



# St. Margaret's School (Secondary)

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## 1 July 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the second semester of 2026.

I trust that you and your child/ward had an enjoyable, well-deserved break over the June holidays and are now refreshed and ready for the semester ahead.

Over the June holidays, two groups of students and teachers had the privilege of embarking on our LIGHT of the World overseas trips. A group travelled to Vietnam for an integrated Humanities (History, Geography, Literature and Elements of Business Studies) learning journey and another made their way to Baray, Cambodia, for a cultural immersion and service-learning experience. Our students connected with local students and were involved in understanding the locals and in projects that we hope could help make a difference to the people in these communities.

July promises to be an exciting and vibrant month for the school community. We have much to look forward to, with Youth Day, Sports Carnival, and Racial Harmony Day all taking place this month. These occasions are wonderful opportunities for students to forge stronger bonds with their peers and embrace the rich diversity that makes our school and nation so special.

For our graduating students, the months ahead will be a season of focused preparation as they gear up for both their Preliminary Examinations and the GCE National Examinations. I encourage each of them to “#bewell” and look after their mental, physical and overall wellbeing as they gear up for the examinations. I believe that each of them wants to do well and will give their very best. As these milestones beckon, let us be there to encourage and both support and challenge them to build confidence and resilience.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all parents and guardians for your unwavering support and partnership. Your involvement in your child's/ward's education and encouragement make a tremendous difference in her growth and learning. We are deeply grateful to have you walking alongside us on this journey.

## For All Students

### 1. School Emergency Lockdown and Evacuation Drill

The school will be holding a lockdown and evacuation drill in the first week of Term 3. To ensure that the school community is well-acquainted with their roles and the actions that they will need to take in an emergency, staff and students will be briefed by the first day of the term.

### 2. General School Safety

Various renovations and improvement works will be carried out in school over the next few years. To ensure the safety of staff and students in the school, safety warnings and barriers will be put up to prevent entry and ensure safety for all. Students are also reminded to avoid areas where work is being carried out.

The toilets in school will be progressively renovated from 2026 to 2028, and renovations have commenced for the first stack of toilets. Signs have been put up to direct users to the nearest alternative toilets.

### 3. Management of High Temperature

Singapore is projected to experience elevated temperatures and possible haze conditions between July to September due to the El Nino effect. The school will continue to monitor the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff, especially those participating in strenuous outdoor activities, by introducing more rest and water breaks. Students will also be allowed to report in their PE attire on all days to allow for better levels of thermal comfort as they have their lessons in the classrooms.

We are also grateful that the installation of the DC fans in the classrooms was completed last year. The DC fans allow for more efficient airflow and ventilation in the classrooms and bring about a greater degree of thermal comfort for our students.

### 4. Youth Day Celebrations

Our school's Youth Day celebrations will be held in Term 3 Week 2. Through the theme “**You Light Up SMS(S)**”, we hope to give students a chance to come together, connect with and reach out to others, lighting SMS(S) up with the positivity and creativity that the youths of today bring. More details are found in Annex A.

In celebration of Youth Day, please note that Monday, 6 July is a scheduled school holiday.

### 5. GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examination

The GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examination will take place on Tuesday, 7 July from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. To facilitate the preparation for this examination, please note the dismissal arrangement below:

Level / Students	Dismissal Time
Secondary 1, 2 and 3*	1.15pm
Secondary 3 Higher Mother Tongue students	12.05pm
Secondary 4 and 5	12.05pm

\*Secondary 3 Non-Higher Mother Tongue Students

## 6. Student Leaders' Commendation Ceremony

To recognise the contributions and achievements of our outgoing student leaders and welcome the incoming batch of student leaders, the Student Leaders' Commendation Ceremony will be held during the Assembly period on Friday, 10 July.

## 7. Sports Carnival

To encourage students and staff to adopt a physically active and sporting lifestyle, the school will hold a Sports Carnival on Friday, 10 July. The event will be held in school and is expected to end at 12.30pm. Students will be dismissed from school thereafter. More information for parents/guardians will be sent via Parents Gateway.

## 8. GCE N-Level and O-Level English Language and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations

The national oral examinations will be held in school for all graduating students from Monday, 13 July to Friday, 17 July. Students involved will be informed of their specific examination dates and times separately. To facilitate the administration of the examinations, the school will conduct home-based learning from Tuesday, 14 July to Thursday, 16 July.

Dates	Approximate Time	Remarks
Monday, 13 July Friday, 17 July	1.45pm - 5.30pm	Lessons as usual
Tuesday, 14 July Wednesday, 15 July Thursday, 16 July	Session 1: 7.30am - 12pm Session 2: 1.45pm - 5.30pm	Home-based Learning Days (see point 9)

## 9. Home-based Learning (HBL) Days 2025 in Semester 2

HBL days are a regular feature of secondary school life, providing students with opportunities to become self-directed, passionate and lifelong learners. Lessons will follow the regular timetable and will be conducted in a self-paced, asynchronous manner.

Please note that HBL days in Semester 2 will be as follows:

Term/Week	HBL Days
Term 3 Week 3	3 consecutive HBL days will be on 14, 15 and 16 July (Tuesday to Thursday).  Please note that the GCE N-Level and O-Level English Language and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations will be conducted on these days. Students who are involved in these examinations will need to report to the examination venues for their papers.
Term 4 Week 1	Friday, 18 September is a designated HBL day.

## 10. Racial Harmony Day Commemoration

Our school will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day from Monday, 20 July to Friday, 24 July. Themed "**Our People, Our Connections, Our Tapestry**", this year's commemoration invites students to explore Singapore's multicultural heritage through the stories behind our road names, uncovering how the pioneers honoured through these roads laid the foundations for the racial harmony we cherish today. Students will take part in cohort-based research activities and an assembly programme that includes skits, video interviews, and case scenario discussions all aimed at deepening their appreciation for Singapore's spirit of inclusiveness and shared identity.

On Wednesday, 22 July, students are welcome to come to school in their traditional ethnic costumes. Details on the dress code and programme will be shared with students prior to the event.

Yours in partnership,

Ms Linda Lim  
Principal

## Annex A

### Overview of Youth Day Celebrations Activities

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activities</b>
7 to 9 July	Various craft and advocacy booths will be set up in the canteen where students can participate in activities that encourage them to be a blessing to others.
8 July	Inter-class photo competition: Class bonding activity with Form Teachers during morning assembly period