8 December 2025

Term 1 Indigo JC 1 GP Gem Welcome Letter

Dear parent,

I would like to begin by personally thanking you for entrusting your child's education to us. It is no small responsibility, and it is one we take very seriously. So—thank you.

What to Expect

The jump from Sec 4 into JC 1 is not an easy one to land. The components will not be completely foreign—if your child went through IP, they would have covered themes and topics like media, politics, and science before; if your child went through the O-Levels, they would have covered things like argumentative essays, short answer questions, and summary writing before—but the analytical depth, maturity of thought, and rigour in argumentation expected in JC go way, way up relative to anything your child might have experienced.

If your child ever feels confounded by the exponentially higher standards, please assure them on our behalf that GP will get much easier with mindful, methodical practice. Contrary to what some believe, there *are* ways to reduce the infinite complexity of GP to a finite number of good habits that any student can master. This is what Indigo hopes to help your child do.

Conversely, if your child is a little on the complacent side, possibly because they do not realise how high the standards have become, please instead remind them that the competencies the GP exam will test are only developed and deepened through hard work, not the natural talent that might have allowed them to sail through Secondary school effortlessly.

For **Paper 1** (essay), we will cover key **topics** and **subtopics**, beginning with the easier ones, like the value of religion and the impact of technology, before progressing to harder ones in Term 2. There will also be a few **workshops** on fundamental **skills** and **structures**, like how to dissect question requirements, integrated into our weekly lessons to build up your child's foundation.

The intention is to combine more **general, theoretical lessons**, where students slowly acquire the techniques that go into an effective essay, with more **practical, question-specific lessons**, where students systematically apply those techniques to a wide variety of questions.

The same philosophy applies to **Paper 2** (compre) combining **theory** and **practice** for the best learning outcomes. **Workshops** will expose your child to JC-standard passages and questions while **weekly practices** will enable them to acclimatise to the difficulty. In addition, our **current affairs** lessons will fill gaps in your child's knowledge and force them to think a bit more deeply about issues in the world around them.

How to Make the Most of Your Time at Indigo

Before weekly classes:

Every student will receive one **Getting-started Pack**, a guide for navigating GP, on signing up. It contains a consolidation of techniques, tips, and tricks that your child should be familiar with to keep up with not just our classes but their school classes too.

Your child can also try to re-read the **current affairs notes** from the preceding week, as each week's current affairs topic is tagged to the following week's compre and essay topic so as to scaffold students' conceptual and content knowledge.

After weekly classes:

Every student will also receive one **workbook** containing lots and lots of additional Paper 1 and Paper 2 questions for them to practise with. They are curated to match the contents of each week's class, offering opportunities for your child to consolidate everything they learn.

Your child can also start building up a personal **bank** for all the case studies, concepts, or even vocabulary items that they pick up in class. Our notes are organised to make it extremely easy to extract relevant ideas and information that your child can apply in the future, but they need to do a bit of filing and filtering work on their own.

Between weekly classes:

Please encourage your child to use the channels for them to obtain personalised feedback: our **a la carte marking service** and **online consultation system**. For the former, they can submit any written work they would like marked to indigo.com.sg/alacarte-essay. For the latter, they can book a 1-on-1 consultation with any tutor at indigo.com.sg/subject-consultation.

JC 1 General Paper Gem Indigo Term Calendar

Term	Start Date	End Date
1	8 December 2025	12 April 2026
2	13 April 2026	16 August 2026
3	17 August 2026	22 November 2026

Key points to note

Indigo Mobile Phone Policy:

No using of mobile phones unless permitted by the tutor. All mobile phones must be in students' bags at all times. The tutor has the right to confiscate mobile phones used without permission.

Holiday Online Options:

To accommodate students who travel during the holidays but wish to keep up with the syllabus, we conduct live, online lessons that can be attended from anywhere. Details will be shared via community chats and LMS closer to each holiday period.

Online Lessons

Remind your child to attend their online lessons, which are distinct from their weekly physical lessons. They are timed to provide just-in-time preparatory help for their school tests:

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Term / Week	Start Date	Regular lessons	Online Lesson	Purpose
1	8 December	✓		
2	15 December	✓		
3	22 December	✓		
4	29 December	✓		
5	5 January	✓		
6	12 January	✓		
7	19 January	✓		
8	26 January	✓		
9	2 February	✓		
10	9 February	✓		
11	16 February	✓		
12	23 February	✓		
13	2 March	✓	✓	Onboarding: How to Study GP
14	9 March	✓		
15	16 March	✓		
16	23 March	✓		
17	30 March	✓	✓	Preparation: Common Test
18	6 April	✓		

For the exact timeslots of additional lessons,
please refer to https://indigo.com.sg/booster-replacement-lessons/.

Checklist for a good head start

Please make sure you go through this checklist, so you are aware of all the additional services we have put in place for you in order for you to be consistent and steady in GP.

Service	What is it	Link	Check it off!
Indigo App	• Download the Indigo Mobile App • Turn on notifications • Get the latest updates on events, free notes and resources. • Check your bill, infinite rewards • Check your attendance • Book a within the week replacement lesson • Make a permanent class transfer • Book your booster lessons Password protected. If you do not have it, please contact Indigo front desk at 6634 2208.	Google Playstore Click here App Store Click here Guide Click Here	
Learning Management Portal (LMS)	Get access to • Videos and notes of your missed lessons • Accompanying answers for workbooks and weekly notes • Additional teaching videos provided for your home revision and exams • Receive your GP marked essays and test scripts here Password Protected. If you do not have it, please contact Indigo front desk at 6634 2208.	Click here	

WhatsApp Community Group	Parents and students will receive a weekly summary of the coverage in class and what can be done at home to reinforce that week's lesson. Update on term test, return of term test, class cancellation and special information will be through this platform If you are not added to the community chat, please contact Indigo front desk at 6634 2208.		
Video on Demand	Make a request for on-demand video lessons if you are unable to make it for class. Each lesson cycle begins on Monday and ends on Sunday	Click here	
Principal Strategy Seminar	Attend the Principal's Strategy Seminar for your level to understand the "big picture" of the system, plan your next steps wisely, and avoid wasting effort on the wrong things. Refer to the list of seminar here: https://indigo.com.sg/special-programmes/seminars-webinars/	Click here	
Consultation	Book a consultation with our teachers to clarify your doubts before the next in-class session.	Click here	

Access +	As enrolled students of Indigo, you get access to • Study space (Bring up to 2 friends each visit) • Additional notes/ masterclasses where appropriate • Replays of important lesson as revision for upcoming tests and exams The schedule for access+ will be uploaded monthly for your planning in the Indigo App		
Ala-Carte Essay marking service	Submission of essays (questions need not be covered by Indigo). We can also provide feedback and critique on your school exam scripts. Please note your scripts are not marked by AI so the maximum turnaround time is 2 weeks.	Click here	
Indigo Oracle	Verified, thoughtful current affairs articles introduced for your reading pleasure.	Click here	

Our schedule of events and lessons is carefully planned to help you navigate the rigour smoothly without clashing with other Indigo subjects. Please refer to the latest Indigo timetable and subject offerings here: https://indigo.com.sg/timetable/

Click Here

If you'd like a fully coordinated timetable with minimal disruption and no overlaps, we encourage you to consider our other subject offerings as well. By coming on board for a full suite of subjects, you'll:

- Enjoy our Power Pack discount, and
- Benefit from a smooth, well-planned schedule across all your classes.

Let us partner with you on your learning journey as you take your next step into Junior College in 2026. May 2026 be a positive transformative year where you will see your grades improve by leaps and bounds! Wishing you every success in your academic life!

Warmest regards,
The Indigo Team