

20 March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 4/5 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 4/5 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
Mon 20 Mar to Fri 31 Mar	S4/5 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.
Mon 20 Mar to Fri 19 May	S4/5 Small group academic consultations	See <u>Section C</u> for details. Refer to Annex for the detailed schedule.
Wed 22 Mar	Nanyang Polytechnic Course Advising	For students offering most of their subjects at O-Level or N(A)-Level. Please refer to the PG message sent on Fri 10 Mar .
Wed 29 Mar, Wed 12 Apr, Wed 26 Apr, Wed 10 May	Home Based Learning (HBL)	Students are to complete their assigned learning at home.
Mon 3 Apr	S4/5 Interview Skills and Personal Branding Workshop	ECG programme which will be conducted after school. More details will be given nearer to date.
Wed 5 Apr to Thu 20 Apr	S4/5 English Language Internal Oral Examinations	See <u>Section D</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.
Thu 13 Apr	S4N ITE Level Up Programme	Will be conducted at ITE College Central. See <u>Section E</u> for details.
Mon 17 Apr	Student Leaders Investiture	See <u>Section F</u> for details.
Wed 19 Apr	Class Photo Taking	See <u>Section G</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 H</u> for details.
Fri 28 Apr to Fri 12 May	Term Assessment 2	A separate letter with the schedule will be issued at a later date.
Mon 1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday	-
Thu 18 May	S4NT EBS Learning Journey	More details will be given nearer to date.
Fri 19 May	S4/5 CCA Stand down	-
Mon 22 May to Wed 24 May	S4E/4NA/5N Mother Tongue Language Intensive Programme	See <u>Section I</u> for details.
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 (theatrical performance)	For Upper Sec students taking Literature only. More details will be given near 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.

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		A separate letter will be issued at a later date to guide parents on signing up for the MPS.
Mon 29 May	GCE 'O' Mother Tongue Language Written Examination	-
Tue 30 May	GCE 'O' Mother Tongue Language 'B' Syllabus Written Examination	-
Tue 30 May to Fri 9 Jun	S4/5 June Extended Curriculum (JEC)	See <u>Section J</u> for details.
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. Sec 4/5 Small Group Academic Consultations

- Small group academic consultations will start in Term 2 Week 1 to Week 9. This programme aims to provide support for students in subjects they need stronger mastery of, as well as to stretch students who have demonstrated proficiency in their subjects.
- These consultations will take place on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. They are not scheduled on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as Tuesdays are CCA days and Wednesdays serve as rest days for our students. This allows students to better manage their time between CCA practices, competitions, studies and rest. Consultations will also end by 5pm, to give students time to rest and to prepare for the next school day.
- Your teen may be attending consultations more than once week for various subjects and will be informed via their subject teachers. **Attendance for these selected students is required.** Do encourage your teen to attend the consultations diligently and make full use of these learning opportunities.
- For more details on the small group academic consultation schedule, please refer to the Annex.

D. English Language Oral Examinations (Internal)

- The school's internal Sec 4/5 English Language oral examinations will take place as follows:

Date	Time	Classes
Wed 5 Apr	3.45 – 6.15pm	4 Peridot 4 Topaz
Thu 6 Apr	2.00 – 6.00pm	4 Amethyst 4 Ruby 4 Kunzite 4 Larimar 4 Emerald (including students offering EL at more demanding level)
Mon 10 Apr	3.15pm – 6.15pm	4 Opal 4 Sapphire Students from 4 Amethyst, 4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite & 4 Larimar offering EL at more demanding level 5 Eudialyte
Thu 20 Apr	2.45 – 6.00pm	4 Emerald
Mon 15 May	Make up oral exam	

E. S4N ITE Level Up Programme

10. This programme aims to engage students sitting for the N-Level examinations with exploratory tours and talks on Early Admissions Exercise (EAE) and Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP). There will also be fun and exciting booths for students to try out a range of fun, hands-on activities which will challenge their creativity.
11. The programme runs from 1.00 to 5.00pm. Two-way transport will be provided for students from school. Students will be dismissed from school at about 5.30pm.

F. Student Leaders Investiture

12. 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.

G. Class Photo Taking

13. 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.

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

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. To allow Bowenians to experience a formal event as part their Bowen Experience, all Sec 4/5 students will be attending Speech Day. This experience, which includes Valedictorians' speeches, also aims to motivate them in preparation for their post-secondary progression. The attire for the event will be full school uniform, with school tie.

I. Mother Tongue Language Intensive Programme

17. The GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) written examinations will take place on **Mon 29 May**. To help students prepare for the exams, the MTL department will be conducting an Intensive Revision Programme from **Mon 22 May to Wed 24 May**. The programme will be conducted during curriculum time as well as in the afternoon, with dismissal by 5.00pm.
18. Students who are not sitting for the GCE O-Level MTL Examinations are still required to report to school. The school has arranged a customised curriculum where subject teachers will carry out revision with these students. The schedule will be given to students after their Term Assessment 2.

J. June Extended Curriculum (JEC)

19. To provide additional academic support for our graduating cohort in their crucial year, Sec 4/5 students are required to attend **JEC** from **Tue 30 May** to **Fri 9 Jun**. Teachers will use the time to help them gear up for the national examinations and final coursework submissions (where applicable). The schedule for the extended curriculum will be given to students by Term 2 Week 10.
20. **Please note that the attendance is compulsory for all Sec 4/5 students offering subjects mainly at O-Level and N(A)-Level.** Sec 4 students offering mainly N(T) subjects may be required to attend consultations by their subject teachers during this period. We seek your understanding and cooperation to refrain from making overseas travel plans during this period, and to monitor your teen's attendance for the extended curriculum.

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.

Annex – Small Group Consultation Schedule

Will insert the schedule accordingly based on each individual class