

9 September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary Two Students,

WELCOME TO TERM 4 2024

We hope that your teen had a meaningful and restful September holiday, and you were able to spend some quality time with him/her. As we enter the final term of 2024, we would like to provide you with key updates and information on events/programmes in Term 4 for our Sec 2 students.

A. CCA Matters

1. CCA activities have stood down from **Tue 20 Aug** to help students to prepare for the End-of-Year Examinations. CCA activities will resume from **Fri 11 Oct**.

B. End-of-Year Examinations

2. The End-of-Year (EOY) Examinations for Sec 2 students will take place in Weeks 3-4, **Mon 23 Sep** to **Mon 7 Oct**. Please refer to the notification sent on **Mon 26 Aug** via Parents Gateway for the detailed End-of-Year Examination schedule.
3. Teachers have informed students of the topics tested for their EOY Examinations and the formats of the papers for each subject. The details have also been put up on class notice boards as well as sent to students via Google Classroom.
4. As part of revision, practice papers will be provided to help students familiarise themselves with examination format/demand and build confidence. These practice papers may be administered during lessons or as homework. Subject teachers will instruct and guide the students accordingly.
5. While examinations is one main avenue for teachers and students to assess learning progress, they are not the be-all and end-all of education. We look forward to continuing to partner with you to nurture the joy of learning in our students, support their holistic development, and help them see examinations and tests as opportunities to surpass themselves.

C. Bowen October FIESTA (End-of-Year Post-Examination Activities)

6. The year-end Bowen FIESTA will take place from **Thu 24 Oct** to **Fri 25 Oct**. These activities aim to enrich our students' learning experiences and are compulsory for all students. The details of the activities for Sec 2 students are as follows:

Date	Time	Programme	Venue	Classes Involved	Remarks
Thu 24 Oct	7.30am – 10.15am	Games Day (Football)	In school	All Sec 2 classes	Students can report to school in their PE attire/class T-shirts and school shorts/skirts and running shoes. Items to bring: Stationery, water bottle, sports towel, rags and dry cloth for cleaning.
	10.15am – 11.00am	Recess			
	11.00am – 12.30pm	Gotong Royong			
Fri 25 Oct	7.30am-8.00am	Form Teacher Quality Time	In school	All Sec 2 classes	Students can report to school in their PE attire/class T-shirts and school shorts/skirts and running shoes. Items to bring: Stationery, water bottle, sports towel.
	8.00am-11.30pm (Recess: 9.00am-9.30am)	Sports Discovery		2 Ruby 2 Kunzite 2 Larimar 2 Emerald	
		Emazing Hunt		2 Topaz 2 Sapphire 2 Peridot 2 Amethyst	
	11.30am-12.30pm	Issuance of Report Books		All Sec 2 classes	

D. 2025 Secondary 3 Subject Combination Exercise

7. The schedule for the Secondary 3 Subject Combination Exercise is shown below. We would appreciate it if you could take some time to discuss with and guide your teen in making informed choices.

Item	Date	Remarks
Final Briefing	Wed 23 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By Wed 23 Oct, all SA2 exam papers will be returned. Students will have the full picture of their exam performance. If they are unsure of how to calculate their overall SA2 results (e.g. if there is Paper 1 and Paper 2), they should approach their teachers for assistance.
Indication of Options (online)	Wed 23 Oct (8:00am) to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sec 3 subject combination allocation is based on SA2 results only. Students should make their

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	Mon 28 Oct (5:00pm)	<p>options based on their SA2 performance, as that is the most up-to-date assessment of their progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are to submit their options by clicking on the form link at https://linktr.ee/bowensec2. • The online subject combination form will also indicate individual student's eligibility for different combinations. • Report Books will be given out on Fri 25 Oct. Students should already have sufficient information before that to think carefully about their options. • Students are advised to use the ~1 week leading up to the start of the Exercise on 23 Oct to think about the options and discuss with parents/guardians. • The online form will be closed on Mon 28 Oct, at 5:00pm sharp.
Release of Results (online)	Thu 7 Nov (8:00am)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be able to check the allocation results via https://linktr.ee/bowensec2.
Appeal Phase	Thu 7 Nov (8:00am) to Fri 8 Nov (5:00pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who wish to appeal may submit their appeals via an online form. • Only appeals with strong grounds and sound reasons will be considered, subject to availability of places. • The form must bear parent's/guardian's signature. If your child/ward wishes to appeal, please take time to talk the matter through with him/her so he/she is clear about his/her decision-making.
Release of Appeal Results (online)	Fri 15 Nov (5:00pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be able to check the appeal results via the same online system used for selection of options. • No further appeals will be accepted.

E. 3-Day Conversational Chinese/ Malay (CCM) Programme

8. Our Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Department will be conducting the annual Conversational Chinese/Malay (CCM) Programme. CCM is an established MOE programme that introduces Conversational Chinese or Conversational Malay to students who do not speak the language (e.g. to Malay or Indian students / to Chinese or Indian students respectively). Through CCM, students will gain a basic understanding of the respective languages, to enable them to strengthen bonds with their peers as well as operate comfortably within the region.
9. For students who will be signing up for the programme, it will be conducted from **Mon 28 Oct to Wed 30 Oct** in school, from 8.30am to 12.30pm for students who will be signing up for it. Further details on CCM will be given to students by their MTL teachers at a later date.

F. Other Matters and Overview of Activities

10. Report Books for Sec 2 students will be issued on **Fri 25 Oct**. Parents/guardians will not generally be invited to meet Form Teachers (FTs); but if you would like to talk to the FTs, you are welcome to contact them directly. FTs will be calling or arranging for face-to-face/video conferences with parents/guardians of selected students to provide feedback on their child/ward's progress and development.
11. The year-end school holidays are scheduled from **Sat 26 Oct 2024** to **Wed 1 Jan 2025**. The last day of school will be **Fri 25 Oct**. In addition to the CCM Programme for Sec 2 students, teachers may ask students to return to school to provide additional support for students who need it, between the last week of October and the second week of November. Students involved and their parents/guardians will be notified.
12. To allow our students more time and space to rest and recharge, Student Protected Time will be from **Wed 20 Nov** to **Sun 15 Dec** (both dates inclusive) during which there will not be any school activities (e.g. no CCA activities).
13. Please refer to the table below for an overview of activities till the end of the year:

Date/Days	Programme / Activity	Remarks
Mon 23 Sep to Mon 7 Oct	End-of-Year Examinations	Please refer to the detailed schedule sent on Mon 26 Aug via Parents Gateway.
Tue 8 Oct	Marking Day	Students <u>need not</u> report to school.
Wed 9 Oct	Timetable resumes as per normal	Students report for morning assembly by 7.30am as per normal, in the usual school attire.
Fri 11 Oct	CCAs resume	-
Wed 16 Oct	Home-based Learning for Sec 1-3	-
Thu 17 Oct to Wed 23 Oct	Lessons will end at 12.30pm to facilitate the GCE 'O' Level Examinations in the afternoon	-
Fri 18 Oct	Annual Promotion Exercise (meetings for teachers)	Students <u>need not</u> report to school.
Thu 24 Oct to Fri 25 Oct	Bowen FIESTA	Please refer to Section C for details.
Wed 20 Nov to Sun 15 Dec	Student Protected Time	Both dates inclusive.

14. The first day of **Term 1 2025** is on **Thu 2 Jan 2025**. Students will be expected to report to school by **7.30am** appropriately attired in full school uniform (without tie), with proper grooming. Lessons on **Thu 2 Jan** and **Fri 3 Jan** will end at **12.30pm** to give students time to adjust to the new school year.

15. 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**.

Thank you for your continued support and for partnering us closely as we nurture our students to be passionate and future-ready Learners, Leaders and Champions. Wishing you a good Term 4 ahead!

Yours faithfully,



Mr Loh Chih Hui
Principal

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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.