

17 July 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT AT BOWEN SECONDARY (2023 Term Assessment 3) – SECONDARY 1

1. The school's Term Assessment 3 will start from week 5. The Pen and Paper Assessment is scheduled on Friday, 4 August 2023 until Friday, 18 August 2023.
2. Assessment Structure and Weighting
 - The weightings of the TAs and exams are as follows:

Subjects	Term 1 (TA1)	Term 2 (TA2)	Term 3 (TA3)	Term 4 (EYE)	Overall
All Examinable Subjects <i>(Except for FCE, D&T and Art)</i> <i>Please see Para 3 for details)</i>	15%	15%	15%	55%	100%
Art	-	15%	15%	CW: 70%	100%

3. Modular Subjects
 - The assessment for both D&T and FCE consists of 2 Term Assessments (15% each) + Coursework (70%). For the subject taken in Semester 1, the final grade will be reflected under TA2; for the subject taken in Semester 2, the final grade will be reflected under EYE.

Subjects	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Overall
D&T	TA: 15%	TA: 15% CW: 70%	-	-	100%
FCE	-	-	TA: 15%	TA: 15% CW: 70%	100%

4. Assessment Modes for TAs
 - **Alternative Assessments (AAs)** include practical tasks / portfolios / class presentations, etc. These allow students to demonstrate their learning more creatively and holistically. Teachers will brief students on success criteria and provide details through a 'Task Sheet' issued 2-3 weeks before the submission deadline. The deadlines for various AAs are typically spread out over **Weeks 5 to 6** to help students manage their workload/time. AAs in selected subjects may be due in other weeks, based on the scope/sequence of learning.

- **Pen and Paper (PPs)** tests comprise written assessments that are more aligned with examination requirements. These help students to better understand and work towards established national standards. All PPs are spread out throughout **Weeks 6 to 8**. The duration of each PP is typically 50 min long and is conducted in the first two periods of the day. Normal timetabled lessons will resume from 9.00am onwards.
5. We strongly advise all students to take TAs seriously as these will provide important information about their subject mastery and learning gaps. Any absences **must be** supported by a Medical Certificate or reason deemed valid by the school.
 6. Please refer to the **Annex** included at the end of this letter for the **TA3 Schedule**.
 7. Termly result slips will be issued to keep parents/guardians informed of their child's/ward's progress. Form Teachers may meet or speak with parents/guardians of selected students.
 8. Should you need any clarification, please feel free to contact your child/ward's Form Teacher. We seek your support in ensuring that your child/ward prepares well for all assessments.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lim Guihao', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MS LIM GUIHAO
VICE-PRINCIPAL

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