

26 June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 4/5 students,

### WELCOME TO TERM 3 2023

Welcome back! We hope that you were able to make the most of the June holidays to spend quality time with your teen as well as encourage him/her to reflect on their Semester 1 learning experiences. As we enter the second half of 2023, we would like to provide you with key updates and information on programmes / events for Term 3 for our Sec 4/5 students.

#### A. Secondary 4/5 Form Teachers for Semester 2

1. We are pleased to share the updated list of Sec 4/5 Form Teachers (FTs) and their email addresses.

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2. To contact the FTs, please email them or call the school at **6385 9466** (the teachers' office numbers are available on our school website). If you email teachers, they will aim to reply to you within 3 working days. Teachers will generally be contactable by telephone during office hours. We seek your understanding that teachers may wish to keep their handphone numbers private.
3. The Sec 4/5 Year Head continues to be Mrs Chan Soo Yong ([lim\\_soo\\_yong@schools.gov.sg](mailto:lim_soo_yong@schools.gov.sg)).

#### B. Safe Management Measures (SMM) and Temperature-taking Exercise

4. While Singapore has stepped down the 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.
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. For Term 3, all schools will be carrying out a temperature-taking exercise on **Wed 5 Jul**. We would appreciate it if you could help remind your teen to bring a working thermometer on **Tue 4 Jul** for checking, and for use on **Wed 5 Jul**. Do also encourage your teen to continue bringing a thermometer (as well as a spare ART kit, if possible) to school so that he/she can monitor his/her health whenever necessary, given that social responsibility is now crucial in living with Covid-19.

### C. Key Programmes, Events and Holidays in Term 3

8. The following are highlights of our school's programmes, events and holidays in Term 3. For Preliminary Examinations and GCE 'N' and 'O' Level Examinations dates, please refer to **Section F**.

Date	Programmes / Events	Remarks
<b>Mon 26 Jun to Wed 30 Aug</b>	StARS Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See <b>Section D</b> for details.</li> <li>Refer to <b>Annex</b> for the detailed schedule.</li> </ul>
<b>Thu 29 Jun</b>	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	-
<b>Fri 30 Jun</b>	Bowen Sports Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held during school hours. No CCA in the afternoon. Details will be sent via PG.</li> </ul>
<b>Mon 3 Jul</b>	Youth Day School Holiday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mon 3 Jul</b> is a school holiday in-lieu for Youth Day which falls on <b>Sun 2 Jul</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Mon 17 Jul</b>	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities will be conducted during curriculum hours.</li> </ul>
<b>Tue 25 Jul to Thu 27 Jul</b>	Home Based Learning (Sec 1-5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and parents/guardians will be provided with more information at a later date.</li> <li>Some Sec 4/5 students will be having GCE 'O' Level English Language Oral Examinations and GCE 'N' Level Mother Tongue Language Oral Examinations during this period.</li> </ul>
<b>Tue 8 Aug</b>	National Day Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will be dismissed at 10.45am.</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 9 Aug</b>	National Day Public Holiday	-
<b>Thu 10 Aug</b>	National Day School Holiday	-
<b>Mon 14 Aug to Fri 18 Aug</b>	Night Study Programme (NSP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See <b>Section E</b> for details</li> </ul>
<b>Thu 31 Aug</b>	Teachers' Day Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will be dismissed by 10.00am.</li> <li>This is also the last day of school for Term 3.</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 1 Sep</b>	Teachers' Day School Holiday	-

Date	Programmes / Events	Remarks
Sat 2 Sep to Sun 10 Sep	September School Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To allow students the time and space to rest and recharge, Student Protected Time will be on <b>Mon 4 Sep</b> and <b>Tue 5 Sep</b>. No school activities will be held on these two days.</li> </ul>

#### D. Structured Academic Review and Support Programme (StARS)

- The Structured Academic Review and Support programme (StARS) will start in Term 3 Week 1 **Mon 26 Jun**. This programme aims to further support our Sec 4/5 students to enhance their understanding and application in the various subjects, finetune their examination skills and to prepare them in areas such as mental resilience and will include Timed Practices. More details will be provided by their subject teachers.
- Sec 4E and 5N students will complete the programme in Week 8 (**Fri 18 Aug**) while 4N students will complete it in Week 10 (**Wed 30 Aug**). StARS will end by 5.00pm to give students time to rest and to prepare for the next school day. Please note that there will be no StARS on Wednesdays to provide a rest day for our students.
- Your teen may be attending StARS on several days a week for various subjects and will be informed via his/her subject teachers. **Attendance is compulsory**. Do encourage your teen to attend StARS diligently and make full use of these learning opportunities.
- As the National Oral Examinations will also take place in Term 3, Oral Examinations will take precedence over StARS. Students who miss StARS sessions due to Oral Examinations are strongly encouraged to arrange alternative timeslots for consultations with their subject teachers and complete assigned work at home.
- For more details on StARS, please refer to the **Annex**.

#### E. Night Study Programme (NSP)

- The Night Study Programme (NSP) will be held in Term 3 from **Mon 14 Aug to Fri 18 Aug**. The NSP will be conducted from 6.00pm to 8.00pm daily in the school canteen, on a **sign-up basis**. It aims to provide a conducive study environment for students for self-revision and consultations with teachers. Students who find it challenging to study productively at home are encouraged to utilise the school facilities in their preparation for the National Examinations and arrange for consultation sessions during the NSP.
- Students who would like to sign up for NSP are required to do so with their FTs on the respective day by 8.00am to enable the school to monitor their attendance. Students are strongly encouraged not to bring in outside food and are encouraged to have dinner before coming for NSP. All students need to be appropriately attired (school pants or skirts with school shirt, school PE T-shirt or school Polo T-shirt with school shoes) for NSP. The school will be closed by 8.15pm.

#### F. Preliminary Examinations and GCE N- and O-Level Examinations

- The dates for 2023 Preliminary Examinations and National Examinations are compiled in the table below to help students with their revision planning. The detailed schedule for preliminary examinations will be given to students at a later date. Students can refer to their class or cohort noticeboards or their GCE Examination Entry Proof for the detailed schedule for their N- or O-Level examinations.

Term	Date	Examination	Remarks
3	Tue 4 Jul	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted in the afternoon, in school premises.</li> <li>Sec 1-3 students will be dismissed at 1.00pm.</li> <li>All Sec 4/5 students will be dismissed at 12.30pm.</li> <li>Sec 4/5 students must bring Entry Proof.</li> </ul>
3	Thu 6 Jul	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language B Syllabus Oral Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted in the afternoon, in school premises</li> </ul>
3	Fri 7 Jul – Mon 17 Jul	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Oral Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted in the afternoon, in school premises</li> </ul>
3	Tue 11 Jul – Mon 17 Jul	GCE N-Level English Language Oral Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted in the afternoon, in school premises</li> </ul>
3	Fri 21 Jul, Mon 24 Jul, Fri 28 Jul – Fri 4 August	Sec 4N Preliminary Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Separate details will be issued at a later date.</li> </ul>
3	Tue 25 Jul to Thu 3 Aug	GCE O-Level English Language Oral Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted in the afternoon, in school premises</li> </ul>
3	Tue 25 Jul to Thu 27 Jul	GCE N-Level Mother Tongue Language Oral Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted in the afternoon, in school premises</li> </ul>
3	Fri 28 Jul to Thu 3 Aug	GCE O-Level Higher Mother Tongue Language Oral Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted in the afternoon, in school premises</li> </ul>
3	Mon 21 Aug to Wed 30 Aug	Sec 4E/5N Preliminary Examination (Part 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Separate details will be issued at a later date.</li> </ul>
4	Mon 11 Sep to Wed 13 Sep	Sec 4E/5N Preliminary Examination (Part 2)	
4	Mon 11 Sep	GCE N(T) English Language and N(A) Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension Examinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted in the afternoon, in school premises.</li> </ul>
4	Tue 12 Sep	GCE N(T) Basic Mother Tongue Language and N(A) English Language Listening Comprehension Examinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted in the afternoon, in school premises.</li> </ul>
4	Mon 11 Sep, Wed 13 Sep to Mon 18 Sep	GCE N-Level Written Examinations (Part 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The detailed timetable will be provided to students.</li> <li>A copy is also available on the class noticeboards and SEAB website.</li> </ul>
4	Tue 19 Sep, Thu 21 Sep	GCE N-Level Computer Applications Practical	
4	Tue 26 Sep to Fri 29 Sep	GCE O-Level Music Practical Examination	
4	Mon 2 Oct to Tue 10 Oct	GCE N-Level Written Examinations (Part 2)	
4	Wed 4 Oct, Mon 9 Oct,	GCE O-Level Science Practical Examinations	

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	<b>Thu 12 Oct, Tue 17 Oct</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Wed 18 Oct</b>	GCE O-Level English Language Listening Comprehension Examination and GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language B Syllabus Listening Comprehension Examination	
<b>4</b>	<b>Thu 19 Oct to Fri 10 Nov</b>	GCE O-Level Written Examinations	

### G. Heat Management Measures and School Attire

17. In view of the continued warm and humid weather, please refer to the updated guidelines below with regards to school attire for Term 3.

Day	Timing	Attire
Mondays - Thursdays	7.30am onwards	PE T-shirt and school skirt / shorts / pants (students can change to full PE attire i.e. PE T-shirt and PE shorts from 1.30pm onwards)
Friday (Dress-Down Day)	7.30am onwards	CCA / Class / PE T-shirt and school skirt / shorts / pants
Term Assessment	-	PE T-shirt and school skirt / shorts / pants
National Examinations (Oral / Practical / Written)	-	1. Smart Casual Attire (i.e Polo T-shirt with school skirt/pants)  <u>OR</u> 2. Smart Formal Attire <u>without</u> tie

18. The school will review whether to extend this provision in Term 4 based on the weather conditions. Students will be updated through their FTs before the start of Term 3 as well as reminded on **Mon 26 Jun** during morning assembly.

19. In addition, our staff will continue to closely monitor students during physical and/or outdoor activities. Students will also be encouraged to hydrate themselves before, during and after activities.

### H. Start of Term 4

20. Term 4 will begin on **Mon 11 Sep**. A separate letter will be issued to inform parents/guardians about the schedule for Term 4.

21. For any further clarifications, please contact the respective FTs.

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

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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.

## **Annex – StARS Schedule**

Will be inserted based on individual class schedule