

#### 15 May 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary Three Students,

# UPDATES FOR END OF TERM 2

With Term 2 coming to an end soon, we would like to share with you the following updates on end of term programmes, the upcoming school holidays, as well as back to school matters for Term 3. We hope that you and your teen will find this information useful.

### A. 2025 Speech & Prize Presentation Day

- 1. As shared in school's PG announcement "General Election 2025 Adjustments to school events/ calendar" sent on Wed 23 Apr, our school's 43rd Speech and Prize Presentation Dayhas been rescheduled to **Fri 23 May**. The event will take place from 4.00pm to 6.30pm in the school hall.
- 2. Please note that lessons will carry on as usual from 7.30am to 12.30pm. However, there will be no CCA that afternoon. Students not involved in Speech and Prize Presentation Day are requested to leave the school following dismissal to allow for preparations to be made for the event.
- 3. Students involved in Speech and Prize Presentation Day (e.g. emcees, marching contingent, CCA performers, prize winners, student helpers, etc.) have been informed of the change in date. They have also been informed that there will be a final rehearsal on **Tue 20 May from 3.30pm to 6pm** due to the rescheduling.

### B. Bowen FIESTA (Mid-Year) 2025

- 4. To help students unwind after term assessments and allow them to benefit from a broad range of learning activities, the mid-year Bowen FIESTA (Fun, Interactive, Educational and STructured Activities) will take place on Wed 28 May and Thu 29 May. These activities aim to enrich our students' schooling experience and are <u>compulsory</u> for all students. Students will report to school by the usual time of 7.30am for flag-raising and dismissal will be staggered across levels.
- 5. The details of the activities are as follows:

Date	Time	Programme	Venue	Classes involved	Remarks
Wed 28 May	7.30am – 8.00am	Briefing for Student Leadership Programme	School	All Sec 3 Classes	Attire: Class/PE T-shirt with PE shorts Items to bring: Money for recess, stationery, water bottle, poncho/umbrella, cap/sunshades, sunblock, insect repellent, personal medication (if any) and snacks.
	8.00am - 1.00pm	Student Leadership Programme @ Botanic Gardens	Singapore Botanic Gardens		

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Date	Time	Programme	Venue	Classes involved	Remarks
					2-way transport will be provided.
Thu 29 May	7.30am - 9.00am	Form Teacher Quality Time & Gotong Royong	School	All Sec 3 Classes	Attire: Class/PE T-shirt with PE shorts Items to bring: Rag for classroom cleaning during Gotong Royong, money for recess, stationery, water bottle
	9.00am – 9.30am	Recess			
	9.30am – 10.00am	Issuance of Result Slips for Semester 1			
	10.00am - 10.30am	Briefing for Sec 3 Camp			
	10.30am - 12.30pm	Games Day (Volleyball)			

### C. Meet-the-Parents Session

- 6. The Semester 1 Meet-the-Parents Session (MPS) provides a platform for Form Teachers (FTs) to provide parents/guardians with feedback on your teen's progress and development in the affective, cognitive, social and physical domains.
- 7. The MPS for Sec 2 students will be held on Fri 30 May, from 8.00am to 5.00pm (last slot will be at 4.30pm). Parents/guardians who would like to meet up with the FTs regarding your teen or have been informed by FTs of a need to meet based on the student's academic and/or non-academic outcomes may book a slot via Parents' Gateway (PG) between Wed 21 May and Thu 29 May. To facilitate the smooth and timely conduct of the MPS, you are requested to avoid coming to meet the FTs if you have not made an appointment (and arrange to meet them at another time if necessary).
- 8. Please refer to the diagram on the next page for key booking dates and the attached PG Mobile App Meetings Feature User Guide to learn more about how to book the appointment.



Announcement to book an	By Tue 27 May: Selected Ba	vente/Guardiana Informad	
MPS slot will be sent by the Year Head via PG.	By Tue 27 May: Selected Parents/Guardians Informed by FTs to Book an Appointment		
Parents/Guardians who would	FTs will identify students whose parents/guardians they will need to meet, based on student's academic and/or non- academic outcomes.	<u>Thu 29 May</u> : Booking System Closes	
like feedback on your teen may book an MPS slot via PG from Wed 21 May to Thu 29 May.		Students will receive their Semester 1 result slips on <b>Thu 29 May.</b>	
		If you encounter any difficulties in booking, please contact the school at 6385 9466.	
		(Mon-Fri: 8.00am-5.00pm)	

- 9. <u>IMPORTANT</u>: For purposeful conversations during MPS, students must be present with their parents at the appointment with the FTs. Students whose parents are not meeting the FTs <u>need not</u> report to school on **Fri 30 May**.
- 10. The progression of students from one level of learning to the next is based on the year-long assessment of whether students have attained the required foundation to cope with and benefit from the next level. The table below describes the criteria for progression from Secondary 3 to Secondary 4. Students who do not meet the promotion criteria may be retained or laterally transferred to a less demanding course.

Course	Level	Requirement for Promotion	Lateral Transfer to more Demanding Course
Students offering subjects mainly at G3 / Express level	Sec 3	Pass in English Language and <u>2</u> other subjects	-
Students offering subjects mainly at <b>G2</b> / Normal (Academic) level	Sec 3	Pass in English Language and <u>2</u> other subjects <u>OR</u> Pass <u>4</u> subjects	-
Students offering subjects mainly at <b>G1</b> / Normal (Technical) level	Sec 3	Pass <u>2</u> subjects (Grade D or better), one of which should be English Language or Mathematics	Sec 3 students who have met the promotion criteria and attained a minimum of 70% in the overall percentage of all subjects combined may be considered for lateral transfer to N(A) course with teachers' recommendation(s). This will be <u>at the</u> <u>same level</u> i.e. Sec 3 N(T) to Sec 3 N(A).

### D. June School Holidays

11. The last day of school for Term 2 is **Fri 30 May**, and the June school holidays are scheduled from **Sat 31 May** to **Sun 29 Jun**. Your teen may be required to attend CCA activities or other school programmes during the June holidays. If so, you will be informed through the relevant letters to parents.



- 12. To ensure that our students and staff have sufficient time and space to rest and recharge in the holidays, Student Protected Time will be from Tue 10 Jun to Mon 23 Jun (both dates inclusive) where there will be no school activities. Please note that Mon 9 Jun is a Designated Off-In-Lieu (DOIL) for Hari Raya Haji.
- 13. During the school holidays, we hope that parents/guardians will continue to manage your teen's usage of electronic devices. Please step in strongly to help your teen develop self-discipline to avoid long hours on their devices.
  - Keep up your daily monitoring of their usage.
  - Have purposeful conversations with your teen about appropriate use of and length of time spent on electronic devices to help them understand why you may need to limit their use. In addition, prolonged use during the school holiday will also make it difficult to reduce the usage when the new school term starts.
  - Help them to spend a balanced amount of time on other areas like reading, physical fitness or even volunteer work.
- 14. Please reinforce Cyber Wellness and actively guide your teen to navigate cyberspace safely. Tips on how you can care for teen's cyberwellness and digital literacy at home can be found in the MOE Parent Kit on <u>Raising a Digitally Smart Child</u> (www.moe.gov.sg/parentkit). Check-in with your teen regularly if he/she is experiencing Cyberbullying, or notice Cyberbullying or other inappropriate online behaviours, and step in if necessary.
- 15. **Physical activity** helps children grow, maintain a healthy weight and have fun. Please encourage your teen to work towards the daily goal of 10,000 steps a day. For ideas on how to help your family eat healthily, get active and reduce screen time, please visit <u>Healthhub (Live Healthy)</u>.
- 16. With the start of the holidays round the corner, we will be reminding students to spend their time meaningfully, keep safe and stay away from undesirable influences or activities (e.g. long hours on the Internet, 'outside friends' that may be a negative influence). Your strong guidance can ensure that your teen makes the best use of their time.
- 17. Please check-in on your teen regularly about his/her mental **well-being** and support him/her as necessary. Tips on building mental well-being of children and youth can be found via this link: <u>Healthhub (MindSG)</u>. Should you require urgent assistance, please contact the Mental Health Helpline at 6389 2222 or Samaritans of Singapore at 1800 221 4444.

### E. Travel Declaration

- 18. To ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your teen **only if he/she intends** to travel during the holidays.
- 19. To make a travel declaration for your teen via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICES >, DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your teen's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by Fri 30 May. Only one parent/guardian is required to make the declaration. If your teen is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required.
- 20. When planning your travel, please refer to <u>ICA Website (Entering, Transiting and Departing)</u> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration (e.g. change in travel date(s)/destination), please submit a new travel declaration via PG. If travel plan(s) are cancelled, please inform the school as well.



## F. Start of Term 3

- Please note that Term 3 begins on Mon 30 Jun. Students should report for school as usual by 7.30am in full school uniform (without tie) or school polo t-shirt with school pants/skirts and proper grooming.
- 22. The Semester 2 Timetable will be available on the school website on **Fri 27 Jun**. Students are expected to have the necessary learning materials ready based on the Semester 2 Timetable when they report to school on **Mon 30 Jun**.
- The 2025 Secondary 3 Outdoor Adventure Learning (OAL) Cohort Camp will take place from Tue
  1 Jul to Fri 4 Jul. Attendance for the camp is compulsory. We will provide more information on the camp closer to the date.
- 24. For further clarifications, please contact Mdm Sharifah Kamelia (Year Head/Sec 3) at Tel: 6385 9466 or Email: <a href="mailto:sharifah\_kamelia\_syed@schools.gov.sg">sharifah\_kamelia\_syed@schools.gov.sg</a>.

Wishing you and your teen a restful and fulfilling June holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Loh Chih Hui Principal

#### Use of photographs and video images

Photographs or video images of students, parents and visitors may be taken during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, enrichment activities, CCA activities, camps, etc. The school may use and publish such photographs or video images in school publications, the school's website, social media channels, or other communication channels.