

16 January 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT AT BOWEN SECONDARY (2023 Term Assessment 1) –  
SECONDARY 4/5**

1. Aligned with MOE's Learning for Life movement to provide more time for deep learning and reduce overemphasis on academic results, Bowen Secondary has since introduced an assessment framework that balances alternative and traditional modes of assessment. We would like to share an overview of how assessment at our school supports your child/ward's learning.
2. Assessment Format and Weightings
  - From 2023, Mid-Year Exams (MYE) have been removed for all secondary levels. (Prior to this, MYE had already been removed for S1 and S3 since 2018.)
  - In Terms 1 to 3, students' learning in each subject is assessed through a Term Assessment (TA). TAs are aligned to established national standards and carefully spread across a 'TA Window' (Weeks 6-8) to manage the demands on students and enable them to continue enjoying learning during lessons.
  - In Term 3, Prelim Examinations (N-Level: Term 3 Weeks 5-6; O-Level: Term 3 Week 9 to Term 4 Week 1) will be carried out to progressively prepare students for the national examinations.
  - The weightings of the TA and exams is as follows:

Level	Term 1 (TA1)	Term 2 (TA2)	Term 3 (Prelim Exam)	Term 4
Sec 4/5	15%	15%	70%	N/O Levels

3. The duration of each TA 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. We strongly advise all students to take their TA1, TA2 and Prelim Exams 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.
5. Please refer to the **Annex** included at the end of this letter for the **TA1 Schedule**.
6. 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.
7. 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

Annex

Term Assessment 1						
Secondary 4 & 5						
Term/Week	Day	Date	Classes Involved	Alternative Assessment	Pen and Paper (8-8.50am)	Venue (Classroom unless otherwise stated)
Term 1 Week 6 (6 - 10 Feb 2023)	Students will submit tasks during lessons		4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite	Art - Course Work Preparatory Work		
	Fri	10-Feb-2023	4 Topaz, 4 Opal, 4 Sapphire, 4 Peridot		HMT (HCL, HML, HTL)	
			4 Peridot, 4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Opal, 4 Amethyst (OOS), 4 Ruby (OOS), 4 Kunzite (OOS), 5 Eudialyte		Exp MTL (CL, ML, TL)	
			4 Amethyst, 4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite, 4 Larimar, 4 Emerald (OOS)		NA MT (CL, ML, TL)	
			4 Emerald		NT MT (BCL, BML, BTL)	
Term 1 Week 7 (13-17 Feb 2023)	Tues	14-Feb-2023	4 Peridot, 4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Opal, 4 Kunzite (OOS), 4 Larimar (OOS), 5 Eudialyte		"O" EL	
			4 Amethyst, 4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite, 4 Larimar, 4 Emerald (OOS)		"NA" EL	
			4 Emerald		"NT" EL	
	Wed	15-Feb-2023	4 Peridot, 4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Opal, 5 Eudialyte		Social Studies	
			4 Amethyst, 4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite, 4 Larimar		Social Studies	
	Thu	16-Feb-2023	4 Peridot, 4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Opal, 5 Eudialyte		"O" Geog Elect / Hist Elect / Lit elect	
			4 Amethyst, 4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite, 4 Larimar		"NA" Geog Elect / Hist Elect / Lit elect	
	Fri	17-Feb-2023	4 Topaz, 4 Opal, 4 Peridot		"O" Biology	
			4 Sapphire, 5 Eudialyte		"O" Sc (Biology)	
			4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite, 4 Larimar		"NA" Science (Biology)	

Term 1 Week 8 (20 - 24 Feb 2023)	Mon	20-Feb-2023	4 Peridot, 4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Opal, 4 Amethyst (OOS), 5 Eudialyte		"O" Maths	
			4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite, 4 Larimar, 4 Emerald (OOS)		"N" Maths	
			4 Emerald		NT Maths	
	Tue	21-Feb-2023	4 Peridot, 4 Topaz		"O" Chemistry	
			4 Amethyst (OOS), 4 Opal, 4 Sapphire, 5 Eudialyte		"O" Sc (Chemistry)	
			4 Amethyst, 4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite, 4 Larimar		"NA" Sc (Chemistry)	
			4 Emerald		CPA	CPA Lab 1&2
	Thur	23-Feb-2023	4 Peridot, 4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Opal, 5 Eudialyte		"O" A. Maths	
			4 Sapphire, 4 Larimar, 5 Eudialyte		D&T	
			4 Larimar, 5 Eudialyte		NFS	
			4 Amethyst		"N" A. Maths	
			4 Emerald		NT Science	
			Fri		24-Feb-2023	4 Sapphire
	4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Peridot	"O" Physics				
	4 Opal, 4 Amethyst (OOS), 5 Eudialyte	"O" Science (Physics)				
	4 Amethyst	"N" Science (Physics)				
Note:						
Pen and Paper will be conducted during the first two periods. Paper duration is 50 mins.						
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.						