

23 October 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### END OF TERM 4 2018 LETTER (SECONDARY TWO)

As we reach the end of the academic year 2018, we would like to thank you for all your support during the year and to wish you well for the year-end holidays (**Sat 27 Oct to Mon 31 Dec**).

#### A. Travel Declaration

1. Please inform us of your child's/ward's travel plans during the Nov-Dec period via MC Online <https://www.mconline.sg> by **Mon 29 Oct** if you intend to travel (no need to do so if your child/ward is not travelling). If you have not done so or require additional assistance, please visit the school's website at <http://bowensec.moe.edu.sg/> for the step-by-step guide.

#### B. Issue of Report Books and 2019 Booklist

2. The issue of Sec 2 report books has been brought forward to **Wed 31 Oct** from **11.00am to 12 noon** instead of **Fri 2 Nov** as mentioned in our Letter to Parents at the start of Term 4. Students are to collect their report books together with the 2019 booklist from their Form Teachers (FTs) at their respective classrooms in school attire. Parents will not be required to meet FTs; but if you would like to speak with the FTs, please contact them directly.
3. If your child/ward is unable to collect his/her report book and booklist on **Wed 31 Oct**, he/she may collect the report book at the school's General Office from **Thu 1 Nov** during office hours (8.00am – 5.00pm).

#### C. Subject Combination Exercise

4. A gentle reminder of the schedule for the Secondary 3 Subject Combination Exercise for 2019 is as follows:

Item	Date	Remarks
Indication of Option	Fri 26 Oct (6 pm) to Sat 3 Nov (6pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be briefed on <b>Fri 26 Oct</b> about the option exercise, including the URL for the option exercise.</li> <li>• While the Report Books will issued on <b>Wed 31 Oct</b>, the school will allocate the Sec 3 subject combination based on SA2 results only.</li> <li>• As students already know their year-end exam results, students can make their options when ready, and need not wait to get the Report Books before doing so.</li> </ul>
Release of Results	Fri 9 Nov (9am)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be able to check the results via the same online system used for selection of options.</li> </ul>
Appeal	Fri 9 Nov (9am) to Tue 13 Nov (6pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students who wish to appeal may submit their appeals using the prescribed hardcopy form at the General Office (available on <b>Fri 9 Nov till Tue 13 Nov</b>).</li> <li>• Only appeals with strong grounds and sound reasons will be considered, subjected to availability.</li> <li>• The form must bear parent's signature.</li> </ul>
Release of Appeal results	Fri 16 Nov (9am)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be able to check the results of their appeals via the same online system used for selection of options.</li> <li>• No further appeals will be accepted.</li> </ul>

#### D. CCA Activities during School Holidays and Student Protected Time

5. Teachers may ask students to return to school for CCA activities during the school holidays and they will be notified by their CCA teachers. To allow our students more time and space to rest and recharge, **Student Protected Time** will be from **Sun 25 Nov to Sun 16 Dec** (both dates inclusive) during which there will not be any school activities (e.g. no CCA activities).

### **E. Learning for Life - MOE's recent announcements**

6. A few weeks ago, MOE announced that schools will no longer conduct mid-year examinations for Pri 3 and 5, and for Sec 1 and 3, over the next three years. In addition, to stress the message that learning is not a competition, report books will no longer include the class and level rankings at both primary and secondary levels. Aggregate scores, used for admissions at post N-level and O-level, will not be reflected at the lower secondary level to avoid preoccupation with grades.
7. **These are MOE's latest set of efforts to help children discover the joy of learning and move away from a narrow focus on grades.** These changes will give teachers more space to explore new ways of making learning more enjoyable and meaningful. By early next year, we will share details of how we intend to capitalise on these policy changes to help Bowenians "learn for life".

### **F. Keeping Safe and Fit during the School Holidays**

8. With the start of the school holidays, we have reminded students to utilise their time effectively and meaningfully, keep safe and stay away from undesirable influences or activities (eg, long hours on the Internet). Your guidance and involvement can create joyous memories and ensure he/she makes the best use of the holidays. Feel free to ride on the school values (Responsibility, Resilience, Excellence, Compassion, Respect and Teamwork) as you nurture and discipline your child.
9. We encourage parents to be supportive partners by reinforcing Cyber Wellness education at home. Parents can set a good example with the use of technology and actively guide your child/ward to navigate cyberspace safely. Tip sheets from the MOE Cyber Wellness Team about strategies parents can use to help your children be cybersafe can be found at <https://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents>.
10. Physical activity helps children develop and grow, maintain a healthy weight and have fun. Many of our students signed up for the National Steps Challenge with the aim to clock 10,000 steps in a day to keep fit, and parents can join them too! For more ideas on how to help your family eat healthily, get active and reduce screen time, please visit <https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy>.

### **G. First Day of School and Bowen FIESTA 2019**

11. The first day of 2019 Term 1 is **Wed 2 Jan**. Students will be expected to report to the school by 7.25am appropriately attired in full school uniform. The first day of school will consist of Assembly Talks and Form Teacher Time to prepare students for the new year. Students are required to bring their basic stationery, water and money for recess. Students are to pack their materials for lessons, which will begin on **Thu 3 Jan**.
12. School will dismiss at 12.30pm during the first week of school from **Wed 2 Jan to Thur 3 Jan**. There will be no afternoon activities on those two days. This is to help all levels ease into the term at a good pace and the school to welcome the new Sec 1 students into the Bowen family.
13. For a reinvigorated start to 2019, you can look forward to our **annual Bowen FIESTA** (En, Interactive, Educational and STructured Activities) which will be conducted in the first and second week of school. More details will be provided in the Term 1 2019 Letter to Parents.

We hope that you will have a meaningful and well-spent end of year holidays with your child/ward.

Yours faithfully,



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Principal