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Dear Parents / Guardians,

TERMLY INFORMATION SHEET (03/2020)

In our last letter dated 29 May 2020, we provided details on arrangements for our students' safe return with the re-opening of school on 2 June 2020. As a follow-up, we would like to share updates on academic and co-curricular matters (including support for our graduating cohort for national examinations), as well as key school events that students can look forward to in Term 3. For a start, our focus will be our students' well-being and helping them re-acclimatise to school. As we enter into the new term, we remain committed to engaging and motivating our students to serve, lead and excel, by adapting to the new 'normal'.

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We look forward to your continued support and partnership in helping your child/ward to rise above life's challenges and achieve his/her potential.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Amy Ng
Principal

General Matters

1. Adjusted School Calendar

We would like to remind parents/guardians about the adjusted school calendar for Term 3, which will now comprise 13 weeks (2 June – 6 September 2020). To help ensure that a longer Term 3 is manageable for students, MOE has also included a 1-week mid-term break from 20 – 26 July 2020. The new structure for Term 3 is therefore 7 weeks of school, a 1-week break, followed by another 6 weeks of school.

2. Upcoming Key Events & Activities in Term 3

Month	Date	Event/Activities	Remarks
June	11 Jun – 17 Jun	Intensive Lessons for Secondary 4/5 students offering O-Level MTL	To prepare students for O-Level Mid-Year MTL Examination
	18 Jun	GCE O-Level MTL (MTL) Written Examination <i>*Staggered dismissal for students not sitting for the exam from 12pm onwards</i>	For Secondary 4/5 students offering O-level MTL
	19 Jun	GCE O Level MTL Syllabus B Written Examination <i>*Staggered dismissal for students not sitting for the exam from 12.30pm onwards</i>	For Secondary 4/5 students taking O-level MTL Syllabus B
	29 Jun	GCE N-Level EBS Coursework Submission	For Sec 4NT students
July	29 Jun – 2 Jul	Sec 2 Class Tests (selected subjects) <i>*S2 students will have graded assignments in the remaining subjects for their first Term 3 Weighted Assessment. S1 & S3 students will have graded assignments for all subjects for their first Term 3 Weighted Assessment. Pls refer to p.3 below.</i>	For Sec 2 students to help them meet subject streaming prerequisites and receive timely support
	3 Jul	Game-a-thon	All
	6 Jul	Youth Day Holiday	All
	17 Jul	Racial Harmony Day Celebration <i>*School dismissal as per normal school day</i>	All
	20 Jul – 26 Jul	Term Break	All
	30 Jul	GCE N-Level D&T Coursework Submission	For Sec 4NA students offering D&T
	31 Jul	Hari Raya Haji Holiday	All
August	4 Aug	GCE N-Level Art Coursework Submission	For Sec 4NA students offering Art
	7 Aug	National Day Celebration <i>*School dismissal from 11am</i>	All
	9 Aug	National Day	All
	10 Aug	National Day Holiday	All
	13 Aug	GCE O-Level D&T Coursework Submission (Sec 4)	For Sec 4E students offering D&T
	17 Aug – 21 Aug	Sec 1 to 3 Class Tests	Sec 1 – 3 students
Sept	1 Sept	GCE O-Level D&T Coursework Submission (Sec 5)	For Sec 5N students offering D&T
	3 Sept	Teachers' Day Celebration <i>*School dismissal from 10.30am</i>	All
	4 Sept	Teachers' Day School Holiday	All
	22 Sept	GCE O-Level Art Coursework Submission	For Sec 4E/5N students offering Art

Note: The above information is correct as of 2 June 2020 and may be subject to changes, pending further advice from MOE.

ST1: EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING & LEARNING

3. Updated Assessment Structure

To take into account student well-being and readiness, as well as time needed for curriculum recovery, we have adjusted our assessment plans. Please rest assured that appropriate pitching and scoping will be carried out to ensure that assessment remains manageable for all students. The updated 2020 assessment structure for Secondary 1 to 5 students is as follows:

Level	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Secondary 1 & 3	Class Test (10%)	-	Graded Assignment (till T3W6) (15%) Class Test (T3W11) (15%)	Graded Assignment (10%) EOY Exam (50%)
Secondary 2	Class Test (10%)	-	Class Test (EL, Math, Sci) (T3W5) (15%) Graded Assignment (Other subjects) (till T3W6) (15%) Class Test (T3W11) (15%)	Graded Assignment (10%) EOY Exam (50%)
Lower Sec D&T/FCE			Graded Assignment (15%)	Graded Assignment (15%) Final Project (70%)
Secondary 4/5	Class Test (10%)		Preliminary Exams (90%)	

Class Tests

To help them work towards meeting academic prerequisites for Secondary 3 subject combinations as well as receive timely learning feedback and support from teachers, there will be **class tests for English, Math and Science for Secondary 2 students from 29 June to 2 July 2020**. Assessment of their learning progress in the other subjects will be carried out through graded assignments in the first half of Term 3.

In the second half of Term 3, class tests have also been scheduled for all Secondary 1 to 3 students from **17 August to 21 August 2020**. These class tests serve as milestone checks on students' learning progress so that further support can be given to enhance their learning.

The school will ensure that there will be no more than 2 class tests per day during the stipulated period. The test schedule will be issued to your child/ward closer to date. If your child/ward is feeling unwell on the day of the test, absences must be covered by a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner. **We will not be able to conduct any re-tests.**

4. Secondary 1 to 3 Academic Programme & Schedule

Secondary 1 to 3 remedial sessions will commence in Term 3 Week 5 from **29 June 2020**. Identified students who will benefit from additional learning support will be informed by 26 June 2020. Remedial sessions will start immediately after their last lesson, with a duration of 1 hour.

The remedial schedule below has been adjusted to ensure that there is no intermingling of students between classes, and to facilitate other safe management measures.

Level	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Sec 1	Science 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D	Science 1E, 1F, 1G, 1H	Math 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D	Math 1E, 1F, 1G, 1H
		English 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D	English 1E, 1F, 1G, 1H	
Sec 2	English 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E	English 2F, 2G	Science 2D, 2F, 2G	Science 2A, 2B, 2C, 2E
Sec 3	Science ALL classes	Humanities 3A, 3B, 3D, 3F, 3G	Math 3A, 3B, 3D, 3F, 3G	English ALL Classes
		Math 3C, 3E	Humanities 3C, 3E	

In addition to the remediation programme, all Secondary 1 to 3 students are encouraged to be proactive and approach their teachers for academic consultations after school where necessary to clarify doubts and address concerns. Student-initiated consultations will also be carried out with safe management measures.

5. Secondary 4/5 Academic Programme & Schedule

GCE O- & N-Level Examinations in Term 3

The national examinations that graduating students will be sitting for in Term 3 / early Term 4 are as follows:

Date	Event/Activities
18 June	GCE O-Level Mid-Year MTL Written Papers
19 June	GCE O-Level Mid-Year MTL Syllabus B Written Papers
7 Jul	GCE O-Level MTL Syllabus B Oral Examination
8 Jul – 17 Jul	GCE O-Level MTL Oral Examination
13 Jul – 17 Jul	GCE N-Level EL Oral Examination
27 Jul	GCE O-Level MTL & MTL Syllabus B Listening Comprehension <i>*Secondary 1-3 & 4N students will be dismissed at 1pm</i>
28 Jul – 4 Aug	GCE O-Level MTL Oral Exam (Higher MTL)
3 Aug – 5 Aug	GCE N-Level MTL and MTL Syllabus B Oral Examination
12 Aug – 26 Aug	GCE O-Level EL Oral Examination
14 Sept (Term 4 Week 1)	Start of GCE N-Level Written Papers

To help our graduating students face the national examinations with confidence and strive for excellence, we have put in place a series of academic programmes.

Mother Tongue Language Intensive Programme

To prepare students sitting for the mid-year O-Level MTL examination, the MTL department will be conducting intensive MTL lessons from 11 June 2020 to 17 June 2020 during curriculum hours. Students who require additional consultation sessions will be scheduled to meet their MTL teachers after school.

Students will also sit for a mock MTL written examination on the afternoon of **Friday 12 June 2020** after intensive lessons in the morning. The mock examination will simulate actual examination conditions on 18 June 2020, with Paper 1 from **2 pm to 4 pm** and Paper 2 from **4.15pm to 6.15pm**.

On **18 and 19 June 2020**, Secondary 4E/5N/4NA students sitting for the O-Level mid-year MTL or MTL Syllabus B examinations will NOT be required to report to school in the morning. They should report at least 45 minutes before the start of the examination to their designated venues. Secondary 4NA and 4NT students who are not involved in the examinations will be required to report to school as per normal.

Remediation Programme

Remedial sessions for graduating students who require additional learning support will resume in phases:

- Secondary 4NA – Term 3 Week 3 from **15 June 2020** to Term 3 Week 6
- Secondary 4E/5N – Term 3 Week 4 from **22 June 2020** to Term 3 Week 7

Identified students will be informed before the start of the remediation programme. Remedial sessions will start immediately after their last lesson, with a duration of 1 hour and safe management measures.

The S4/5 remedial schedule is as follows:

Level	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Secondary 4EXP	Science 4A, 4B	Mathematics ALL classes	Humanities 4A, 4B	English ALL classes	D&T/Art/ POA/ A Math ALL classes
	Humanities 4C, 4D, 4E		Science 4C, 4D, 4E		
Secondary 4NA	English	Science	Mathematics	D&T/ Art/ POA/ A Math	Humanities
Secondary 5NA	Mathematics	English	Science	Humanities	D&T/Art/ POA/ A Math

In addition to the remedial programme, all graduating students are strongly encouraged to be proactive and sign up for academic consultations after school to bridge learning gaps and ensure that they are adequately prepared for the national examinations. Student-initiated consultations will be carried out with the necessary safe management measures in place.

Mock Examinations

There will be mock examinations simulating actual exam conditions for English Language and Mathematics to ensure that our graduating students are well-prepared for the rigour of the national examinations. On these days, there will be no remedial. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Subject	Time
23 Jun	English Language Papers 1 & 2 [4E/5N]	2.45 pm – 6.35 pm
30 Jun	Mathematics Paper 1 [4E/5N]	2.45 pm – 4.45 pm
2 Jul	Mathematics Paper 2 [4E/5N]	2.45 pm – 5.15 pm
29 Jun	English Language Papers 1 & 2 [4NA]	2.45pm – 6.35 pm
1 Jul	Mathematics Paper 1 [4NA]	2.45pm – 4.45 pm
3 Jul	Mathematics Paper 2 [4NA]	1.00pm – 3.00 pm

Extended Academic Programme

As per previous years, we will be implementing an Extended Academic Programme (EAP) for Secondary 4E/5N and 4NA students to help them consolidate their learning. During this programme, a new timetable will be generated for classes and teachers will conduct intensive revision. EAP for Secondary 4NA will take

place in Term 3 Week 7 to Term 3 Week 9 from **13 July 2020**. EAP for Secondary 4E/5N will take place in Term 3 Week 8 to Term 3 Week 11 from **27 July 2020**. Students will be expected to stay in school for additional curriculum time until 6.00pm.

Preliminary Examinations

In the lead up to the GCE O- & N-Level examinations in Term 4, Secondary 4/5 students will sit for preliminary examinations as follows:

Date	Event/Activities
13 Aug – 21 Aug 2020	Secondary 4N Preliminary Examinations
31 Aug – 2 Sept 2020	Secondary 4E/5N Preliminary Examinations

September School Holidays Academic Programme

During the September school holidays, Secondary 4NA students will report to school on **10 and 11 September 2020** from 8.30am to 4.30pm, to prepare them for the N-Level examinations that will take place immediately when Term 4 commences. More details will be given to students at a later date.

Coursework Recovery for Art & D&T Students

In the last 2 weeks of the May school holidays, special arrangements were made for Secondary 4/5 students offering Art and D&T to return to school for coursework recovery. As part of our on-going efforts to support our students offering coursework, we will also be arranging for intensive coursework sessions for them from **24 June to 26 June 2020**. The schedule will be provided to students beforehand.

ST2: EXCELLENCE IN CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

6. Students’ Well-Being

While many students look forward to returning to school after the end of the Circuit Breaker period, some may face adjustment issues transiting from Full HBL/the school holidays back to school. With the Covid-19 situation, it is normal for some of them to feel sad, confused, worried, scared or a loss of control.

We will be leveraging MOE’s Back to School #StrongerTogether Package to support our students’ transition back to school, and guide them to gradually adapt to new school routines, and ways of learning. In the first week of their return to school, time will be set aside to help students reflect on the past two months, transition to current realities and develop the resilience to look to the future with optimism and hope. In subsequent weeks, we will continue to conduct Class Mentor Guidance Period (CMGP)/CCE lessons, either for HBL or in-class. Students will have the opportunity to reflect on the challenging times of the past weeks and share their words of encouragement and hope.

7. Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Updates

In line with current safe management measures, we will not be resuming mass CCA activities. Nonetheless, we recognise that CCA serves as an important platform for (i) students to continue to hone their interests and talents; (ii) common space for friendship, social integration and (iii) development of students’ leadership qualities and provides opportunities for students to demonstrate leadership. Many students have also asked if CCA can resume in Term 3.

To support our students’ holistic development and interests, we will therefore be conducting CCA sessions online, either via Student Learning Space (SLS) or Zoom. eCCA sessions will be conducted once a week on Wednesdays, from 4.00 – 5.30pm. On odd weeks, teachers will meet up with Secondary 3 members (for

planning and training) and on even weeks, teachers will meet up with Secondary 1 and 2 students (for training). CCA teachers will disseminate CCA training details via SLS.

8. Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Updates

We had earlier shared information on ITE EAE and DSA-JC in our earlier letters. The Poly EAE for O-Level students, for admission to the polytechnics in Academic Year 2021, will commence on 25 June 2020. Applications must be submitted online through the Poly EAE portal at <https://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg>. The key milestones are as follows:

Phase	Dates
Application phase	25 June 2020 – 1 July 2020
Interview	6 July 2020 – 1 September 2020
Offer & Acceptance phase	7 September 2020 – 10 September 2020
Withdrawal phase	11 September 2020 – 16 October 2020

Students in the graduating cohort have completed their customised online ECG module on SLS as well as the mock interview conducted in end May. They can continue to seek guidance on preparation for EAE interviews from the school through video consultations with our ECG counsellor. More details can be found on our school website under “Secondary 4 & 5 Matters”.

To ensure the well-being of Poly EAE applicants, the institutions will conduct selections largely via electronic means. For a few courses, on-campus selection will still need to proceed as the selection process for these courses cannot be meaningfully replicated online. Safe management measures will be put in place for EAE applicants required to attend on-campus selection.

To support their portfolio and other preparations for Poly EAE, **Secondary 4E/5N students not involved in the MTL Syllabus B examination need not report to school on 19 June 2020.**

9. Information on School Events in Term 3

Greendale Game-a-thon

In celebration of Youth Day, we will be modifying our annual Greendale Games Carnival scheduled for **3 July 2020** into a Game-a-thon. Students will be dismissed at 10.30am. This celebration through games will allow students to have fun as they participate in various games safely at class level while also fostering healthy competition across the level with each class striving for the best game scores. Students will be briefed in detail closer to the event, and the briefing slides will also be uploaded on our school website.

Racial Harmony Day

We will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on **17 July 2020** during school hours. The theme this year is “Multicultural Singapore”. It focuses on encouraging youths to cultivate strong relationships with diverse individuals and groups and take ownership of building a cohesive Singapore. Students are encouraged to wear their ethnic costumes to school on this day.

National Day Celebrations

National Day celebrations will take place on **7 August 2020**. Students will be dismissed at 11.00am. This year’s theme, “Together a Stronger Singapore”, focuses on rallying Singaporeans to stay united and strong as the nation continues to fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. Students are strongly encouraged to wear red tops on this day (*plain, with no loud words; football jerseys are also not allowed*).

Please note that the day after National Day, **10 August 2020, is a school holiday.**

Teachers' Day Celebrations

Teachers' Day celebrations will take place on **3 September 2020**. Students will be dismissed at 10.30am. Our General Office will also close at 11.30am. The following day, **4 September 2020**, is a school holiday.

OTHER MATTERS

10. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Immunisation Programme for Secondary 3, 4 and 5 Girls

As mentioned in Termly Letter 02/2020, the Upper Secondary girls were scheduled to have their second dose of the HPV vaccination on Thursday 2 April 2020. Due to the Circuit Breaker measures, the vaccination has been rescheduled to **Friday, 26 June 2020**.

The vaccination will be carried out during curriculum hours. Parents who have concerns may contact the school or relevant Year Head for clarifications.