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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We welcomed Term 3 on a high note, beginning with Youth Day celebrations and a dynamic Spirit Week that energised our entire school community. The Racial Harmony Day commemoration this year had been particularly meaningful. On 18 July, students embarked on an enriching cultural journey through food, exploring how our diverse culinary traditions reflect our multicultural heritage and strengthen our shared Singaporean identity. On 21 July, students proudly wore their ethnic costumes, creating a beautiful tapestry of cultures that exemplifies our unity in diversity.

The annual Sports Day on 25 July was another highlight of our calendar. It was heartening to witness our students demonstrating not only their sporting excellence but also exemplary sportsmanship. The way they encouraged and supported one another throughout the event truly embodied our school spirit.

For our graduating cohort, this is balanced with an important period as they have completed their GCE O-Level and N-Level oral examinations in Term 3 Week 3 and are now sitting for their preliminary examinations. We extend our best wishes to them and trust that they will approach their upcoming national examinations with confidence and determination.

As we transition into August, we join the nation in celebrating SG 60. This significant milestone in our nation-building journey reminds us of how far we have come. We hope and pray that Singapore continues to thrive and navigate successfully through these challenging times.

We are grateful for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Your engagement and cooperation continue to be instrumental in creating a nurturing and dynamic learning environment.

Health Matters

Managing Rising Temperatures

As we face rising temperatures, schools have put in place measures to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff when faced with these conditions. MOE's guidelines are aligned with NEA's Heat Stress Advisory (<http://www.weather.gov.sg/heat-stress/>).

Students can continue to exercise the option to wear their PE T-shirt and CCA skirt to manage the effect of the temperatures. Please also encourage your daughter/ward to stay well hydrated during hot spells.

For All Students

1. National Day Celebration

Singapore celebrates its 60th National Day with the theme "SG60: Building Our Singapore Together," rallying citizens to unite in building our nation's future. The celebration focuses on four key areas: embracing innovation and technology, advancing environmental sustainability, creating inclusive spaces, and strengthening our community spirit. This jubilee serves as both a celebration of our achievements and an invitation for all Singaporeans to actively shape our nation's next chapter.

The school will be having our National Day Celebration on **Friday, 8 August**. Students are encouraged to come in their red and/or white attire for the celebration. They are to report to school by 7.30am and will be dismissed at about 11.00am.

To foster a spirit of community and teamwork, students and staff will collaborate to prepare care packages containing handmade items, snacks, and gifts for low-income families supported by the North West Community Development Council. This activity aims to help students develop gratitude and a sense of social responsibility as they actively contribute to supporting vulnerable members of their community. Class Community Managers and CCA Leaders have been briefed on the additional items required for the preparation of the care packages.

As the canteen will be closed, we strongly advise students to have breakfast in the morning. To ease traffic congestion, parents/guardians are strongly advised to pick your daughter/ward up at the **Farrer Gardens car park (Gate G exit)**.

Please also note that Monday, 11 August is a scheduled school holiday.

2. Early Dismissal and School Closure

In conjunction with our Teachers' Day celebration for all staff on Friday, 29 August, students will be dismissed at 1.15pm. There will also be no CCA session on this day. The school premises will be closed to all visitors from 1.45pm onwards.

For Upper Secondary Students Only

1. Preliminary Examinations

The Secondary 4 and 5 Preliminary Examinations will be held as follows:

| Classes | Examination Period |
|-------------------------|--|
| 4N(A), SBB N(A) & 4N(T) | <u>N(A) and N(T)-Level Preliminary Examination</u> Thursday, 24 July – Thursday, 7 August |
| 4E/5N(A) & SBB Exp | <u>O-Level Preliminary Examination</u> Friday, 15 August – Wednesday, 3 September |

The examination timetables have been distributed to the students before the June holidays. The timetables are also available on the school website under the "Resources for Students" section.

We thank all parents/guardians for your encouragement and support to our graduating students, and for working alongside us in ensuring their well-being as they prepare for the examination.

2. Work Attachment/Job Shadowing Programme (WAJS)

Our school collaborates closely with our industry partners to provide authentic learning experiences for the students through our Education and Career Guidance Programme. The programme includes WAJS for Secondary 3 students.

The WAJS aims to give our students an accurate perspective of the workplace and the career opportunities available to them. It also provides a valuable platform for students to discover their aptitudes and interests, better understand real-world work environments, and develop positive work habits.

This year, the WAJS will be conducted from **3 to 21 November**. Details on available vacancies, the duration of each stint, and the registration process were sent to all Secondary 3 students in July via email. A Parents Gateway announcement was also sent to encourage parents/guardians to guide their daughter/ward through the sign-up process and support them in taking part in this enriching learning experience. The application deadline is 3 August. Students applying for the attachments are advised to avoid making travel plans during the WAJS period from 3 to 21 November.

For more information on the WAJS vacancies, please visit <https://go.gov.sg/wajs2025details>.

For Secondary 1, 2, and 3 Students Only

Suspension of Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

All CCAs will be suspended from Tuesday, 2 September. CCAs will resume after the End-of-Year Examinations from Monday, 13 October, unless communicated earlier by CCA teachers.

Please be informed that there will be no CCA session on Monday, 11 August 2025 as it is a school holiday (National Day off-in-lieu).

For Secondary 2 Students Only

1. Secondary 2 Cohort-based Learning Journey

The Secondary 2 students will be participating in a cohort-based learning journey to National Museum Singapore as part of the students' school experiences designed to achieve CCE syllabus outcomes, develop citizenship dispositions and national identity in students. Developed by MOE and National Museum Singapore, this cohort-based learning journey is facilitated by museum educators to encourage students to discover fascinating stories about specific artefacts throughout Singapore's 700 years of history and develop a greater sense of belonging and hope for the nation.

| Date | Time | Classes |
|---------------------|------------------|---|
| Wednesday, 6 August | 2.20pm to 5.30pm | 2 Love, 2 Joy, 2 Faithfulness, 2 Goodness |
| Tuesday, 12 August | | 2 Peace |
| Friday, 15 August | | 2 Patience, 2 Kindness |

2. Experience ITE Programme (EIP) 2025

The Experience ITE Programme (EIP) is specially designed for secondary school students to experience ITE's Hands-On, Minds-On, Hearts-On education and be immersed in their authentic learning environments. It aims to:

- Allow students to **explore different industries and career options** through short modules and workshops in ITE's facilities.
- Showcase **modern facilities and training methods** at ITE.
- Give secondary school students hands-on exposure to various **courses available at ITE**.
- Help students make more informed decisions about their **post-secondary education pathways** by letting them experience ITE's practical training approach.

| Date | Time | Venue |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Thursday, 30 Oct | 9.00am to 4.30pm | ITE College West |

Students will experience hands-on activities organised by the following schools:

- School of Business & Services
- School of Hospitality
- School of Electronics & ICT
- School of Engineering

Secondary 2 students will be **invited to sign up** for the programme and will receive further information via email and through their teachers.

For Secondary 1 Students Only

The Secondary 1 3D2N Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp 2025 will be from **Tuesday, 14 October to Thursday, 16 October**, after the End-of-Year Examinations. The camp aims to allow our girls to experience and appreciate the outdoors, as well as to develop leadership and interpersonal skills.

Further details will be provided via Parents Gateway at the end of Term 3.


Others

Home-School Partnership Award 2024

The Home-School Partnership Award 2025 aims to promote collaboration between teachers and parents/guardians to support the holistic development of our students. This award recognises a teacher who:

- proactively engages parents on ways to develop your daughter/ward
- is approachable, helpful, effective, and serves as a positive role model for students

We would like to encourage you to nominate a teacher for this award **by Friday, 15 August** through the online form accessible at <https://go.gov.sg/smshsp25> or via the QR code below.

| Nomination Period | Online Form |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Friday, 1 August – Friday, 15 August |  |

Yours in partnership,

Ms Linda Lim
Principal