



15 January 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT AT BOWEN SECONDARY (2024 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 adopts an assessment framework that balances alternative and traditional modes of assessment throughout a student's time in the school. We would like to share an overview of how assessment at our school supports your child/ward's learning.
2. Assessment Format and Weightings
 - In Terms 1 to 2, 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 6-9) 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 4-6; O-Level: Term 3 Weeks 8-10).
 - For Secondary 4/5 students, TAs and Preliminary Examinations will be in the Pen & Paper (PP) assessment format, which are aligned to national examination requirements and format. This helps prepare students progressively for the rigour and demands of the national examination papers that they will be sitting for at the end of the year.
 - 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benjamin Chen', written in a cursive style.

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		Term Assessment 1				
		Secondary 4 & 5				
Term/Week	Date / Day	Classes Involved	Alternative Assessment	Pen and Paper (8-8.50am)	Venue (Classroom unless otherwise stated)	
Term 1 Week 6 (5 - 9 Feb 2024)	Students will submit tasks during lessons	4 Larimar, 5 Eudialyte	Nutrition & Food Science - A.A			
		4 Emerald	Elements of Business Skills			
		4 Sapphire, 4 Ruby, 4 Larimar, 5 Eudialyte	Design & Technology - A.A			
		4 Sapphire, 4 Kunzite	Art - Course Work Preparatory Work			
	7 Feb 2024 Wed	4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Peridot, 4 Amethyst, 4 Larimar (OOS), 4 Kunzite (OOS), 5 Eudialyte		"O" English		
		4 Ruby, 4 Larimar, 4 Kunzite, 4 Emerald (OOS)		"NA" English		
		4 Emerald		"NT" English		
	Term 1 Week 7 (12-16 Feb 2024)	15 Feb 2024 Thurs	4 Peridot, 4 Topaz		"O" Physics	
			4 Sapphire, 5 Eudialyte		"O" Science (Biology)	
			4 Sapphire, 4 Amethyst, 4 Ruby (OOS), 5 Eudialyte		"O" Science (Physics)	
4 Larimar, 4 Kunzite				"NA" Science (Biology)		
4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite				"NA" Science (Physics)		
16 Feb 2024 Fri		4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Peridot, 4 Amethyst, 4 Kunzite (OOS), 4 Larimar (OOS), 5 Eudialyte		Social Studies		
		4 Ruby, 4 Larimar, 4 Kunzite		Social Studies		
		4 Emerald		Computer Applications	CPA Lab 1&2	
Term 1 Week 8 (19 - 23 Feb 2024)		19 Feb 2024 Mon	4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Peridot, 4 Amethyst, 4 Kunzite (OOS), 4 Larimar (OOS), 5 Eudialyte		"O" Geography Elect / "O" History Elect / "O" Literature elect	
			4 Ruby, 4 Larimar, 4 Kunzite		"NA" Geography Elect / "NA" History Elect / "NA" Literature elect	
	4 Emerald			"NT" Scienceience		
	20 Feb 2024 Tues	4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Peridot, 4 Amethyst, 5 Eudialyte		Higher Mother Tongue (HCL, HML, HTL)		
		4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Peridot, 4 Amethyst, 4 Ruby (OOS), 4 Kunzite (OOS), 4 Larimar (OOS)		"O" Mother Tongue Languages (CL, ML, TL)		
		4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite, 4 Larimar, 4 Emerald (OOS)		"NA" Mother Tongue Languages (CL, ML, TL)		
		4 Emerald		"NT" Mother Tongue Languages (BCL, BML, BTL)		
	21 Feb 2024 Wed	4 Peridot, 4 Amethyst		"O" Biology		
		4 Sapphire		"O" Geography		
	22 Feb 2024 Thurs	4 Peridot, 4 Topaz, 4 Sapphire, 4 Amethyst, 4 Ruby (OOS), 5 Eudialyte		"O" Mathematics		
		4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite, 4 Larimar		"NA" Mathematics		



Term Assessment 1

Secondary 4 & 5

Term/Week	Date / Day	Classes Involved	Alternative Assessment	Pen and Paper (8-8.50am)	Venue (Classroom unless otherwise stated)
Term 1 Week 9 (26 - 27 Feb 2024)	26 Feb 2024 Mon	4 Peridot, 4 Topaz		"O" Chemistry	
		4 Amethyst, 4 Sapphire, 4 Ruby (OOS), 5 Eudialyte		"O" Science (Chemistry)	
		4 Ruby, 4 Kunzite, 4 Larimar		"NA" Science (Chemistry)	
		4 Emerald		"NT" Mathematics	
	27 Feb 2024 Tues	4 Peridot, 4 Topaz, 4 Amethyst, 5 Eudialyte		"O" Additional Mathematics	
		4 Sapphire, 4 Ruby, 4 Larimar, 5 Eudialyte		Design & Technology	
		4 Larimar, 5 Eudialyte		Nutrition & Food Science	
		4 Ruby		"NA" Additional Mathematics	

Note:

Pen and Paper will be conducted during the first two periods. Paper duration is 50 mins.

During TA, students exempted from Science scheduled assessment (e.g. not taking MTL or certain electives) are still expected to report to Science school by 7.30 am either for self-revision or lesson.

The venue for pen and paper assessments are the respective classrooms unless otherwise stated.