

11 September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 4E/5N Students,

WELCOME TO TERM 4 AND ALL THE BEST FOR THE O-LEVELS!

We hope that you were able to spend some quality time with your teen during the September holidays and trust that you have been closely supporting your teen as he/she prepares for the school preliminary examinations and upcoming GCE O-Level Examinations. As we enter the final term of 2023, we would like to provide you with key updates and information on events/programmes in Term 4 for our Sec 4E/5N students.

A. GCE O-Level Examinations, Timetable Adjustments and Study Break

- 1. The Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) have updated the Examination Rules and Regulations for Candidates for all 2023 Singapore-Cambridge GCE-Level Examinations. All students are to adhere to the Rules and Regulations closely and update their Form Teachers as soon as possible, should it be necessary. The detailed Examination Rules and Regulations can be accessed via the SEAB website at: 2023 Singapore-Cambridge GCE N(T), N(A), O-Level Examination Rules and Regulations (seab.gov.sg)
- 2. After the ongoing Preliminary Examinations end on Thu 14 Sep, students' timetables will be adjusted from Mon 18 Sep to Fri 29 Sep so that the school day ends earlier. This is to allow students to take greater individual ownership over the pace and depth of their revision. Subject teachers may also conduct consultations for selected students in the afternoons. Please refer to Annex A for the adjusted timetables.
- 3. The O-Level Science Practical Examinations will be conducted on the following days:

Wed 4 Oct: Pure Chemistry

• Mon 9 Oct: Pure Physics

• Thu 12 Oct: Science (Phy/Chem) and Science (Chem/Bio)

• Tue 17 Oct: Pure Biology

Please note that on these 4 days of practical exams,

- The <u>students involved</u> will report directly for the practical examination by the stipulated time of the shift they are allocated to. They will not need to report for normal lessons.
- There may be <u>students who are not involved</u> in the above practical exams as they do not take these subjects. They need not come to school.

Students will be briefed, and classes will be notified of the shifts they are in via the Exams Noticeboard in the school foyer.

4. The GCE O-Level Written Examination will take place from **Thu 19 Oct** to **Fri 10 Nov**. The detailed exam timetable is stated in the GCE O-Level Examination Entry Proof, which has been issued to each student.



- 5. Students will be briefed in detail about what to do for their examinations (e.g. attire, venue, what to bring etc). Parents/guardians, please help ensure your teen:
 - a. goes to bed early to get sufficient sleep; and
 - b. wakes up and gets to school on time for each day's papers, with time for a proper breakfast.
- 6. Study Break (SB) will be implemented for 4E/5N students starting from Mon 2 Oct. During SB, students are encouraged to remain at home to reduce the risk of falling ill. Students are strongly encouraged to arrange for online consultations with their teachers if needed.
- 7. Please refer to Annex B for the Summary of Events in Term 4 for Secondary 4E/5N.

B. Night Study Programme (NSP)

- In Term 3, the school implemented our Night Study Programme (NSP), an academic support
 programme for our graduating students who need a conducive environment to study in. NSP
 will resume in Term 4 from Mon 18 Sep to Thu 28 Sep in the School Canteen.
- 9. Students who would like to sign up for NSP are required to do so with their Form Teachers on the respective day by 8.00am to enable the school to monitor their attendance. Students are to report to the school canteen to mark their attendance by 6pm. Students should not bring in outside food and are strongly encouraged to have dinner before coming for NSP. All students will need to be appropriately attired (school pants or skirts with school shirt, school PE T-shirt or school blue polo shirt) for NSP. The school will be closed by 8.15pm.

C. Graduation Ceremony

10. The annual Graduation Ceremony for all Sec 4 and 5 graduating students will be held on Fri 29 Sep, 11.00am to 12.30pm in the school hall. It is a formal occasion to mark the end of their journey in Bowen Secondary and celebrate their school experience. Hence, attendance for all graduating students is compulsory. Students are required to be in their full school uniform, school shirt with school pants/skirts.

D. Last Day of School

11. The last day of school lessons for 4E/5N students is **Fri 29 Sep**. Students need not report back to school after the GCE O-Level Examinations conclude on **Fri 10 Nov**.

E. Graduation Night

12. To celebrate the completion of their secondary school journey, we are inviting our graduating cohort to mark this significant milestone of their life together with their peers and teachers at our Graduation Night. It is <u>fully subsided by the school</u> and we request that all Sec 4/5 students to attend. The details of the event are as follows:

Day/Date: Mon 20 NovemberTime: 5.00pm to 9.00pm

Venue: Gardens By the Bay, Flower Dome, Flower Field Hall

Dress code: Smart Casual



All participants will be able to visit the Flower Dome before the Graduation Night dinner programme officially begins at 6pm. Kindly note that <u>students dressed in inappropriate attire will not be allowed entry to the event</u>. More details about the Graduation Night will be shared with our students at a later date.

F. Release of 2023 GCE O-Level Examination Results

- 13. The GCE O-Level Examination Results will be released tentatively on **Thu 11 Jan 2024**. Students should look out for the formal MOE announcement via official media channels about the confirmed date in early Jan 2024. On the day of the results release, students should report at 2.00pm to the school hall.
- 14. During the results release day, students will be required to report in full school attire (school shirt/blue polo shirt with school pants/skirts) and with proper grooming. Students with outlandish hairstyles and/or coloured hair will not be permitted to enter the school hall. Parents/guardians are welcomed to come to school to join the results release with your teen.
- 15. Following the results release, 4E/5N students will be required to take part in the Joint Admission Exercise (JAE) and submit their applications for their desired institution and course of study tentatively between **Thu 11 Jan and Tue 16 Jan 2024**. MOE will release the results of the application tentatively on **Thu 1 Feb 2024**. Thereafter,
 - Students posted to a Junior College/Millennia Institute will be required to report to their institution on the next working day.
 - Students posted to a Polytechnic or ITE will be sent an enrolment package in due course, and term will begin around April 2024.

Please refer to the information sheet on 2024 Joint Admissions Exercise sent via PG on **Mon 4 Sep** for more details.

16. As the length of time between the release of results and the deadline to submit the applications is about 5 days, parents/guardians are strongly advised to discuss the options together with your teen in the Dec period so that he/she will be able to make informed choices subsequently. For more information, please visit: Singapore Education Landscape (myskillsfuture.gov.sg)

We trust that your teen has had a meaningful experience over the past 4 years in Bowen. Please write to us to help encourage our teachers, who have worked tirelessly to nurture and support our students. If there are areas where we could have done better, do let us know as well. We sincerely hope that each and every one of our students will be able to reach for their star, and wish you and your teen all the best!

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 A – Adjusted Timetables

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Annex B - Summary of Events in Term 4 for Secondary 4E/5N

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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18 Sep Start of NSP Start of Adjusted Timetabled lessons	19 Sep NSP Adjusted Timetabled lessons	20 Sep NSP Adjusted Timetabled lessons	21 Sep NSP Adjusted Timetabled lessons	22 Sep NSP Adjusted Timetabled lessons
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9 Oct Physics (Practical)	10 Oct	11 Oct	12 Oct Science (Phy/chem) & Science (Chem/Bio) (Practical)	13 Oct
16 Oct	17 Oct Biology (Practical)	18 Oct	19 Oct *Start of GCE O- Level Written Exam	20 Oct
23 Oct	24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct	27 Oct
30 Oct	31 Oct	1 Nov	2 Nov	3 Nov
6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov	9 Nov	10 Nov Last Day of GCE O-Level Exams

^{*}Please refer to SEAB website for detailed GCE O-Level Examination Schedule: https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2023gceoexamtimetable.pdf