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#### 2025 TERM 2 LETTER

Greetings from GMS(S) and welcome to Term 2!

#### Step Forwards Courageously - New Skills and Mindsets

In Term 1, we shared with our students about the school value of **Godliness**, to be a trustworthy person of good character, as part of our school theme "Step Forward Courageously". In our Term 2 letter, we would like to share with you another important aspect to "Step Forward Courageously" by acquiring "New Skills and New Mindset". We are encouraging our students to apply our school value of **Mastery** and be a Self-Directed Learner. One practical way is to leverage ICT in two ways - (a) for personal effectiveness in using online apps such as Google Calendar for goal setting and time management, and (b) to support their learning through digital learning resources online. Our teachers have modeled the way with creative use of AI-enabled tools in the classrooms to teach concepts.

#### Improving the School Campus to support our students' Learning

The learning environment supports the students' learning experience in school. As part of the school's effort to educate our students on the importance of Sustainability, we have installed Solar panels on our rooftops and we are now tapping on solar power as a clean form of energy. In Term 2, we would have completed our Wellness Garden which includes a solar-powered aquaponics system. The new fitness corner will also support our students' physical development. Next, we will look into improving study spaces for students to do their self-study, have discussions, read or just relax with schoolmates.

#### Excellence - Becoming the Best Version of Ourselves

The belief in Holistic Education is fundamental in GMS(S). This is exemplified in how we define our School Value of **Excellence** as "Becoming the Best Version of Yourself". We want to encourage our GEMS to develop their talents through their various CCAs through dedication and perseverance. In particular, the Singapore Youth Festival is held once every two years and I am heartened to see the teamwork and dedication of our Performing Arts CCAs to put forth on display the best version of themselves. Let's encourage our GEMS to live out the value of excellence proudly in their daily lives.

We seek your partnership to reinforce the school values at home. As adults, we can role-model these values that will form the foundations for our children to build a meaningful and fulfilling life. We hope these updates provide you with the information you need to have conversations with your children. Before we end Term 2, a Parent-Teacher Meet will be held to share your child's growth, behaviour and learning progress in Semester 1. We look forward to meeting you then.

ours Sincerely,

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## **TERM 2 MAIN SCHOOL EVENTS**

Date	Event
24 Mar Mon	Sec 1 PLD Chromebook Rollout
27 Mar Thu	Founders' Day Service
29 Mar Sat	Methodist Walk 2025 for Sec 2
31 Mar Mon	Public Holiday - Hari Raya Puasa
1 Apr Tue	HBL
3 Apr Thu	Sec 2 & 3 WorldSkills / MOE ECG Fair (PM)
4 Apr Fri	Little Night Concert (PM)
7-11 Apr Mon-Fri	Mental Health Week
8 Apr Tue	Sec 4NA/4NT(OSS)/4NT EL Oral Examination (Prelims)
10 Apr Thu	Sec 1 Virtual Learning Journey Sec 3 Speakers' series Session 2
	Sec 4NA/4NT(OSS)/4NT MT Oral Examination (Prelims)
8 Apr Tue	Subject Combinations Briefing for Sec 2 Parents (G1 & G2)
10 Apr Thu	Subject Combinations Briefing for Sec 2 Parents (G3)
11 Apr Fri	Good News Week (Sec 1 & 2)
12 Apr Sat	Parent Talk- Raising Screenwise Kids (Focus on the family)
14 Apr Mon	Students Leaders' Investiture
15 Apr Tues	HBL PISA Test (For selected S3 & 4 students, conducted in school)
14-18 Apr Mon-Fri	International Friendship Day Week
16 Apr Wed	Good News Week (Sec 3)
17 Apr Thu	Good News Week (Sec 4/5) Sec 4 & 5 Physical Fitness Test
18 Apr Fri	Public Holiday - Good Friday CCA stand down for graduating cohort (except for those who are still competing)
21 Apr Mon	Year Head Focus Group Discussion (All levels)
21 Apr - 16 May	Weighted Assessment 2 for Sec 1-5
22 Apr Tue	Sec 4E/4NA(OSS)/5NA EL Oral Examination (Prelims)
24 Apr Thu 28 Apr Mon	Sec 4E/4NA(OSS)/5NA/CLB/3HCL MT Oral Examination (Internal Oral Examination for O level candidates)
29 Apr Tues	HBL Sec 4E/4HCL MT Oral Examination (Internal Oral Examination for O level candidates)
30 Apr Wed	Sec 4E/4NT(OSS)/5NA/MTB/3HCL/4HCL MT Oral Examination (Internal Oral Examination for O level candidates) - Make up session

1 May Thu	Public Holiday - Labor Day
5-8 May Mon-Thu	Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp (OALC) @ Changi Coast
7-8 May Wed-Thu	Sec 4E/5N/3HCL Preliminary Examination for (O level MT P1 & P2) Preliminary Examination for O-Level Art, O-Level Nutrition & Food Science and N(T)-level Nutrition & Food Science
8 May Thu	GEMS Entrepreneurship Pre-Bazaar Sales (Sec 3 Recess Period)
12 May Mon	Public Holiday - Vesak Day
13 May Tue	HBL
15 May Thu	Sec 2 Physical Fitness Test
19 May Mon	NPCC Day Parade Sec 3 Outwards Bound Singapore (OBS) Medical Checkup (J31, J32, J35 & J36)
20 May Tue	Sec 3E/NA/NT EL Oral Examination
21 May Wed	Sec 3 Outwards Bound Singapore (OBS) Medical Checkup (J33, J34 & J37)
23 May Fri	Sports Day at Bedok Stadium
26 May Mon	Mother Tongue (MT) Intensive for S4, S5 O level MT candidates
27 May Tue	HBL Mother Tongue (MT) Intensive for S4, S5 O level MT candidates
28– 29 May Wed- Thu	Mother Tongue (MT) Intensive for S4, S5 O level MT candidates Mid-Year Programme for rest of students
30 May Fri	Parent-Teacher Meet Eat With Your Family Day
30 - 31 May Fri-Sat	GEMS Trekking Challenge (For selected S3 students)
	School Vacation: 31 May (Sat) to 29 Jun (Sun)
2 Jun Mon	2025 O level Mother Tongue Written Examination (Paper 1 & P2)
2-6 Jun Mon – Fri	Coursework intensive Programme for graduating cohort
2-4 Jun Mon – Wed	Remediation and Bridging lessons (for selected students)
5-6 Jun Thu-Fri	Student Councillor (SC) /House Committee (HC) /Peer Ambassador (PA) Day Camp
23 -25 Jun Mon-Wed	Coursework intensive Programme for graduating cohort

### (A) STUDENT WELL-BEING

### 1 Discipline

We are appreciative of the close partnership from parents and guardians in nurturing greater selfdiscipline and better learning habits in our students. We seek your help to continue to strengthen the mindset that it is a privilege to be able to come to school to learn and be punctual for school and school activities. Do reinforce the responsible use of mobile phones and personal learning devices, the need to pursue healthy activities and steer clear of harmful activities like vaping and smoking.

### 2 Safety and Security

Safety of our students continues to be our priority. Remind your child about safety while commuting to and from school. For those who drive, please adhere to the regulations given by the Traffic Police for driving within School Zones. Please drop off your child in the morning at Gate H, along Aljunied Road to ease the morning congestion along Geylang East Central.

#### 3 Dental Services for Sec 1 and 3 (24 - 26 and 28 March)

The Health Promotion Board would be conducting its annual dental screening in our school campus. For Sec 1 students, you can still submit your consent by logging into <u>https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg</u> before 14 March.

### 4 Mental Health Week (7 to 11 April)

Mental Health continues to be our priority and Mental Health Week is intended to raise awareness and provide strategies to better manage mental wellness. The week would begin with an assembly talk on 7 April (Monday) and a mental health digital show during the various CCE lessons. Booths will be set up in the canteen during the week for students to participate in some interactive activities.

#### (B) HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

### 1 CCA

We would like to commend the efforts of our various B Division teams that have completed their games in Term 1. Congratulations to those who have performed well and advanced to the next round of competitions. Looking ahead to Term 2, our performing arts groups will also be participating in the bi-annual Singapore Youth Festival Performance, and we wish them every success.

As CCAs are a vital part of your child's holistic education, we encourage all students to attend their CCAs regularly. CCA sessions will continue as usual for Secondary 1 to 3 students during the weighted assessments. CCA for Secondary 4 and 5 students will stand down from 18 April to allow our graduating cohort time to prepare for the national examinations. However, students who are representing the school in the National School Games and Singapore Youth Festival may be required to continue, and we will provide the necessary support for them after the competition season.

### 2 Founders' Day Service (27 March)

Founders' Day is a time when we honour our students who have done exceptionally well in the academic and/or co-curricular domains as well as parents who have made significant contributions to our school. It is also a time for us to remember the 101 years of God's Grace, Mercy and Steadfastness and celebrate His blessings together as a school community. Please see the key information below.

Level: Sec 1, 4 and 5 Time: 7.15 am to 10.30 am Assembly Venue: Friendship Hall Level: Sec 2 and 3 Time: 11.15 am to 2 pm Assembly Venue: Indoor Sports Hall

### 3 International Friendship Day (15 Apr)

This is commemorated on 15 April annually. Various activities had been planned for the week to help students gain a better understanding of Singapore's relations with countries in the region and beyond. Asia is the world's fastest growing region, and Singapore continues to facilitate closer economic, political, social, and cultural cooperation within ASEAN, Asia and also at international platforms as international cooperation remains key in our complex world. Through the planned activities, students will gain a greater awareness and appreciation of the geo-political realities in the region, as well as the spirit of friendship and partnership amongst different people and countries.

#### 4 After-School Engagement Programme

A variety of activities are offered after school by adult volunteers to engage your child. Do encourage your child to participate and spend their afternoons meaningfully. Consent Form will be sent via Parents Gateway. Please see the key information below.

Date: Tuesdays (Odd Weeks) Time: 1.15 pm to 3.15 pm Venue: School

### 5 Sports Day (23 May)

Level: All Time: 7.20 am - 11.30 am Venue: Bedok Stadium

#### 6 Parent-Teacher Meet (30 May)

This would be held in-person this year. The objective of this meeting is to share more about your child's holistic progress in the first semester. More information will be shared closer to the date.

### 7 Little Night Concert (4 April)

This concert showcases the talents of our aesthetics groups as they prepare for the upcoming SYF Arts Presentation. This event offers a wonderful opportunity to preview their performances and celebrate the dedication and hard work our students have put into their craft.

Please note that this concert is exclusively for parents of the performers. Level: Selected students Time: 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm Venue: Friendship Hall

#### (C) LEVEL PROGRAMMES

#### 1 Sec 1 ACE Programme (Selected Sec 1 students only)

This programme aims to engage and equip our students with study skills and SEL competencies. Consent Form will be sent via Parents Gateway. Please see the key information below.

Date: Mondays (Even Weeks) Time: 1.45 pm - 3.15 pm (Lunch will be provided) Venue: School

### 2 Sec 1 Virtual Learning Journey

As part of National Education, the school has scheduled a Virtual Learning Journey for Sec 1 students to encourage them to engage in inquiry on Singapore's early history and the contributions of immigrants. Please see the key information below.

Date: 10 April (Thursday) Time: 3:00pm to 5:00pm Venue: School

## 3 Personal Learning Devices (PLD) and Digital Literacy Information for Sec 1 & 2

3.1 The Chromebooks would be delivered and issued to all Sec 1 students on Monday 24 March 2025. To prepare your child/ward better in learning with their PLD, your child/ward is required to complete a series of Digital Literacy Courses via SLS. These are self-paced modules and students should be able to complete each module within 30 minutes.

	Lesson Title	Remarks
1	Managing schedule and tasks using digital tools like Google Calendar	Modules will be assigned progressively from Term 2
2	Annotating digital files (using SLS)	onwards.
3	Annotating digital files Part2	
4	Video Conferencing Tools	
5	File sharing	
6	Digital Mind Mapping tools	
7	Online bulletin board	

3.2 National Digital Explorer (NDE) is a nationwide digital literacy programme designed to empower students to learn real world skills that would enable them to think critically and be more productive learners. The objectives are:

- To develop digitally fluent students equipped with the mastery of practical digital skills for future digital workplace
- To encourage students to be self-directed learners who take ownership of their learning

Your child will be provided with an account to access the e-Learning Portal for learning:

- 1. Workforce Document (Sec 1)
- 2. Workforce Spreadsheet (Sec 1)
- 3. Workforce Presentation (Sec 2)

Upon completion of the modules, your child will be issued with a certificate of completion.

### 4 Device Management Applications (DMA) After-school Parent Options

The DMA software is installed in your child's PLD to provide a safer digital learning environment, and to prevent misuse of the device. You can choose from these 3 options to better manage your child access **after school hours**.

Default	Option A	Option B
In-school DMA settings will continue after school hours	DMA settings can be modified by Parents/Guardians after school hours	DMA will be inactive* after school hours
For parents/guardians who want their child's/ward's use of the device to be restricted only to teaching and <u>learning</u> , and prefer to leave it to the school to decide on DMA settings after school hours.	For parents/guardians who prefer to take charge of the level of restrictions for their child's/ward's use of the device after school hours regulated by the DMA.	For parents/guardians who do not want their child's/ward's use of the device after school hours to be regulated by the DMA at all.

You can request to change your current DMA option by emailing the school. The request will be processed by the school at the end of every month.

### 5 Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp (OALC) @ Changi Coast

This programme aims to contribute significantly to the holistic development of students, particularly in 21st Century Competencies and values like resilience, responsibility and adaptability. This experience also builds students' confidence, enables them to appreciate diversity within a team, and helps students develop a strong foundation for active and healthy living. Please see the key information below.

Date: 5 to 8 May 2025 Time: 4 days and 3 nights Venue: MOE Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre (9 Changi Coast Walk, Singapore 499 741)

More details will be provided closer to the date.

#### 6 Sec 2 ACE Programme (Selected students only)

This programme aims to engage and equip our students with leadership skills and SEL competencies through service learning, sports and team building activities. Consent Form will be sent via Parents Gateway. Please see the key information below.

Date: Wednesdays (Even Weeks)

Time: 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm (Lunch will be provided) Venue: School

#### 7 Sec 2 Physical Fitness Test

Physical Fitness Testing is compulsory unless students are medically exempted. The 2.4 km Run will be conducted during PE lessons and the 5-station tests will be held on 15 May from 3 pm to 5 pm. A copy of the NAPFA standards can be found in the students' diary.

#### 8 Methodist Walk 2025 for Secondary 2

The Methodist Walk is a biennial fundraising activity organized by the Methodist Schools' Foundation (MSF) on behalf of Methodist schools in Singapore. The Secondary 2 cohort will participate in the walk in Anglo-Chinese Junior College (ACJC). One-way transport will be provided.

Please see the key information below.

- Date and time: 29 March (Sat), 730 1030 am
- Reporting time and venue: 6:40 am at GMS(S) Indoor Sports Hall
- Dismissal time and venue: 10:30 am from ACJC (*note: students will be dismissed directly from ACJC. No transport will be provided back to school*)

More details of the event will be provided to the students closer to the event.

#### 9 Sec 2 Cohort Leadership Training

All Sec 2 students will undergo a leadership training session on 29 May (Thurs) from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm in their respective classrooms to develop their leadership capabilities and prepare them for future leadership roles. This training will focus mainly on peer leadership, influencing each other positively and encouraging the heart. More details will be provided nearer to the date.

#### 10 Sec 2 Performing Arts-Based Learning

Performing-Arts Based Learning (PABL) is a core learning experience in the revised Music Syllabus. This initiative features performances produced specially for schools by Arts Education Branch in partnership with the National Arts Council (NAC). PABL seeks to deepen students' appreciation for the real-world impact of music and strengthen their sense of national identity and shared heritage through music. The programme is fully subsidised by MOE and NAC.

The Secondary 2 students will be attending a performance by the Metropolitan Festival Orchestra at Yong Siew Toh Concert Hall. Two-way transport will be provided. Please see the key information below.

Date: 19 May 2025, Monday Time: 1.30 pm Venue: Yong Siew Toh Concert Hall More details will be provided via Parents Gateway nearer to the date.

### 11 Sec 2 VIA Program

The Secondary 2 students will be participating in a project-based workshop on Design Thinking, with a key focus on developing empathy. Through this workshop, they will learn the Design Thinking framework and how empathy plays a crucial role in designing meaningful solutions. As part of the program, students will plan VIA initiatives that address the needs of underprivileged communities. This workshop serves as an important foundation for their VIA project next year, equipping them with essential problem-solving and social awareness skills.

The details of the workshops are as follows: Date: 10 April and 24 April 2025 Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm Venue: Classrooms

### 12 Subject Combinations Briefing for Sec 2 Parents

This session is intended to provide parents with key information pertaining to subject combinations offered to Secondary 3 students in 2026 and the different progression pathways. Please see the key information below.

For parents of students taking predominantly <u>**G1 and G2**</u> subjects: Date: 8 April (Tuesday) Time: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm Mode: Zoom

For parents of students taking predominantly <u>G3</u> subjects: Date: 10 April (Thursday) Time: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm Mode: Zoom

Zoom details will be provided via Parents Gateway nearer to the date.

### 13 WorldSkills Singapore 2025 (For Sec 2 & Sec 3)

This is a national skills competition with ECG activities jointly organised by SkillsFuture Singapore, Institute of Technical Education (ITE), the five Polytechnics and MOE to inspire young people to develop excellence in their skill areas. It is an opportunity for students to explore the relevant skills in various areas, and understand how these skills are linked to education and career pathways.

Students will get to:

- (i) attend workshops and talks conducted by industry professionals to deepen their understanding of the skills needed for different industries;
- (ii) visit exhibition booths to discover their interests, skills and purpose as well as explore the different opportunities available;
- (iii) try hands-on activities at "Try-a-Skill" booths to experience the skills required in different industries;
- (iv) watch competitors at the WSS competition arena pit their skills against their counterparts.

Please see the key information below. Date: 3 April (Thurs) Time: 2 - 5pm Venue: Sands Expo and Convention Centre

Interested Sec 2 and 3 students can sign up to attend this event at a later date.

### 14 Sec 3 Speaker Series Session 2

The Speaker Series' programme is a series of talks organised by the Social Studies Department, where speakers from various segments of society will share with Secondary 3 students about different societal concerns in Singapore. The speaker for session 2 is from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals (SPCA).

Please see the key information below. Date: 10 April (Thursday) Time: 3.00 pm to 3.45 pm Venue: Wesley Hall

### 15 Sec 3 MOE-OBS Challenge - Online Registration

As part of the National Outdoor Adventure Education Masterplan, the MOE-OBS Challenge Programme seeks to develop ruggedness, resilience, and build cohesion amongst youths. The programme provides an experiential platform for our Sec 3 students to face challenges positively through self-directed learning and to make the right choices that will influence their circumstances. Our Sec 3 students will be participating in a 4-day expeditionary course at Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) from 21 to 24 October.

The paid medical examination is scheduled on 19 May (J31, J32, J35 & J36) and 21 May (J33, J34, J37) during PE lessons. More information about the programme could be found in the deck of slides from the Sec 3 Parents Engagement Session on 21 Feb. The online registration will commence on 7 Apr and the link will be provided closer to the date.

#### 16 Secondary 3 PLD Pilot Programme

As part of the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board's (SEAB) Personal Learning Device (PLD) pilot programme to prepare students for the use of PLDs in national examinations where the papers are taken in e-exam format, selected Secondary 3 students will be involved in practice sessions conducted in GMS(S) during curriculum time in May. Students will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the digital assessment formats on their PLDs.

Please note that the test scores from these sessions will not be included in the calculation of school-based assessments.

#### 17 2025 GCE N/O Level Registration

The graduating cohort and all Sec 3 HMT students have been registered for the 2025 GCE N/O Level examinations. Your child would have received his or her verification slip which details all the registered subjects for the examinations.

Please take a moment to review the examination fees listed on the verification slip. For candidates who need to pay examination fees, the fees will be automatically deducted via GIRO on 30 April 2025.

#### 18 Sec 4/5 Physical Fitness Test

Physical Fitness Testing is compulsory unless students are medically exempted. The 2.4 km Run will be conducted during PE lessons while the 5-station tests will be held on 17 Apr (Thu) from 2 pm to 5 pm. A copy of the NAPFA standards can be found in the students' diary.

## (D) ACADEMIC-RELATED PROGRAMMES

### 1 Sec 4/5 MT Intensive Programme

This would be held on 26 to 29 May to better prepare our 4E/5N students for their GCE O-Level MT Examinations. The GCE O-Level MT and MTB examinations would be held on 2 June. More details would be given to your child nearer the date.

## 2 Humanities Programme (For Sec 1 & Sec 3)

2.1 As part of National Education, there will be a Virtual Learning Journey for Sec 1 students to encourage them to engage in inquiry on Singapore's early history and the contributions of immigrants. The narratives from the visits also aim to help students better understand the experiences and contributions of the early migrants, to instill pride in Singapore's achievements and nurture a sense of belonging to Singapore. The Sec 1 Virtual Learning Journey will take place on **10 April, Thursday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm** 

2.2 The Speaker Series programme is a series of talks organised by the Social Studies unit, where speakers from various segments of society are invited to share on societal concerns with the secondary 3 students. This helps our students better understand and appreciate the relevance of concepts and issues learnt. The first session was held in Term 1 by Singapore Food Agency, a Statutory Board established under the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment. The second session would be held on **10 April, Thursday from 3:00pm to 3:45pm** by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals (SPCA), a non-governmental animal welfare charity.

### 3 Remediation and Bridging Lessons (2 June - 4 June)

These lessons will be conducted for selected students in the first week of the Term 2 break to help close learning gaps for topics taught in Semester 1. We seek your support to ensure your child's attendance and to plan family outings around these dates. The remediation schedule would be provided at a later date.

## (E) ASSESSMENT MATTERS

### 1 Assessment Matters for Sec 1-5

1.1 Term 2 Weighted Assessments will take place from **21 April to 16 May**. Subject teachers will be informing your child/ ward the topics and exact day for the assessments.

All streams E/NA/NT/G1/G2/G3	Term 1 (Weighted Assessment)	Term 2 (Weighted Assessment)	Term 3 (Weighted Assessment)	Term 4 (End-of- Year Examination)	Total
Sec 1 to 3	15%	15%	15%	55%	100%

1.2 The assessment weighting for Sec 1 to 5 is shown below:

	Term 1 (Weighted Assessment)	Term 2 (Weighted Assessment)	Term 3 (Preliminary Examinations)	Total
Sec 4 & 5	15%	15%	70%	100%

### 1.3 The weighting for Lower Secondary Modular Subjects

	Weighted Assessment	Semestral Assessment	Total
Lower Secondary Design & Technology	20%	80%	100%
Lower Secondary Food & Consumer Education	30%	70%	100%

1.4 Lower Secondary Geographical and Historical Investigation, Sec 3 Social Studies Issue Investigation and Sec 3 Geographical Investigation for Elective and Core Geography were introduced in Term 1 would continue in Term 2. These will constitute the weighted assessment for Term 3.

1.5 Preliminary examination for the following papers will be held on 7 and 8 May. The assessment weighting for these subjects is shown below:

Subjects (Stream)	Term 1 (Weighted Assessment)	Term 2 (Preliminary Examinations)	Total
Mother Tongue (O-Level) Art (O-Level) Nutrition & Food Science (O-Level, N(T)-level)	30%	70%	100%

### 2 EL Oral Examinations (Internal) for Sec 3 & 4

The EL oral examinations would be held in the afternoons on the following days:

- 8 Apr (Tue) 4N(A)/ 4N(T) OSS, 4N(T)
- 22 Apr (Tue) 4E/4N(A) OSS, 5N(A)
- 20 May (Tue) 3E/ 3N(A) OSS, 3N(A)/ 3N(T) OSS, 3N(T)

All students are reminded to:

- (a) Report punctually.
- (b) Be in school uniform and have a proper haircut.
- (c) Observe all examination procedures, rules and regulations.

Students who are absent due to illnesses must submit a medical certificate upon return to school.

### 3. MT Oral Examinations (Internal) for Sec 3 & 4

- (a) 4NA/4NT(OSS)/4NT(BMT) 10 Apr
- (b) 4E/5N/4NA(OSS)/ 4MTB/4HCL/3HCL(O level CL) 24, 28 to 30 April

### 4. PISA Test (For selected S3 & 4 students, conducted in school)

Singapore is participating in PISA 2025 and our school will be required to assist in conducting the Main Study this year. For each school:

- <u>40</u> fifteen-year-old students will be randomly sampled.
- Sampling is based on students' age using OECD's software, and the sampled students could be from <u>any class</u>.
- About <u>90%</u> of the sampled students will be <u>Secondary 4</u> students.

Sampled students will each complete an assessment and student questionnaire. This will take approximately <u>3.5 hours</u> in total.

You will be informed if your child/ward has been selected for the test scheduled on April 15th 2025.

# (F) Student Leadership

### 1 Student Leaders' Investiture

This event recognizes Student Leaders appointed to the 18th Student Council Executive Committee and House Executive Committee, Sec 3 CCA Leaders, newly appointed Student Councillors and Peer Ambassadors.

Please see the key information below. Date: 14 Apr (Mon) Time: 2.15 pm - 3.45 pm Venue: Friendship Hall Levels Involved: Sec 2-5. Sec 1s will be dismissed from school after their last lesson. A rehearsal will be held on 3 April (Thur) for all appointed student leaders.

### 2 Student Leadership Development

The Sec 2 recruitment drive for the Student Council, House Committee and Peer Ambassadors will begin in Term 2 Week 1. Students who have the desire and qualities to serve the school are strongly encouraged to sign up.

As part of our continuous effort to build the leadership competencies of student leaders, various training sessions have been planned to help them grow. By developing their leadership skills, we nurture competent and confident leaders who will serve the school with courage and integrity.

Please see the key information below. (a) Student Council meeting Date: 17 Apr (Thur)

(b) House Committee PFT Facilitation and Training Date: 17 Apr (Thu), 15 May (Thu) and 8 May (Thu)

(c) Sec 3 GEMS Leaders Training Date: 24 Apr (Thur)

(d) Peer Ambassador Training Date: 22 May (Thu) Sec 2: 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm Sec 3: 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Student Leaders 2-days camp (House Committee, Peer Ambassadors and Student Council) Date: 5-6 Jun (Thu-Fri)

More information will be provided at a later date for all selected student leaders.

#### (G) PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS 1 Parenting Talks

Parenting workshop on 12 April 2025 Saturday Topic: Raising Screenwise Kids - Empowering kids to navigate the virtual world Presenter: Speakers from Focus on the Family Time: 9 am – 11 am Venue: Multi-Purpose Room, GMS(S)

Signing up will be via Parents' Gateway posted on 13 February 2025.