

2 January 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 2 Students,

## WELCOME TO TERM 1 2019

1. On behalf of the school and staff, we extend a very warm welcome to 2019! To help you stay abreast of the goings-on and developments in the school, we would like to provide you key updates for Term 1, and information on the Term 1 programmes and events for Sec 2 students.

### A. Secondary 2 Form Teachers

2. As we begin the new year, we are pleased to introduce our team of Sec 2 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
2A1	Ms Estelle Chong Ms Nurhaqimah bte Mohd Khamin	estelle_chong_chyi_shin@schools.gov.sg nurhaqimah_mohd_khamin@schools.gov.sg
2A2	Mr Muhd Noor Hairil Mdm Ng Gek Hwa	muhammad_noor_hairil_muhammad@schools.gov.sg ng_gek_hwa@schools.gov.sg
2E1	Mr Andrew Yeo Mrs Rebecca Ang	yeo_yew_hwee@schools.gov.sg chua_yiwen_rebecca@schools.gov.sg
2E2	Mr Herald Khoo Mrs Janet Wee	khoo_chin_yong_herald@schools.gov.sg ow_yong_yuet_leng@schools.gov.sg
2E3	Mr Mdm Angela Tan Mr Mohamad Irsyad	tan_leng_khim@schools.gov.sg mohamad_irsyad@schools.gov.sg
2E4	Ms Lin Qian Ting Mr Soo Sheng Lih	qianting_lin@schools.gov.sg soo_sheng_lih@schools.gov.sg
2T1	Mr Justin Chong Mdm Uma d/o Thiruselvam Ms Wirda Mardiana bte Sanif	justin_chong_jin_fatt@schools.gov.sg uma_thiruselvam@schools.gov.sg wirda_mardiana_sanif@schools.gov.sg
2T2	Mdm Noorlidiawati Mr Winston Chua	noorlidiawati_said@schools.gov.sg chua_seng_wee_winston@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 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:

• <b>Briefing for Students</b>	Date: <b>Fri 18 Jan</b> Time: Morning assembly
• <b>Briefing for Parents/Guardians</b>	Date: <b>Thu 24 Jan</b> Time: 7.00 - 8.00pm Venue: Bowen Secondary

6. If you are **interested to attend the Briefing for Parents/Guardians on Thu 24 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 briefings / dialogue sessions / Meet-Parent-Sessions (MPS). Separate letters providing more information of these sessions will be issued at a later date.

Date	Levels
Sat 5 Jan	Sec 1 MPS and CCA Carnival
Wed 13 Mar	Sec 2 MPS (evening)
Thu 14 Mar	Sec 4/5 MPS (evening)
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 be conducted in the first two weeks of school for all Bowenians. Bowen FIESTA for Sec 2s will comprise:

- **Sec 2 Learning for Life (LLP) Empathy Workshop**

This Values-in-Action (VIA) workshop is conducted at the start of the year to introduce Bowenians to Bowen's signature Sec 2 VIA programme – ChANgemakers in the Community, which is a 5-week programme held later in the year. Students will go through a series of empathy stations and VIA project planning, as well as talks by Voluntary Welfare Organisations. A separate letter on the VIA programme will be issued at a later date.

- **Leadership Programme (2 Days)**

Sec 2 students will participate in experiential activities introduce to them the Leadership Challenge Model and the Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership. This will help students to understand what it means to be a leader and to apply leadership skills in their lives.

#### Calendar View of Bowen FIESTA

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
0 (1 – 6 Jan)		New Year's Day Public Holiday	<b>Lessons according to timetable</b>			Sec 1 Meet Parents Session and CCA Carnival
			<b>First Day of School</b>	<i>S4E: Visit to NYJC (pm)</i>	<i>Start of CCA for S2-5</i>	
			<i>Lessons will end at 12.30pm on both days</i>			
1 (7 – 13 Jan)	<b>Lessons according to timetable</b>  <i>Temperature Taking Exercise (students must bring their own thermometers)</i>	<b>Lessons according to timetable</b>	S1: Sec 1 Orientation Camp			
			<b>S2: LLP Workshop (Dismissal at 12.30pm)</b>	<b>S2: Leadership Programme (Dismissal at 12.30pm on both days)</b>		
			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	

#### 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	CCA teachers will inform students if they are required to attend.
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 (after school)	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 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"> <li>Students may be required to attend CCA activities or other programmes and will be notified through parents' letters.</li> <li>Student Protected Time will be on <b>Thu-Fri 21-22 Mar</b> in which no school activities will be held.</li> </ul>

10. After-school enrichment activities are held on Mondays and Thursdays. The list of Term 1 after-school activities for Sec 2 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	LLP Session 1	2A1, 2A2
3	21 Jan	Applied Learning Programme (ALP) 1	2A1, 2A2	24 Jan	LLP Session 2	2A1, 2A2
4	28 Jan	ALP Session 2	2A1, 2A2	31 Jan	LLP Session 3	2A1, 2A2
					Science Learning Journey	2E1, 2E2
5	4 Feb	CNY Celebrations (No enrichment activities)		7 Feb	Mother Tongue Fortnight	All Sec 2-5 classes
6	11 Feb	ALP Session 3	2A1, 2A2	14 Feb	LLP Session 4	2A1, 2A2
					Science Learning Journey	2E3, 2E4

Week	Mondays	Programme	Class	Thursdays	Programme	Class
7	18 Feb	ALP Session 4	2A1, 2A2	21 Feb	LLP Session 5	2A1, 2A2
		Experience ITE Programme	2T1, 2T2			
8	25 Feb	No enrichment activities		28 Feb	No enrichment activities	
9	4 Mar	The Scaffold Programme 1	2A1	7 Mar	The Scaffold Programme 1	2A2
					Science Learning Journey	2T1, 2T2
10	11 Mar	ALP Session 5	2A1, 2A2	14 Mar	No enrichment activities	

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 Student Handbook. Students should 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