

2 January 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 3 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 3 students.

A. Secondary 3 Form Teachers

2. As we begin the new year, we are pleased to introduce our team of Sec 3 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
3A1	Ms Ler Kim Har Mdm Sim Sze Hwei Mr Milton Raj	ler_kim_har@schools.gov.sg sim_sze_hwei@schools.gov.sg milton_simon_raj_arokiasamy@schools.gov.sg
3A2	Mrs Irene Leong Mr Sean Ross	low_wai_wan@schools.gov.sg clunies_ross_sean_james@schools.gov.sg
3A3	Ms Lee Yu Jie Mr Ng Wah Kian	lee_yu_jie@schools.gov.sg ng_wah_kian@schools.gov.sg
3E1	Ms Agnes Leong Dr Pichandi Banumathi	leong_ngan_yean_agnes@schools.gov.sg pichandi_banumathi@schools.gov.sg
3E2	Ms Tengku Nur Athifah Mrs Lee Su Ping	tengku_nur_athifah_tengku@schools.gov.sg tan_su_ping@schools.gov.sg
3E3	Mr Jason Yap Ms Tan Shuming	yap_chee_han@schools.gov.sg tan_shuming@schools.gov.sg
3E4	Mdm Shariffah Faizah Mdm Sylvia Ang	sharifah_kamelia_syed@schools.gov.sg ang_lian_sze_sylvia@schools.gov.sg
3T1	Mdm Juriah Wati Mr Randy Low Ms Beena Rai	juriah_wati_mohd_shariff@schools.gov.sg low_chen_long_randy@schools.gov.sg beena_rai@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:

• Briefing for Students	Date: Wed 16 Jan Time: Morning assembly
• Briefing for Parents/Guardians	Date: Fri 18 Jan Time: 7.00 - 8.00pm Venue: Bowen Secondary

6. If you are **interested to attend the Briefing for Parents/Guardians** on **Fri 18 Jan, 7.00 – 8.00pm**, please indicate your interest at <https://tinyurl.com/bwsslfl> 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
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)

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. Bowen FIESTA for Sec 3s will comprise:

- **Leadership Programme (Star Bowen Leaders 2)**

Sec 3 students will participate in experiential activities aimed to strengthen their understanding of the Leadership Challenge Model and the Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership which was introduced to them in Secondary Two 2018. This will help students to understand what it means to be a leader and how to apply the knowledge to leadership opportunities in Bowen and beyond.

- **Cohort Team-Building Activities (2 Days)**

Two days of cohort-bonding activities will be conducted to promote class spirit and friendships between students and their new Sec 3 classes. The activities will develop teamwork and communication, and to help students understand their own working styles and how to complement the styles of others.

- Thu 10 Jan: Team-building Workshop in school
- Fri 11 Jan: Amazing Race at Gardens by the Bay (usual flag-raising, then leave from school)

Calendar View of Bowen FIESTA

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
0 (1 – 6 Jan)		New Year's Day Public Holiday	Lessons according to timetable			Sec 1 Meet Parents Session and CCA Carnival	
			First Day of School	S4E: Visit to NYJC (pm)	Start of CCA for S2-5		
			<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 own thermometer s)</i>	Lessons according to timetable	S1: Sec 1 Orientation Camp				
			S2: ChANgeMaker Workshop	S2: Leadership Workshop			
			S3: Leadership Programme	S3: Cohort Team-building Activities			
			S3: Dismissal at 12.30pm on all three days				
			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)	Time 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"> 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. The list of Term 1 after-school activities for Sec 3 is provided below. The activities generally end around 5 or 6 pm (your child will be informed of the exact timings by the teachers). Separate consent forms will be issued for activities held outside school.

Week	Thursdays	Programme	Class
2	17 Jan	Biology Learning Journey (selected students)	3E1, 3E2
3	24 Jan	Biology Learning Journey (selected students)	3E3, 3E4
		Personal Effectiveness Workshop	3A1, 3A2, 3A3, 3T1
4	31 Jan	Biology Learning Journey (selected students)	3A1, 3A2, 3A3
		Personal Effectiveness Workshop	3E1, 3E2, 3E3, 3E4

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 information such as the school calendar, weekly structure, curriculum hours, and progression criteria. Students should exercise their self-directedness and self-management skills to 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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "EARNLER". The letters are bold and slightly slanted, with some overlapping.

Mr Liu Earnler
Principal