

20 March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 3 Students,

UPDATES ON EVENTS IN TERM 2 2023

1. We hope that your teen had meaningful and restful March holidays, and you were able to spend quality time with him/her.

With an endemic Covid-19 as the new norm, we are glad that schools have been able to fully resume key student development experiences including the National School Games (NSG), Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation, and Outdoor Adventure Learning, in addition to school-based enrichment programmes. These provide our students with a holistic education for life, by building camaraderie, character, and resilience along with their peers, in authentic contexts.

MOE will also continue with efforts to nurture diverse talents and expand education pathways. New initiatives were recently announced, including greater flexibility for students to customise their learning. We are pleased to share that Bowen will be leveraging its early adopter advantage as a Full SBB pilot school to offer selected upper secondary elective subjects at more demanding or less demanding levels, from our 2024 Sec 3 cohort onwards. We are confident that this will even better equip our students with future-ready competencies as well as enable them to take stronger ownership of their education journey. Our current upper secondary students can also look forward to enhancements to post-secondary pathways, such as expansion of the Polytechnic Foundation Programme and changes to the A-Level curriculum and university admissions.

As we enter Term 2 of the school year, we trust that it will be as enriching and fulfilling for your teen as Term 1. We would like to provide you with key updates for Term 2 for our Sec 3 students.

A. Safe Management Measures (SMM) in Term 2

2. While Singapore has stepped down many remaining SMM as a nation, an endemic Covid-19 footing will not be static, and Bowen stands prepared for possible adjustments where necessary. We will also continue to remain vigilant in checking in on our students and safeguarding their well-being.
3. As there has been a rise in influenza cases in recent months, 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.

If your teen is unwell (whether Ag+ or not), he/she **should not** come to school. Do inform his/her FTs and consult a doctor. Based on MOH's revised health advisory, persons with severe/prolonged or worsening ARI symptoms should see a doctor, while those with mild ARI symptoms should stay at home until symptoms resolve. 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 worksheets. Please encourage your teen to be proactive in finding out on what he/she has missed from his/her buddy.

B. Key Programmes, Events and Holidays in Term 2

4. The following are highlights of our school's programmes, events and holidays in Term 2.

Date	Programmes/ Events	Remarks
Tue 21 Mar	Sec 3 Parents' Dialogue Session (evening)	All Sec 3 students are required to attend the session. Please refer to PG message sent on Fri 3 Mar .
Mon 20 Mar to Fri 31 Mar	Sec 3 Higher Mother Tongue Language Internal Oral Examinations	Schedule will be given to students via their subject teachers. Please refer to PG message sent for more details.
Wed 29 Mar, Wed 12 Apr, Wed 26 Apr	Home Based Learning (HBL)	Students are to complete their assigned learning at home.
Wed 5 Apr to Thu 20 Apr	Sec 3 English Language Internal Oral Examinations	See <u>Section C</u> for details.
Fri 7 Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday	-
Mon 10 Apr	International Friendship Day Commemoration	Conducted during CCE lesson.
Mon 10 Apr to Fri 21 Apr	Mother Tongue Language Fortnight	Activities will be conducted during curriculum hours.
Mon 17 Apr	Student Leaders Investiture	See <u>Section D</u> for details.
Wed 19 Apr	Class Photo Taking	See <u>Section E</u> for details.
Mon 24 Apr	Hari Raya Puasa School Holiday (off-in-lieu)	Hari Raya Puasa falls on Sat 22 Apr .
Tue 25 Apr to Fri 28 Apr	English Language Week	Activities will be conducted during curriculum hours.
Fri 28 Apr	41 st Speech Day and Prize Presentation	See <u>Section F</u> for details.
Mon 1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday	-
Tue 2 May to Tue 9 May	Term Assessment 2	A separate letter with the schedule will be issued at a later date.
Wed 10 May to Fri 12 May	Sec 3 Outdoor Adventure Camp @ MOE Labrador Outdoor Adventure Centre	A separate letter will be issued at a later date.
Wed 24 May to Thu 25 May	Mid-Year FIESTA Programme	For all levels (Sec 1-5) More details will be given nearer to date.
Wed 24 May	Shakespeare in the Park (theatre performance)	For Upper Sec students taking Literature only. More details will be given nearer to date.
Thu 25 May	Issuance of Report Books and Result Slips	Done during curriculum hours.
Fri 26 May	Sec 1 to 5 Meet-the-Parents Session	Last day of school for Term 2 before June School Holidays. No CCAs will be conducted in the afternoon. A separate letter will be issued at a later date to guide parents on signing up for the MPS.
Fri 2 Jun	Vesak Day Public Holiday	-
Sat 27 May to Sun 25 June	June School Holidays	Student protected time will be from Wed 7 Jun to Tue 20 Jun (both dates inclusive). No school activities will be held during this period. Term 3 begins on Mon 26 Jun.

C. English Language Oral Examinations (Internal)

5. The school's internal Sec 3 English Language oral examinations will take place as follows:

Date	Time	Classes
Thu 13 Apr	2.00 – 6.00pm	3 Ruby 3 Kunzite 3 Larimar
	3.15 – 6.15pm	3 Sapphire Students from 3 Kunzite & 3 Larimar offering EL at more demanding level
Mon 17 Apr	3.15pm – 6.15pm	3 Topaz 3 Amethyst
	3.45 – 6.15pm	3 Peridot
Thu 20 Apr	2.00 – 5.30pm	3 Emerald (including students offering EL at more demanding level)
	3.45 – 6.15pm	3 Peridot

D. Student Leaders Investiture

6. Our Student Leaders Appointment Ceremony will take place on **Mon 17 Apr** during school hours. This is an important annual event where the school witnesses the handover between the current and the next Student Leaders Executive Committee. The event will also celebrate the investiture of new Student Councillors, Class Leaders, CCA Leaders, Tech Champions and Peer Support Leaders, who as role models, will lead and serve the school and their fellow Bowenians to the best of their abilities.

E. Class Photo Taking

7. To provide them with happy memories of their secondary schooling experience, we have arranged for class photo-taking for all students on **Wed 19 Apr**. Students are required to be in **full school uniform with tie** for their formal shot. They must be neatly attired and well-groomed. Failure to do so may result in them being unable to participate in the class photo taking.

F. Celebrating Students' Achievements: 41st Speech and Prize Presentation Day

8. Our 41st Speech and Prize Presentation Day will be held on **Fri 28 Apr** from **3.30pm to 6.30pm** in the school hall. This event is one of the most significant school events which will celebrate our students' academic and co-curricular successes. Parents/guardians of all 2022 Sec 1 to 3 Prize Recipients will be notified via Parents Gateway.

9. Please note that lessons will carry on as usual from 7.30am to 12.30pm. However, there will be no CCA that afternoon. If your teen is involved in the Speech and Prize Presentation Day (e.g. emcees, marching contingent, CCA performers), you will be informed via Parents Gateway.

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.

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.