



Greendale Secondary School

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

TERMLY INFORMATION SHEET (05/2021)

Welcome back! We trust that your child/ward had a safe and meaningful September break. As we enter the final term of 2021, we would like to highlight the following:

General Matters

1. Key Events & Activities in Term 4

Strategic Thrust 1 Learning

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Strategic Thrust 2 Well-Being

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| 8. Graduation Day Ceremony | 10. 15 th Anniversary Carnival & Celebrations |
| 9. End-of-Year Prize Presentation | 11. End-of-Year Meet-the-Parents (MTP) Session |

Strategic Thrust 3 Sustainability and Development

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| 12. Sales of Textbooks and Uniforms | 13. MOE FAS Applications 2022 |
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Strategic Thrust 4 Leadership

14. Secondary 2 and 3 Student Leadership Programme

Major assessments take place in Term 4. Due to national systems and software upgrades, there is a delay in the issuance of Term 3 Progress Reports; we hope to be able to do so by Term 4, Week 2 latest. Nonetheless, let us constantly remind ourselves that schooling is more than tests and examinations. Let us encourage our students, your child/ward, to focus on learning processes, and not just the outcomes. Our teachers are giving their best to navigate through the many challenges, and remain resolute to help each student learn and improve each day.

The on-going COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a lot of disruptions in our lives. I trust these challenges have made us better understand the importance of family and overall well-being. In school, we manage the many disruptions creatively, to the best of our ability. As the adults in the Greendale family, I urge you to work with us to show care and help your child/ward learn, grow and glow. Help us keep the school safe and open for learning to take place. In this regard, please be reminded that your child/ward should not be in school if (i) he/she is unwell, (ii) any household member is unwell or (iii) he/she or any household member has received Health Risk Warning or Alerts. You will also receive information on year-end travel advisory and travel declarations shortly, where students will be advised to continue to defer all travel overseas unless it is permissible under the prevailing MOH's travel advisory.

Greendale celebrates our 15th Anniversary this year, with 15 interesting ideas. In Term 4 we will launch the 15th Anniversary Commemorative Book as well as see the key events (i.e. school carnival and home-coming) take place. Although we are unable to invite you to join us in person due to existing Safe Management

Measures (SMM), we look forward to your continued support and partnership in helping your child/ward nurture a greater sense of affiliation and identity through his/her contribution and participation.

Thank you for your strong support as we commence the final school term of the year. I look forward to your continued partnership to end the school year safely and positively for our students and their families. Should you require clarifications or help, please contact the General Office at 63158616, or email the school (greendale_ss@moe.edu.sg).

Stay healthy. Stay safe. Keep well.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Amy Ng
Principal

General Matters

1. Key Events & Activities in Term 4

Date	Event/Activity	Remarks
13 - 14 Sep	GCE N-Level EL & MTL Listening Comprehension Examination	Secondary 1/2 and Secondary 3 students will be dismissed earlier at 2.20pm and 2.30pm respectively.
13 – 17 Sep	GCE O-Level Preliminary Examinations	
13 – 23 Sep 4 – 14 Oct	GCE-N Level Written Examinations	
30 Sep	Graduation Day	Secondary 1/2 students will be dismissed earlier at 10.00am. Secondary 3 students will be dismissed as per Examination Timetable.
1 Oct – 12 Oct	End-of-Year Examinations for Secondary 1 – 3	
13 – 14 Oct	Marking Days	Students need not report to school.
21 Oct	Secondary 3 NRIC Registration	
18 Oct – 15 Nov	GCE O-Level Written Examinations	Secondary 1/2 and Secondary 3 students will be dismissed earlier at 1pm and 1.10pm respectively from 18 Oct to 28 Oct. Exceptions are (i) students participating in the After School Engagement Programme and (ii) Secondary 3N students participating in Elective Modules on 27 Oct.
25 – 28 Oct	Post-Examination Activities for Secondary 1 - 3	The detailed schedule will be given at a later date.
28 Oct	End-of-Year Prize Presentation & 15 th Anniversary Carnival	
29 Oct	End-of-Year MTP Session	For selected students and parents, with Safe Management Measures.
1 – 10Nov	Secondary 1 – 3 Bridging and Remediation Programme	The detailed schedule with start and end times will be given at a later date.

Strategic Thrust 1 Learning

2. Teaching & Learning Updates

The Term 3 Progress Report for Secondary 1 to 3 will be returned to students by Term 4 Week 2. This will constitute 10% of the overall score (see Student Handbook for more details). Students are encouraged to identify and work on their strengths as well as areas of growth with their respective subject teachers for continuous improvement.

Selected students who have not performed up to expectations in Term 3 will be supported with remediation. They will be expected to attend the remedial programme, **starting Monday, 13 September 2021**.

Parents of our Secondary 4/5 graduating students would have received a letter from the school dated 30 August 2021 on support for graduating students. In the letter, we have highlighted important updates on National Written Examination Arrangements, the Study Break as well as the Additional Support given to our graduating students. We endeavour to work closely with parents to ensure our graduating students' safety and well-being as they embark on one of the key milestones of their 4/5 years journey with us.

3. End-of-Year Examination for Secondary 1 - 3

All Secondary 1 – 3 students are to refer to the respective End-of-Year Examination schedules. The schedules are available for download in the link under 'Announcements' on the school website. We encourage parents to work with your child/ward to put in place a regular revision schedule leading up to the examinations. Should your child/ward be unwell during the End-of-Year Examinations, please bring him/her to a doctor and ensure that he/she remains at home for the duration of the MC. As part of social responsibility, students with fever or flu-like symptoms must not return to school. In line with national guidelines on the conduct of school-based examinations, *students on LOA (Leave of Absence), SHN (Stay-Home Notice) and AA (Approved Absence) will not be allowed to sit for the exams.*

Students are not required to attend school on Marking Days on **13 and 14 October**. Lessons will resume on **Friday, 15 October**.

Please work with the school to monitor your child's/ward's physical and emotional well-being and provide them with encouragement and support.

4. Secondary 1-3 Year-End Academic Matters

To better prepare our students for 2022, there will be an academic programme which will take place from **1 to 10 November** for current Secondary 1-3 students.

Secondary 3E/NA Bridging and Remediation Programme

The Bridging Programme will focus on revising topics that students require additional learning support in, coverage for curriculum recovery, as well as introducing students to some topics in the Secondary 4 syllabus. Please ensure that your child/ward attends all the lessons. The detailed Bridging Programme Schedule will be given to your child/ward nearer to the start-date.

Selected students who have not performed up to expectations in the End-of-Year Examinations will also be required to attend a remediation programme from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. The purpose of the programme is to help students master important concepts for the subject(s) they have not performed well in at Secondary 3, so that they can transit smoothly to Secondary 4.

Secondary 1/2 Remediation and Bridging Programme

Selected students who have not performed up to expectations in the End-of-Year Examinations will be required to attend a remediation programme. The programme will focus on revising knowledge and skills that students require additional learning support in.

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. The programme focuses on teaching concepts and topics that were not covered in the previous syllabuses so that they can transit to Secondary 2 smoothly.

The remediation and bridging programme schedules, where applicable, will be given to students nearer the start date of the programme. Please help to ensure that your child/ward attends the programme.

Secondary 1 – 3 students currently attending remedials will continue to do so from the start of Term 4 Week 1 till the End-of-Year Examinations to ensure they receive the necessary academic support. Students are also encouraged to arrange for consultations with their teachers if they need clarifications or help.

Secondary 2 Subject Combination Exercise

As our secondary 2 students gear up for their end-of-year examinations, the Class Mentors will recap key points of the subject combination exercise shared with parents and students earlier in March 2021 in the next two weeks. Students can clarify doubts they may have with regard to post-secondary pathways, possible subject combinations as well as the continued offering of SBB subjects. Parents are also encouraged to have conversations with their child/ward to better understand their strengths/interests and guide them towards making better decisions. Students will choose their preferred subject combination after the examinations, and will be informed of their allocated subject combination by second week of November.

5. Resumption of Co-Curricular Activities

To further support the re-establishing of peer and teacher-student relationships as well as having a proper closure to the year, physical CCA practices will resume from **15 October 2021**. The respective CCA teachers will be issuing a Letter of Notification to members regarding the November – December training schedule.

6. Post-Examination Programme & Activities (25 - 28 October 2021)

In line with MOE's continuing efforts to enhance joy of learning and support holistic education, the school will be organising some enrichment activities (with the necessary safe management measures, subject to prevailing circumstances) for Secondary 1-3 students as part of their post-examination programme. More details will be provided for this programme at a later date.

7. National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) & Blended Learning (BL) Updates

The school has successfully rolled out the Personal Learning Devices (PLDs) as part of the National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) on **24 August 2021**. We seek your continued support in reminding our students on the Acceptable Use Policy as shared in the NDLP Guide, and to emphasize on the care and use of their PLDs in a meaningful and responsible manner. Please be informed that students need not bring their PLDs to school during the examination period and the post-examination period unless instructed by teachers.

The After-School Device Management Application (DMA) Parent Options and DMA Parent Portal will be rolled out shortly in Term 4. The school will commence Blended Learning (BL) for all levels **only in Semester One 2022**. Secondary 1 and 2 students will go through the Student-Initiated Learning (SIL), a component of BL, during curriculum hours during the post-examination period. PLDs will be required for the SIL segment. Details on the post-examination activities will be shared with your child/ward soon.

Strategic Thrust 2 Well-Being

8. Graduation Day Ceremony (30 September 2021)

The ceremony serves to mark a key milestone in the life of our graduating students as the school wishes them well in their endeavours beyond the national examinations. The date of the ceremony will be shifted to **Thursday, 30 September 2021** in view of the study break implemented. In line with safe management measures, we regret that we will be unable to invite parents for the ceremony this year. A video will be uploaded on the school website for parents of our graduating cohort after the ceremony to share our joy and well-wishes for our students.

9. End-of-Year Prize Presentation

To celebrate student successes and achievements, we will be presenting awards to students who have shown outstanding determination and resilience in overcoming challenges faced in their learning, as well

as school life. The Prize Presentation will be held on **Thursday, 28 October 2021**. We hope this presentation can encourage the students for their effort and inspire their peers as well.

10. 15th Anniversary Carnival & Celebrations

To celebrate our 15th Anniversary, Secondary 3 students, the new seniors of the school, will set up a games or craft booth for the school-based Carnival on **Thursday, 28 October 2021**. All students will be encouraged to participate during their respective recesses that will be extended to one hour. There are prizes to be won and no payment will be required for all participation. SMM will be strictly observed for the event. Do note that some Secondary 3 students will be staying back (in school) the day before to get their booths ready for the event.

We would like to take the opportunity to share that our 15th Anniversary Home-Coming, a virtual event, will be held on Saturday, 20 November afternoon. Our E-Open House for Secondary 1 2022 will be held in the morning on the same day.

11. End-of-Year MTP Session

The Meet-the-Parents session scheduled on **Friday, 29 October 2021** will be carried out for selected students and their parents via video conferencing (ZOOM) by default. Should it be necessary, a limited number of face-to-face sessions will be arranged beforehand, with SMM such as SafeEntry check-in, temperature screening, minimising intermingling between groups, safe distancing and sanitisation.

To safeguard the health of our staff and students, kindly note that only parents/guardians with confirmed appointments will be allowed into the school premises. Parents/guardians with appointments who are unwell or have family members who are unwell (e.g. flu-like symptoms, taken swab test, etc.) should not come to school; they are most welcome to reschedule their appointments with our teachers.

Strategic Thrust 3 Sustainability and Development

12. Sales of Textbooks and Uniforms

In adherence to SMM and to ensure that there is no mass congregation, each level of students will be allocated specific dates and timings to purchase textbooks and uniforms. The range of dates for sale of textbooks and uniforms are as follow. Parents are 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. 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.

Level in 2022	Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4	Sec 5
Sale of Textbooks 2021	22 – 23 Dec 28 Dec	22 – 25 Nov 8 – 9 Dec	29 Nov – 2 Dec 6 – 7 Dec	15 – 18 Nov 10 & 13 Dec	27 Dec
Collection Dates <i>*For Online Purchases only</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 Nov • 26 Nov • 3 Dec • 29 Dec 				

13. MOE FAS Applications 2022

We will be opening applications for MOE FAS for 2021 from **mid-October 2021**. More information (collection and submission of form) will be provided when the application starts.

14. Secondary 2 and 3 Student Leadership Training Programmes

These ongoing programmes are for selected Secondary 2 and 3 students who have shown exceptional leadership qualities and are part of the Aspiring Leaders Training Programme (Secondary 2) and the Inspiring Leaders' Training Programme (Secondary 3) for appointed Greendale Student Leaders. They are essential toward preparing our student leaders for their respective leadership roles, and will be held in school on specific days during the post-exam and school holiday period. Details will be given to the selected students closer to the programme dates.