

2 January 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary One Students,

WELCOME TO TERM 1 2019

1. Once again, a very warm welcome to 2019! We would like to provide you with updates and information on the Term 1 programmes and events for Sec 1 students.

A. Secondary 1 Form Teachers

2. As we begin the new year, we are pleased to introduce our team of Sec 1 Form Teachers and share their email contacts below. If you wish to contact the Form Teachers by telephone, you may ring the school office number at 6385 9466 and request for their extension number.

Class	Form Teachers	Emails
1T1	Mr Ng Keng Kiat Mdm Shameera	ng_keng_kiat@schools.gov.sg shameera_hadam_hussain@schools.gov.sg
1T2	Mrs Andrea Thoo Mr Sheik Habib Mr Melrichard Sng	kan_sok_may_andrea@schools.gov.sg sheik_habib_noor@schools.gov.sg sng_kian_kang_melrichard@schools.gov.sg
1A1	Mr Ainsley Liew Mrs Corinne Teo Mdm Dorothy Lim	liew_en-li_ainsley@schools.gov.sg liew_chee_liang@schools.gov.sg lim_pei_ping_dorothy@schools.gov.sg
1A2	Mr Chew Hui Jie Ms Grace Wang Ms Siti Aisha Binte Yassin	chew_hui_jie@schools.gov.sg wang_yahui_grace@schools.gov.sg Email address to be confirmed
1E1	Mr Jackson Ng Mrs Wong Swee Keng	ng_chip_khiang_jackson@schools.gov.sg woon_swee_keng@schools.gov.sg
1E2	Mr Chen Qinghua Mdm Liang Ruishan	chen_qinghua@schools.gov.sg liang_ruishan@schools.gov.sg
1E3	Ms Hu Shuangxi Mdm Ida Lim	hu_shuangxi@schools.gov.sg ida_lim@schools.gov.sg
1E4	Mrs Adeline Lee Mrs Sim Sook Fen	wee_siah_imm_adeline@schools.gov.sg loh_sook_fen@schools.gov.sg

3. The contact details (office email and telephone number) of your child's/ward's subject teachers are also available on our school website. Teachers will generally be contactable by telephone during office hours. If you email our teachers, they will aim to reply you in 3 working days. We also seek parents' / guardians' understanding that teachers may wish to keep their personal handphone numbers private.

B. Engaging Parents

4. Learning for Life. In tandem with the recent MOE announcements about helping students to experience more joy of learning and move away from a narrow focus on grades, the school will make adjustments to how teachers teach, how students are assessed and how their results are reported in their results slips. These changes aim to better provide Bowenians a holistic learning experience and inspire students to 'learn for life', deeply and authentically.

5. The school will share more details of these adjustments as follows:

• Briefing for Students	Date: Wed 23 Jan Time: Morning assembly
• Briefing for Parents/Guardians	Date: Fri 25 Jan Time: 7.00 - 8.00pm Venue: Bowen Secondary

6. If you are **interested to attend the Briefing for Parents/Guardians** on **Fri 25 Jan, 7.00 – 8.00pm**, please indicate your interest at <https://tinyurl.com/bwsslfi> by **Fri 11 Jan, 6.00pm**.

7. Other sessions. In the course of your child's 4-5 years in Bowen, we will also meet parents and guardians at other briefing/ dialogue sessions/ MPS to discuss your child's/ward's progress. Separate letters providing more information of these sessions will be issued at a later date.

Date	Levels
Thu 28 Mar	Sec 1 & 3 Dialogue with Parents (evening)
Fri 31 May	Sec 1-5 MPS & Collection of Report Books (one-to-one meetings with FTs) (full day)

C. Bowen FIESTA (Start of Year) 2019

8. Our annual **Bowen FIESTA** (Fun, Interactive, Educational and Structured Activities) will run in the first two weeks of school for all Bowenians. An overview of the Bowen FIESTA is shown below:

Calendar View of Bowen FIESTA

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
0 (1 – 6 Jan)		New Year's Day Public Holiday	First Day of School Sec 1 Orientation	Sec 1 Orientation <i>S4E: Visit to NYJC (pm)</i>	Lessons according to timetable <i>Start of CCA for S2-5</i> CCA Experience Day 1	Sec 1 Meet Parents Session and CCA Carnival*
			<i>Lessons will end at 12.30pm on both days</i>			
1 (7 – 13 Jan)	Lessons according to timetable <i>Temperature Taking Exercise (Students must bring their thermometers)</i>	Lessons according to timetable	Sec 1 Start Right Camp (residential camp in school)			
			S2: LLP Workshop (Dismissal at 12.30pm)	S2: Leadership Programme (Dismissal at 12.30pm on both days)		
			S3: Leadership Workshop	S3: Class & Cohort Bonding Sessions		
			S4N: Elective Modules			
			S4E/5N: Life Skills workshop		S4E: LJ to Lifelong Learning Institute	
				S4/5 LJ to Temasek Polytechnic (PM)	S5: Class Bonding Session	

*Please indicate under the relevant section on page 5 of the letter if you are attending for the event.

D. Term 1 Key Programmes, Events and Holidays

9. After Bowen Fiesta, lessons will resume as per timetable. Here are Term 1 2019 highlights:

Date	Programmes/ Events	Remarks
Sat 5 Jan	Sec 1 Meet Parents Session and CCA Carnival	All Sec 1 students are to attend; parents strongly encouraged to attend. Report at 8.00am and the programme will end by 11.30am.
Mon 4 Feb	CNY Eve (celebrations and lessons as usual)	Dismissal at 10.00am.
Tue 5 Feb Wed 6 Feb	CNY Public Holiday	School resumes on Thu 7 Feb.
Mon 11 Feb	Total Defence Day Commemoration	Held during school hours.
Wed 13 Feb & Fri 15 Feb	Sports Day Heats	Held in the afternoons. Times and venue to be confirmed.

Tue 19 Feb – Fri 1 Mar	Sec 1 – 5 Term Assessment 1	A separate letter on the schedule of the Term Assessments will be issued at a later date.
Wed 13 Mar	Sec 2 Meet Parents Session (MPS)	Held in the evenings. A separate letter on MPS will be issued at a later date.
Thu 14 Mar	Sec 4/5 MPS	
Fri 15 Mar	Sports Day	Held in the afternoon. A separate letter with more details on Sports Day will be provided at a later date.
Sat 16 Mar to Sun 24 Mar	School Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may be required to attend CCA activities or other programmes and will be notified through parents' letters. • Student Protected Time will be on Thu-Fri 21-22 Mar in which no school activities will be held.

10. After-school enrichment activities are held on Mondays and Thursdays. The list of Term 1 after-school activities for Sec 1 is provided below. The activities generally end around 5 or 6 pm (your child will be informed of the exact timings by the teachers). Most activities will be held in school, and separate consent forms will be issued for activities held outside school.

Week	Mondays	Programme	Class	Thursdays	Programme	Class
2	14 Jan	No enrichment activities		17 Jan	Digital Learner	1T1, 1T2, 1E3
3*	21 Jan	No enrichment activities		24 Jan	Digital Learner	1E1, 1E2
					History Investigation	1E3, 1E4
4	28 Jan	History Investigation	1A1, 1A2	31 Jan	ChANgeMaker Program Session 1	All classes
5	4 Feb	CNY Celebrations (No enrichment activities)		7 Feb	Digital Learner	1A1, 1A2, 1E4
					History Investigation	1E1, 1E2
6	11 Feb	No enrichment activities		14 Feb	Mother Tongue Fortnight Program	All ML and TL students
7	18 Feb	No enrichment activities		21 Feb	ChANgeMaker Program Session 2	All classes
8	25 Feb	No enrichment activities		28 Feb	No enrichment activities	
9	4 Mar	No enrichment activities		7 Mar	ChANgeMaker Program Session 3	All classes
10	11 Mar	No enrichment activities		14 Mar	ChANgeMaker Program Session 4	All classes

**Please note that there will be Mother Tongue Fortnight Program for CL students on Tue 22 Jan.*

11. For regular updates on school programmes and the happenings in and around the school, feel free to check our school website, and follow us on the school's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bowensec> or our Instagram account @bowensec_official.

E. Student Handbook

12. All students will receive their 2019 Student Handbook within the first few weeks of term. The Handbook contains school rules and other important information such as the school calendar, weekly structure, curriculum hours, and progression criteria. Students should exercise their self-directedness and self-management skills and use the handbook to keep track of homework and other tasks.

13. Students (except for students on Financial Assistance Scheme [FAS]) are required to pay **\$3.20** for their personal handbook. Students are reminded to bring the **payment in cash** for submission to their Form Teachers on **Tue 8 Jan**.

14. Thank you for your support and for partnering us closely as we nurture our students to be future-ready Passionate Learners, Leaders and Champions.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Liu Earnler
Principal



Acknowledgement Slip

I have noted the information on Sec 1 CCA carnival and Meet-the-Parents Session on Sat 5 Jan.

I, _____, the parent/guardian* of _____ (Name of student) of Sec
1 _____ (Class) will/will not* be attending the event.

Parent/ Guardian's Contact No: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

**Please delete accordingly.*

Please return this slip to FTs by Fri 4 Jan 2018.