



3 April 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT AT BOWEN SECONDARY (2023 Term Assessment 2) – SECONDARY 3

1. The school's Term Assessment 2 will start from week 5. The Pen and Paper Assessment is scheduled from Tuesday, 2 May 2023 to Tuesday, 9 May 2023.

2. Assessment Structure and Weightings

- 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	15%	15%	15%	55%	100%

3. 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 7** 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 better understand and work towards established national standards. All PPs are spread out throughout **Weeks 7 and 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.

4. Students' learning in each subject will be assessed through either AA or PP (not both). For example, a student offering 7 subjects will have a total of 7 AAs or PPs during each TA Window. About 3-5 subjects will be assessed through AAs while the rest will be assessed through PPs (this proportion may vary across terms).

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 **TA2 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,

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VICE-PRINCIPAL

Term Assessment 2					
Secondary 3					
Term/Week	Day	Date	Classes Involved	Alternative Assessment	Pen and Paper (8-8.50 am)
Term 2 Week 5 (17 - 21 Apr 2023)	Students will submit tasks during lessons		3 Topaz, 3 Sapphire, 3 Peridot, 3 Amethyst, 3 Larimar (OOS), 3 Kunzite (OOS)	EL - AA	
			3 Ruby, 3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar, 3 Emerald (OOS), 3 Emerald		
			3 Topaz, 3 Sapphire, 3 Peridot, 3 Amethyst, 3 Larimar, 3 Ruby 3 Kunzite, 3 Emerald	HMT / MT / BMT - AA	
			3 Larimar, 3 Kunzite, 3 Ruby	"NA" Sc (Bio) / Sc (Phy) - AA (Practical) DDL	
Term 2 Week 5 - 6 (17 - 28 Apr 2023)	Students will submit tasks during lessons		3 Emerald	EBS - AA (DDL)	
Term 2 Week 6 (24 - 28 Apr 2023)	Students will submit tasks during lessons		3 Topaz, 3 Sapphire, 3 Peridot, 3 Amethyst, 3 Ruby, 3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar	SS - AA (DDL)	
			3 Sapphire, 3 Kunzite	Art - A.A (Art Tells Story - Sketches + Artist Research Presentation) DDL	
			3 Topaz, 3 Peridot, 3 Amethyst, 3 Ruby, 3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar	Geog elect - AA (DDL)	
			3 Larimar, 3 Kunzite, 3 Ruby	"NA" Sc (Chem) - AA (Practical)	
			3 Emerald	"NT" Science - AA (Practical)	
			3 Emerald	"NT" Maths - AA (DDL)	
Term 2 Week 7 (1 - 5 May 2023)	Students will submit tasks during lessons		3 Sapphire, 3 Ruby, 3 Larimar	D&T - AA (Generating & Developing Ideas) DDL	
	Tues	2 May 2023	3 Peridot, 3 Amethyst		"O" Biology
			3 Sapphire		"O" Geography
	Wed	3 May 2023	3 Topaz, 3 Amethyst, 3 Sapphire, 3 Peridot		"O" Hist elect
			3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar		"NA" Hist elect
			3 Sapphire, 3 Amethyst 3 Kunzite (OOS)		"O" Lit elect
			3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar		"NA" Lit elect
	Thurs	4 May 2023	3 Peridot, 3 Topaz		"O" Physics
			3 Larimar		NFS
	Fri	5 May 2023	3 Peridot, 3 Topaz		"O" Chemistry
3 Amethyst, 3 Sapphire, 3 Ruby (OOS)				"O" Sc (Phy/Chem) "O" Sc (Chem/Bio)	

Term 2 Week 8 (8 - 12 May 2023)	Mon	8 May 2023	3 Topaz, 3 Sapphire, 3 Peridot, 3 Amethyst, 3 Ruby (OOS)		"O" Maths
			3 Ruby, 3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar		"NA" Maths
			3 Emerald		CPA (Venue: Comp Lab 1&2)
	Tue	9 May 2023	3 Topaz, 3 Peridot, 3 Amethyst		"O" A. Maths
			3 Ruby		"NA" A. Maths

Note:

1. Pen and Paper will be conducted during the first two periods. Paper duration is 50 mins.
2. DDL (Due during lessons) - Students will submit their tasks during lessons.
3. During TA, students exempted from scheduled assessment (e.g. not taking MTL or certain electives) are still expected to report to school by 7.30 am either for self-revision or lesson.