



# Greendale Secondary School

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

## **TERM 2 INFORMATION SHEET (02/2022)**

Welcome back! We hope that you were able to spend some quality time with your child/ward during the March holiday break. As we enter Term 2 of the school year, we hope it will be as enriching and fulfilling as the one in Term 1. In this information sheet, we will share some key updates and highlights of Term 2.

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### **General Matters**

#### **1. Staff Movement**

We welcome Miss Janani Vijayan, English Language and Social Studies Teacher, to the Greendale family.

We also bid farewell to the following staff and thank them for their service and dedication to the school and our students' development.

1. Mr Derek Lee, Vice Principal (Admin)
2. Mr Mohd Yusoff, Educational Workshop Instructor

### **Academic Updates**

#### **2. Teaching & Learning Updates**

Parents/ Guardians and students would have received their first Progress Report Card for 2022 at the end of Term 1. This constitutes 10-15% of the overall score for Secondary 1 to 3 students (see Student Handbook for 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 1 will be supported with remediation. They will be required to attend a remedial programme, starting **Monday, 21 March 2022**. Similarly, students who show that they need extra support in Term 2 may be required to attend the remediation programme between **Tuesday, 31 May 2022** and **Tuesday, 7 June 2022**. The selected students will be informed of the remediation/ structured consultations schedule by their respective subject teachers.

Secondary 1 students who do well in Semester 1 for English, Mother Tongue, Mathematics and/or Science will be offered to take up the subject(s) at a More Demanding Level from Semester 2. These students may be required to attend the bridging programme between **Tuesday, 31 May 2022** and **Tuesday, 7 June 2022**. This programme serves to prepare the students better for lessons in Semester 2.

We will work closely with parents/ guardians to help our students learn and grow. We aim to focus on the student's holistic development, especially building resilience (including self-discipline as well as managing and overcoming setbacks) and nurturing a growth mind-set.

### **3. Academic Support Structure and Schedule**

The school has planned the following programmes for our graduating students as we work together with them towards achieving excellence. We appreciate your support in partnering with the school to help your child/ward achieve academic excellence at the GCE 'O' and 'N' Level Examinations.

#### Extended Academic Programme (EAP)

The purpose of the EAP is to give all graduating students more time to consolidate their learning and prepare for the Mid-Year Examinations under the supervision and guidance of the teachers. This will prepare the students for the rigour of the examinations and ultimately, help them face the national examinations with confidence.

All lessons will be conducted after school between **Monday, 4 April 2022** and **Friday, 22 April 2022**. Please refer to Annex A for details.

#### June Academic Programme

The school also has a June Academic Programme schedule planned for all Secondary 4E/5N students. Selected Secondary 4NA students who are unable to meet their learning goals for the Mid-Year Examinations will be required to attend a Remediation Programme.

All lessons will be conducted between **Tuesday, 31 May 2022** and **Tuesday, 7 June 2022**.

### **4. Mid-Year Examinations for Secondary 2, 4/5 students**

The Mid-Year Examinations (written papers) will be conducted from **Friday, 29 April 2022** to **Wednesday, 11 May 2022**. Secondary 4/5 students will start their mid-year examination earlier on **Wednesday, 27 April 2022**.

The detailed examination timetable and circular listing the topics to be examined will be uploaded onto the school website in mid of Term 2. We encourage parents/guardians to work with your child/ward to put in place a regular revision schedule leading up to the examination. Please work with the school to monitor your child/ward's physical and emotional well-being and provide them with encouragement and support.

All CCA activities for Secondary 2 & 4/5 will be suspended from **Term 2 Week 6** onwards; Secondary 2 students will start their CCA activities after the examinations. CCA activities will continue for Secondary 1 & 3 students during this period. However, there will be adjustments made to the frequency of the activities. More details will be shared closer to the dates through their CCA teachers.

Students need not attend school on Marking Day on **Thursday, 12 May 2022**. Lessons will resume on **Friday, 13 May 2022**.

### **Key Events and Activities in Term 2**

Month	Date	Event / Activity
March	21 Mar	Resumption of National School Games
	21 – 23 Mar	Secondary 4 Motivation &

		Educational Career Guidance Workshop
	25 Mar	Student Leaders' Investiture Secondary 2 Meet-the-Parents Session
	28 – 31 Mar	Secondary 4N MTL Oral Examination (Internal)
April	4 – 22 Apr	Secondary 4/5 Extended Academic Programme
	8 Apr	Honours Day 2022 & Eladneerg IV
	11 Apr	Experience ITE Programme for Secondary 2NT
	14 – 21 Apr	Secondary 4Exp/5N English Oral Examination (Internal)
	18 – 21 Apr	Secondary 3E/3NA MTL Oral Examination (Internal)
	25 Apr	CCA Stand-down for Secondary 2 & 4/5 students
	26 Apr	Experience ITE Programme for Secondary 3NA
	27 Apr – 11 May	Mid- Year Examination for Secondary 4/5
	29 Apr – 11 May	Mid-Year Examination for Secondary 2 Class Test 2 for Secondary 1 & 3
	May	2 May
3 May		Hari Raya Puasa
12 May		Marking Day
16 May		Vesak Day Holiday
19 – 26 May		Intensive MTL Lessons for Secondary 4Exp/5N
20 – 25 May		Secondary 4N Category B Elective Modules (only non-SBB MTL students)
23 – 25 May		Post Examination Activities - Level Camps
26 May		Secondary 3 Meet-the-Parents Session
27 May		Secondary 1,2,4/5 Meet-the-Parents Session
30 May		GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Written Examination
31 May		GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language B Written Examination
31 May – 3 Jun		Secondary 3N Category B Elective Modules
31 May – 7 Jun		Remedial Programme for Secondary 1 – 3
		Secondary 4NA Remedial Programme Secondary 4Exp/5N June Academic Programme

### **5. Resumption of National School Games**

The National School Games (Canoeing, Fencing, Football, Floorball and Softball) will resume in Term 2 after a 2-year hiatus. Many of our sports CCA students will be representing our school in the competitions for the first time. Respective competitions will start from Term 2 week 1 and are expected to end by Term 2 week 6. We hope that parents/ guardians can give your fullest support and encouragement so that the students can do their best in the competitions.

### **6. Student Leaders Investiture 2022**

Each year, the school holds this ceremony to formally recognise incoming Student Councillors, Sports Leaders and CCA Leaders as well as to thank the outgoing student leaders for their service to the school. This event will be held on **Friday, 25 March 2022** as part of our CCE programme during curriculum time.

We hope that parents/ guardians of our student leaders will acknowledge the efforts and growth of the outgoing Student Leaders, and encourage the incoming Student Leaders as they take on greater responsibilities in their leadership journey

### **7. Secondary 2 Meet-The-Parents (MTP) Session**

The Secondary 2 MTP will be held on **Friday, 25 March 2022** via Zoom Webinar. Log-in details of the webinar have been shared with parents/guardians of all Secondary 2 students separately. Parents/ guardians can expect to find out more about post-secondary pathways, subjects offered at Secondary 3 2023 as well as reminders on assessment details through the session. As this is a critical platform for the school to communicate with you on matters that will directly impact your child, parents/ guardians are strongly encouraged to attend the session together with your child/ ward.

### **8. Honours Day 2022 & Eladneerg IV**

The school's Honours Day will be held on **Friday, 8 April 2022** to celebrate the success of our students. This year, we will also be showcasing our performing arts groups through our biennial concert - ELADNEERG IV. The 4th instalment of ELADNEERG will be shared with parents/ guardians via an online platform. The links to the award ceremony and ELADNEERG IV will be provided nearer the date.

Students will have light refreshments as part of the celebrations and will be dismissed as per usual Fridays at 12.30pm.

### **9. Post-Examination Activities – Level Camps**

Level Camps are a signature event and a highlight of the Greendale Secondary School experience. Due to the uncertainty of the situation, the level camps were postponed from Term 1 to the Mid-Year Post Examination period. The three-day non-residential level camp will be held from **Monday, 23 May 2022 to Wednesday, 25 May 2022**. More details will be shared nearer the date.

### **10. Mid-Year Meet-The-Parents (MTP) Sessions**

The mid-year MTP session is scheduled on **Thursday, 26 May 2022** for Secondary 3 students and on **Friday, 27 May 2022** for the rest of the levels. We will follow the national guidelines on safe management measures and will share more details nearer the date.