



Greendale Secondary School

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26 October 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

END OF YEAR INFORMATION SHEET (06/2021)

Throughout 2021, the Greendale Family has risen to life's challenges by adapting to how schooling and learning has been redefined, and staying healthy and safe. We are glad that schools have been able to resume more programmes and activities, as these not only encourage learning, they allow our students to build camaraderie, develop character and resilience, as well as strengthen mental well-being – all of which are important during challenging times. We trust your child/ward has enjoyed the post-examination programme activities carried out this week.

As we come to the end of what has been an extraordinary academic year, we would like to share with you the following information for the school holidays as well as other information for 2022 that will be useful to you and your child/ward:

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This will be my final letter to you as the Principal of Greendale Secondary. It has been seven fulfilling years of learning and growth, serving, leading and doing my best to excel in all that I do. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so. It is a privilege that I will be eternally grateful for. I may not know every child and/or his or her parents, but I can assure you that I try. Why? Because schools are about the children. I could not have served and led the school if I do not know or try to know your child/ward. It is natural for us, the responsible adults we are, to say, "but they do not know as they are too young". Then I challenge us to help these young people learn and know what they need to know. As a parent myself, I am still learning to be a better parent each day too. It is not easy. Can I encourage you to join me on this self-discovery? As we learn about our children, they will learn about what they need to learn in school, learn about themselves, learn about and for life.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you good health and happiness always; you and I will always remain part of the Greendale Family. I am confident you will continue to support and partner the school

in helping your child/ward achieve his/her potential. Should you require clarifications on matters in this letter or any other matter, please contact the General Office at 6315 8616 or email the school (greendale_ss@moe.edu.sg).

Wishing everyone a restful, meaningful and safe holidays ahead!

Yours sincerely,



Ms Amy Ng
Principal

General Matters

1. School Operating Hours during School Holidays

The school will remain open during the November - December school holidays. The opening hours will be from 8.00am to 5.00pm, on Mondays to Fridays.

Students and parents returning to school to purchase books and uniforms or access school administration services are required to do SafeEntry check in the security counter (Please refer to Para 12 on Sales of Textbooks & Uniforms).

2. Attire and Grooming during the School Holidays

Students are expected to be properly attired with appropriate grooming when they return to school for bridging and remedial sessions, co-curricular activities (CCA) or other activities. For lessons, students are expected to be in school uniform/polo t-shirt, school shoes and socks. For CCA, students may wear their CCA attire or t-shirts, school pants/skirts, school shoes and socks. If students are not properly attired or their hair is not of acceptable length and colour, they will be sent home to rectify the problem before they can return for CCA or other school activities.

3. 2022 Reporting Time for First Day of School

Students will report back to school on **Tuesday, 4 January 2022**. All students should be in school by **7.20am**. They will need to be properly attired and groomed. Students are reminded to bring a book for silent reading prior to the start of morning assembly.

4. Travel Declaration

Based on latest MOH's travel advisory, Singapore residents who are fully vaccinated may travel overseas, except to higher risk countries/regions where MOH has advised to defer travel. Even so, parents and students should continue to defer all travel overseas unless it is permissible under the prevailing MOH's travel advisory (please refer to Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) website <https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg> for details).

Parents and students who intend to travel are reminded to submit their travel declaration via Parents Gateway (PG) - SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS) by **Friday, 29 October 2021**. Parents and students are advised check the entry requirements imposed by the country/region of travel, and to take the necessary precautionary measures, observe good personal hygiene, monitor local developments, and heed the advice of local authorities. If your child/ward is not travelling during the year-end holidays, no action is required on your side.

For International Students (Student's Pass/ Dependent's Pass holders) and their accompanying family members (if eligible), you are required to apply for and obtain entry approval from the Safe Travel Office (STO) to re-enter Singapore. For more information, please visit <https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/STO>.

Strategic Thrust 1 Learning

5. Holiday Academic Programme

As mentioned in our last termly information sheet, there will be a bridging programme and remedial sessions conducted for Secondary 3 students from 1 to 10 November 2021 for current Secondary 1-3 students.

Secondary 3 Express

All students will be required to attend a bridging programme from 1 to 10 November 2021, from 8.00am to 12.30pm daily. Secondary 3 Normal Academic Students who are offering Express SBB subjects are to attend this bridging programme as well. The bridging timetable has been issued to your child/ward and it can be found in Annex A of this term letter.

Secondary 3 Normal Academic

All students will be required to attend remedial sessions for English Language. Selected students will be required to attend remedial sessions for all other subjects to help them bridge their learning gaps for the following academic year. These lessons will be conducted from 1 to 9 November 2021. Secondary 3 Normal Technical students offering NA SBB subjects are to attend these remedial lessons. Selected students will be notified by their subject teachers and the schedule for the remedial lessons can be found in Annex A of this term letter.

Secondary 1/2 Remediation and Bridging Programme

Selected students who have not performed up to expectations in the End-of-Year Examinations will be given academic support from 1 to 5 November 2021 to help them bridge their learning gaps for the following academic year. Selected students will be notified by their subject teacher and the schedule is as follows:

Level/Stream	Monday 1 November	Tuesday 2 November	Wednesday 3 November	Thursday 4 November	Friday 5 November
S1Exp	Mother Tongue 0830 – 1000 English 1030 – 1200	Science 0830 – 1000 Geography 0900 – 1030 History 1100 – 1230	Mathematics 0830 – 1030 English 1030 - 1200	Public Holiday	Geography 0900 – 1030 History 1000 – 1130 Mother Tongue 1100 – 1230 Science 1100 – 1230
S1NA	Mother Tongue 830 – 1000 English 1030 - 1200	Science 0830 – 1000 Mathematics 1030 – 1230 History 0900 – 1030 Geography 1100 – 1230	Mathematics 0830 – 1030 History 0900 – 1030 Geography 1100 – 1230		English 0830 – 1030 Mother Tongue 1100 – 1230 Science 1100 – 1230

Level/Stream	Monday 1 November	Tuesday 2 November	Wednesday 3 November	Thursday 4 November	Friday 5 November
S2Exp	Mathematics 0800 – 1000 Mother Tongue 1030 – 1200 English 1030 - 1200	History 0900 – 1030 Mother Tongue 1130 - 1300 Science 1100 – 1230	Mathematics 0800 – 1000 History 1030 – 1200	Public Holiday	Science 0830 – 1000 English 1030 - 1200
S2NA	Mother Tongue 1030 - 1200 English 1030 - 1200	Science 0830 – 1000 History 1100 – 1230 Mother Tongue 1130 – 1300	Mathematics 0830 – 1030 History 1100 – 1230		Mathematics 0830 – 1030 English 1030 – 1200 Science 1100 – 1230
S2NT			Mathematics 1000 – 1130		Mathematics 1000 - 1130

Secondary 1 students eligible to offer subjects at a more demanding level (Languages, Mathematics, Science, Humanities) at Secondary 2 in 2022 will be required to attend a bridging programme from 1 to 5 November 2021. Students will be notified of the bridging programme schedule at a later date as we are in the midst of confirming the number of students.

6. Holiday Homework

In line with our school's Homework Policy, these learning assignments aim to help our students consolidate their knowledge and skills during the holidays, as well as take ownership of their learning and develop good study habits. Our policy balances the amount of homework given with ample time for students to pursue other holistic interests and bond with their family/friends during the holidays.

Please refer to the link under 'Announcements' on the school website for details of assigned holiday homework. A consolidated list will be made available for download from **Friday, 29 October 2021**.

7. Student Learning Space (SLS) Upgrade

The Student Learning Space (SLS) will be temporarily unavailable during a system upgrade from Tuesday, 7 December 2021 to Wednesday, 8 December 2021. Resumption of SLS is expected to be in the late evening of Wednesday, 8 December 2021. Your child/ward may wish to take note of this and plan ahead if they have been assigned any holiday homework through SLS.

8. Co-Curricular (CCA) Activities

To further support the re-establishing of peer and teacher-student relationships as well as having a proper closure to the year, eCCA practices will resume from **20 - 27 October 2021**. Respective CCA teachers will be issuing a Letter of Notification to members regarding the November – December training schedule, if relevant.

Strategic Thrust 2 Well-Being

9. Graduation Day Ceremony Highlights

The ceremony which mark the key milestone in the life of our graduating students concluded on Thursday, 30 September 2021. The photos and video highlights of the ceremony are uploaded at <http://gdlss.edu.sg/chronicle/blog/2021/10/07/graduation-day-2021/> for parents to share our joy and well-wishes for our students.

10. 2022 Level Camp Dates

Our annual Level Camps are scheduled to be held from 28 February 2022 to 4 March 2022. Further information will be shared by the respective Camp ICs when school reopens next year.

Strategic Thrust 3 Sustainability and Development

11. Edusave Awards 2021

Edusave Awards are given by the government annually to Singaporean students to enhance educational opportunities and motivate students to excel in schools in academic and non-academic domains. The categories of Edusave Awards are:

- Edusave Character Award (ECHA)
- Edusave Awards for Achievement, Good Leadership & Service (EAGLES)
- Edusave Scholarship (ES)
- Edusave Merit Bursary (EMB)
- Edusave Good Progress Award (GPA)

Awardees of ECHA, EAGLES, ES and GPA will be notified by post by December 2021.

Students who are eligible to apply for the EMB will receive an application form by post in late November. If your monthly household income does not exceed \$6,900 (or per capita income does not exceed \$1,725), you can complete the application form and submit the form to the community centre/club nearest to your residence, by early December. Successful applicants will be notified by post.

For more information, please refer to <https://go.gov.sg/edu-awards>.

12. 2022 Booklist and Sales of Textbooks and Uniforms

The booklist will be given to the students on Thursday, 28 October 2021 and will also be made available on the school website.

In adherence to SMM and to minimise mass congregation, each level of students will be allocated specific dates and timings to purchase textbooks and uniforms. Where possible, parents are encouraged to consider online purchase of textbooks and uniform. We have engaged our respective vendors and trust that their online purchase and delivery services have improved from 2021.

Here are the URLs of the online stores of the textbooks and school uniform suppliers and other relevant information:

SERVICE PROVIDER	ONLINE STORE ADDRESS	DELIVERY FEE	PAYMENT MODE AVAILABLE
Pacific Bookstores	https://www.pacificbookstores.com 	\$13.80	Credit Card
Kah Huat Uniform	https://khuniform.com 	\$6.00	PayNow, PayLah, Debit Card, Credit Card, redeem NTUC Voucher
Collection Dates <i>*For Online Purchases only</i>	19, 26 November 3, 29 December		

For parents and students who wish to purchase textbooks and uniforms on-site, please refer to the table appended for dates allocated to the different levels. Parents and students are strongly advised to adhere to the schedule. However, if you have children/wards from different levels, our vendors have been advised to accommodate requests for multiple levels.

The dates for physical sale of textbooks and uniforms are as follows:

Level in 2022	Secondary 1	Secondary 2	Secondary 3	Secondary 4	Secondary 5
Sale of Textbooks 2021	22 – 23 , 28 December	22 – 25 November 8 – 9 December	29 November – 2 December 6 – 7 December	15 – 18 November 10 & 13 December	27 December

13. MOE FAS Applications 2022

MOE-FAS for 2022 is now open for application. Students who wish to apply for MOE FAS can collect a copy of the application form from the General Office. The closing date for submission of application is **Friday, 29 October 2021**. Alternatively, parents may also apply via the newly launched MOE FAS e-application at <https://go.gov.sg/moe-fas-greendale-sec-sch> or scan the QR Code provided.



14. Suggested Resources for Parents during School Holidays

School holidays are meant for our students to rest, recharge and spend time with parents. Without positive engagement, your child may be distracted and affected by negative influences such as excessive gaming, negative online peer influence, etc. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to engage your child with their school experiences.

To support parents in strengthening the bond with their children this holidays, we have curated the following resources that can help you better engage and enrich your child:

- <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/just-for-parents-a-website-on-education>
- <https://www.edutopia.org/article/back-to-school-resources-parents>
- <https://www.timeout.com/singapore>

We also strongly encourage parents to urge your child to visit:

- Student Learning Space (SLS) <https://vle.learning.moe.edu.sg/login>

- MySkillsfuture portal <https://www.myskillsfuture.sg/content/student/en/secondary.html>

SLS empowers your child to learn at their own pace, revisit concepts and also read up on other areas of interest based on the MOE curriculum. It is a resource by MOE for MOE students and schools.

My Skillsfuture for students is a one-stop portal to help your child to discover more about his/her strengths and interests, explore education and career options and start planning for his/her future.

For more information, please visit the school website at <https://greendalesec.moe.edu.sg/> or Greendale Parents Connexion at <http://gdls.edu.sg/parents/>.

We would also like to take this opportunity to seek your support in ensuring that your child/ward continues to practise good personal hygiene, exercise social responsibility and abide by safe management measures, whether in or outside school.

Strategic Thrust 4 Leadership

15. Secondary 2 and 3 Student Leadership Training Programmes

The Inspiring Leaders Training sessions for Secondary 3 student leaders will take place virtually via Zoom from 25 -27 October 2021 in the afternoons from 2.45pm to 5.45pm. Consent forms have been given to students involved. The sessions will focus on servant leadership traits such as foresight and community building.

The Aspiring Leaders Training session for selected Secondary 2 student leaders will take place on Monday, 13 December 2021 from 9.00am to 3.00pm, tentatively in school (pending changes to Safe Management Measures – students will be informed if there are changes to the training format). The workshop will focus on servant leadership traits such as empathy and community building.