

29 June 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 1 students,

WELCOME TO TERM 3 2026

Welcome back! We hope that you were able to make the most of the June holidays to spend quality time with your teen as well as encourage him/her to reflect on their Semester 1 learning experiences. We are very proud to share that Bowenians continue to make a positive impact and have been recognised at various platforms, most recently at the Shell NXplorers Global Inspiration Awards (Outstanding Student Team, out of more than 200 nominations from 10 countries), as well as at the Festival of Deeds by Kids, where another team received the Community Champion Award from former President Mdm Halimah Yacob for the most user-centric youth led social innovation. To further enhance our efforts to develop Bowenians as global citizens and support internationalisation outcomes, the school will also be hosting 3 educators from Sweden and Norway in Term 3 under an exchange programme in partnership with NIE. The school is also continuing its campus rejuvenation efforts, which will include upgrading the school toilets and air conditioning our hall. As we enter the second half of 2026, we would like to provide you with key updates and information on programmes/events for Term 3 for our Sec 1 students.

A. Secondary 1 Form Teachers for Semester 2

1. We are pleased to share the updated list of Sec 1 Form Teachers (FTs) and their email addresses.

Class	Form Teachers	Emails
1 Topaz	Ms Suraiya Mdm Joyce Toh	suraiya_izharul@schools.gov.sg toh_lin_lee_joyce@schools.gov.sg
1 Sapphire	Mrs Corinne Teo Mr Irsyad	liew_chee_liang@schools.gov.sg mohamad_irsyad@schools.gov.sg
1 Peridot	Mr Chong How Kiat Ms Monica Suan	chong_how_kiat@schools.gov.sg suan_ching_yeah_monica@schools.gov.sg
1 Amethyst	Dr Banumathi Ms Lai Yan Qing Eve	pichandi_banumathi@schools.gov.sg lai_yanqing_eve@schools.gov.sg
1 Ruby	Ms Norazila Ms Ding Haihong	norazila_razali@schools.gov.sg Ding_haihong@schools.gov.sg
1 Kunzite	Mdm Hu Shuangxi Ms Jean Cai	hu_shuangxi@schools.gov.sg cai_junting@schools.gov.sg
1 Larimar	Mdm Lidia Mr Winston Chua	noorlidiawati_said@schools.gov.sg chua_seng_wee_winston@schools.gov.sg
1 Emerald	Mrs Adeline Lee Ms Tan Shuming	wee_siah_imm_adeline@schools.gov.sg tan_shuming@schools.gov.sg

2. To contact your teen's FTs or subject teachers, please email them or call the school at **6385 9466**. Teachers will generally be contactable by telephone during office hours. If you email our teachers, they will aim to reply you within 3 working days. We seek parents'/guardians' understanding that teachers may wish to keep their handphone numbers private.

3. The Sec 1 Year Head continues to be Mr Muhammad Noor Hairil (muhammad_noor_hairil_muhammad@schools.gov.sg).

B. Update on Health Matters

4. The school continues to prioritise student health and remains vigilant in checking in on student well-being. Your support is also crucial towards keeping Bowen a safe environment for students. Please remind your teen to practice good personal hygiene (e.g. washing/sanitising hands) and exercise personal and social responsibility. While mask-wearing is no longer required in a school setting, it remains an effective way to minimise the risk of infectious disease transmission. Students who prefer wearing masks are welcome to continue doing so.
5. If your teen is unwell, please ensure he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. Do also inform his/her FTs. If your teen is recovering from respiratory-related illness, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g. by wearing a mask, minimising social interactions). Social responsibility will be crucial in preventing any infectious disease outbreak in schools. In the event your teen has to miss school, his/her learning will be supported. FTs will assign a buddy to update your teen on the lessons and collect his/her learning materials. Please encourage your teen to be proactive in finding out on what he/she has missed from his/her buddy.

C. Key Programmes, Events and Holidays in Term 3

6. The following are highlights of our school's programmes, events and holidays in Term 3.

Date	Programmes / Events	Remarks
Wed 1 Jul	Home-Based Learning for Sec 1 - 5	Students will need to log into SLS by 8.00am for check-in and attendance taking.
Mon 6 Jul	Youth Day School Holiday	-
Tue 7 Jul	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension Examination	- Conducted in the afternoon, in school premises. - Sec 1-3 students will be dismissed at 1.00pm.
Mon 13 Jul to Fri 17 Jul	GCE O-/N-Level Oral Examinations	- Sec 1-3 students will be dismissed at 1.00pm on Mon 13 Jul. - There will be no CCA on Fri 17 Jul.
Tue 14 Jul to Fri 17 Jul	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1-5) (national initiative to support GCE Oral Examinations)	Students will need to log into SLS by 8.00am for check-in and attendance taking.
Mon 20 Jul	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	Activities will be conducted during curriculum hours.
Mon 20 Jul to Fri 14 Aug	Term Assessment 3 (Sec 1-3)	Please refer to the Parent Gateway (PG) message titled " <i>Weighted assessment at Bowen Secondary (Term 1) – Secondary 1</i> ", sent on 20 Jan 2026 , for details.
Thu 23 Jul	Student Leadership Open House (for aspiring student leaders)	Students will be provided with more information at a later date.

Date	Programmes / Events	Remarks
Fri 7 Aug	National Day School-based Celebrations	Students will be dismissed at 10.30am.
Sun 9 Aug	National Day	-
Mon 10 Aug	National Day Public Holiday	-
Tue 25 Aug	CCA Stand-down for Sec 1-3	See <u>Section F</u> for details.
Wed 2 Sep	Issuance of Report Book	-
Thu 3 Sep	Teachers' Day Celebrations	Students will be dismissed at 10.30am. This is also the last day of school for Term 3.
Fri 4 Sep	Teachers' Day School Holiday	-
Sat 5 Sep to Sun 13 Sep	September School Holidays	To allow students the time and space to rest and recharge, Student Protected Time will be on Mon 7 Sep and Tue 8 Sep . No school activities will be held on these two days.

7. For regular updates on school programmes and the happenings in and around the school, feel free to check our school website, and follow us on the school's official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bowensec> or our official Instagram account **@bowensec_official**.

D. Heat Management Measures and School Attire

8. In view of the warm and humid weather, please refer to our latest guidelines below with regards to school attire for Term 3.

Day	Timing	Attire
Mondays - Thursdays	7.30am onwards	1. Formal attire <u>without</u> tie <u>OR</u> 2. Smart Casual Attire i.e. Polo T-shirt with school skirt / shorts / pants <u>OR</u> 3. Half-uniform i.e. PE T-shirt and school skirt / shorts / pants. Note: PE attire is allowed for PE lessons only.
Friday (Dress-Down Day)	7.30am onwards	CCA / Class / PE T-shirt and school skirt / shorts / pants. Note: PE attire is allowed for PE lessons only.
National Examinations (Oral / Practical / Written)	-	1. Smart Casual Attire i.e. Polo T-shirt with school skirt / pants. <u>OR</u> 2. Formal Attire <u>without</u> tie.

9. Students have been updated through their FTs before the start of Term 3 and will be reminded on attire matters on **Mon 29 Jun** during morning assembly. The school will review whether to adjust this provision based on the prevailing weather conditions.
10. In addition, our staff will continue to closely monitor students during physical and/or outdoor activities. Students will also be encouraged to hydrate themselves before, during and after activities.

E. External Safety Validation

11. The school will be undergoing an External Safety Validation (ESV), on **Thu 2 Jul**. The ESV is facilitated by MOE personnel and helps schools to strengthen their safety and security processes, which in turn enhances the safety and well-being of all students and staff. As part of this validation, MOE personnel will be observing the school's safety and security processes throughout the day, including traffic management processes before the start of school. They will also be speaking to students and staff about their understanding of these processes.

F. CCA Stand-down for Sec 1-3

12. CCA for Sec 1-3 will stand down after **Tue 25 Aug**. CCAs will resume activities from **Fri 9 Oct**.

G. Start of Term 4 and End-of Year School Holidays

13. Term 4 will begin on **Mon 14 Sep**. A separate letter will be issued to inform parents/guardians about the schedule for Term 4.
14. The year-end school holidays for S1-3 is scheduled from **Sat 24 Oct 2026** to **Fri 1 Jan 2027**. Teachers may request for selected students to return to school to provide additional learning support and/or for CCA. Students involved and their parents/guardians will be notified beforehand. Student Protected Time will be from **Sat 21 Nov** to **Wed 16 Dec** (both dates inclusive) during which there will not be any school activities (e.g. no CCA activities).
15. For any further clarifications, please contact the respective FTs.

Thank you for your support and for partnering us closely as we nurture our students to be future-ready Passionate Learners, Servant Leaders and Champions of Good.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Loh Chih Hui
Principal

Use of photographs and video images

Photographs or video images of students, parents and visitors may be taken during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, enrichment activities, CCA activities, camps, etc. The school may use and publish such photographs or video images in school publications, the school's website, social media channels, or other communication channels.