sent out in a separate email together with the updated Information Letter. For teams which have already registered prior to this update, we will be confirming your attendance again closer to the competition dates.

- *Updated Entry Requirements*

For the purposes of the competition, eligibility for a specific category in AstroChallenge will be computed as of 6th June 2020.

In other words, participants who satisfy the AstroChallenge entry requirements for a specific category on the original competition date will remain eligible for the same category under the new dates. Further, they will be considered to be representatives from the local educational institution they were enrolled in as of 6th June 2020.

We seek your understanding in these trying times. If there is any query regarding AstroChallenge, you may contact the organising committee at astrochallenge@gmail.com.



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Yours sincerely,

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