



Greendale Secondary School

NURTURING TALENTS DEVELOPING CHARACTER INSPIRING LIVES

3 July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR TERM 3 WEEK 6 & 7

1. This letter presents important updates on the following matters in the next two weeks, leading up to the mid-term break from 20 to 26 July:
 - a. Early dismissal on 9 July 2020 (eve of Polling Day)
 - b. GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Oral Examination on 9 July
 - c. GCE O-Level English Language Oral Practice on 9 July
 - d. Holistic Development Progress (HDP) Report for Secondary 1 to 4/5 students and follow-up Meet-The-Parents session
 - e. Reminders on Safe Management Measures

School Activities on 9 July 2020 (eve of Polling Day)

2. Students will be **dismissed from 12.00 noon on 9 July 2020** (Thursday), the eve of Polling Day, to facilitate election preparation by the election officials. To reduce congestion and ensure safe distancing, we will continue to stagger the dismissal timings, with a 5-minute internal between each level.
3. However, the GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Oral Examinations will still carry on as scheduled by SEAB, but will not end later than 6.00pm. Students taking the oral examinations on 9 July are to report to their assigned MTL Rooms after 12.00noon. Their respective MTL teachers will support them in their revision, and lunch will be provided by the school.
4. At the same time, the English Department has organised a GCE O-Level English Language Oral Practice for identified Secondary 4 students from 12.00noon to 1.00pm. These students are to remain in their respective classrooms after 12.00noon.

Holistic Development Progress (HDP) Report & Follow-Up Meet-The-Parents Session

5. For Secondary 1 to 3 students, parents/guardians will receive the **HDP Report by 17 July 2020**. The students are expected to return the signed Report when they return on 27 July 2020 (Monday). Class Mentors will arrange to **meet selected students and their parents by 17 July**, and discuss how we can work together to support your child/ward in his/her learning. Most of these sessions will take place via video-conferencing in adherence to national safe management measures.
6. For Secondary 4 and 5 students, Class Mentors will also arrange to meet selected students and their parents by 17 July. The school is in the process of putting together data and information from the recent mock examinations (MTL, EL and Math), and observations of students' coursework preparations, learning and efforts during curriculum time and their daily interactions with teachers and peers. The HDP Reports for Secondary 4 and 5 students will be distributed after their Preliminary Examinations in August and September.



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7. Through discussions with the teachers, we hope parents/guardians can better engage your child/ward at home in their learning, especially during the upcoming mid-term break from 20 to 26 July 2020. Students will be encouraged to bridge their learning gaps during this period.
8. Parents/Guardians of Secondary 1 to 3 students who receive your child/ward's HDP Report by 17 July without an appointment arranged by the Class Mentors, can also contact the school and/or the Class Mentors. We remain committed to work with you to support your child/ward.

Reminders on Safe Management Measures (SMM)

9. With the mid-term break from 20 to 26 July 2020 coming up, please be reminded that we should continue to **defer all overseas travel** in line with the MOH Travel Advisory issued on 18 March 2020.
10. With the SMM such as mask-wearing at all times, maintaining safe-distancing and personal hygiene in mind, the school would like to particularly emphasise the following:
 - a. **IMPORTANT** – **Staff and students who are unwell (e.g. sore throat, fever or cough) to inform the school promptly and remain at home. If diagnosed with Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI), students 13 years and above will be prioritised for COVID-19 testing.** Students with fever or flu-like symptoms will be sent home immediately. For students placed on: **(i) Leave of Absence** (staying in same household with individuals issued Home Quarantine Order or Stay-Home Notice), and/or **(ii) Approved Absence** (staying in same household with individuals issued MC due to flu-like symptoms), **it is imperative that they do not return to school. Individuals should remain at home for the duration of the HQO/SHN/LOA/AA.**
11. In view of the above paragraph during this health pandemic, it is most relevant that we take greater responsibility of our health and overall well-being, as well as the health of our family members.
12. We look forward to your continued support. Should you require clarifications, please contact the General Office at 63158616, or email the school (greendale_ss@moe.edu.sg).

Stay healthy and stay safe,

Ms Amy Ng
Principal