

15 May 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary Four/Five 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 Day has 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.
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.
4. To allow Bowenians to experience a formal school event as part their Bowen Experience, all Sec 4 students will be attending Speech Day. This experience, which includes Valedictorians' speeches, also serves to motivate them in preparation for their post-secondary progression. The attire for the event will be full school uniform, with school tie.

B. Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Intensive Programme and Customised Curriculum

5. The GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Written Examinations will take place on **Mon 2 Jun**. To help students prepare for the exams, the MTL department will be conducting a 3-day Intensive Revision Programme on **Mon 26 May to Wed 28 May**. The programme will be conducted during curriculum time as well as in the afternoons. Students will be dismissed by 5.00pm during this period.
6. Students who are not sitting for the GCE 'O' Level MTL Examinations are still required to report to school by 7.30am. To support them in their learning, the school has arranged the following:
 - Customised curriculum for students offering coursework subjects where subject teachers will carry out revision.
 - Supervised self-directed study sessions supported by subject teachers. Students may consult the teachers should they have any questions.
 - Usual timetabled lessons for 4 Emerald students who are not involved in the MTL Intensive Revision Programme.
7. Please refer to **Annex A** for the programme schedule. Students have been briefed about the programme and the schedule will also be put up on class noticeboards.

C. Bowen FIESTA (Mid-Year) 2025

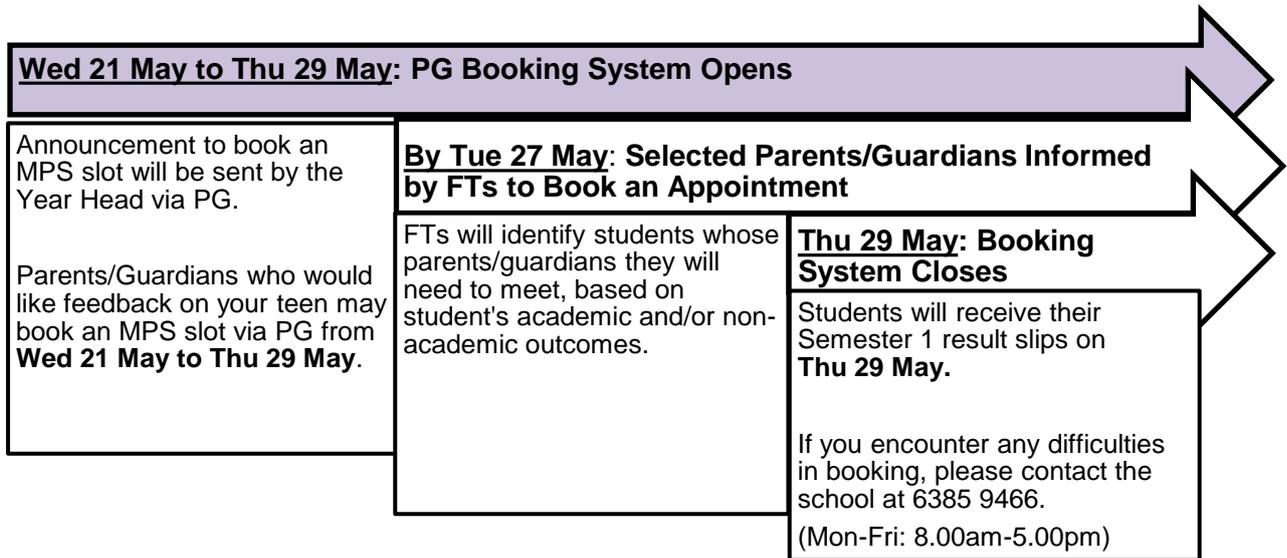
8. To help students unwind after term assessments and allow them to benefit from a broad range of learning activities, the mid-year Bowen FIESTA (Fun, Interactive, Educational and STructured Activities) will take place on **Wed 28 May** (for 4 Emerald students not involved in the MTL Intensive Programme) **and Thu 29 May** (for all Sec 4/5 students). These activities aim to enrich our students' schooling experience and are compulsory 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.
9. The details of the activities are as follows:

Date	Time	Programme	Venue	Classes involved	Remarks
Wed 28 May	7.30am – 12.30pm	AForte Sports Discovery (Bowling)	Sonic Bowl @ SAFRA Choa Chu Kang	4 Emerald (Students who are involved in the MTL Intensive Revision Programme will be excused from this activity.)	Attire: PE attire Two-way transport will be provided.
Thu 29 May	7.30am-10.00am	Games Day (Softball)	Field	All classes	Attire: PE attire Items to bring: Rag for classroom cleaning during Gotong Royong. Stationery, Water bottle, sports towel and money for recess.
	10.00am-10.30am	Recess	Canteen		
	10.30am-11.30am	Gotong Royong	Hall		
	11.30am – 1.00pm	<i>BowenExplore!</i> Showcase & Issuance of Result Slips for Semester 1 and Form Teacher Quality Time	Hall/ Classrooms		

D. Meet-the-Parents Session

10. 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.
11. The MPS for Sec 4/5 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).

12. Please refer to the following diagram for key booking dates and the attached PG Mobile App Meetings Feature User Guide to learn more about how to book the appointment.



13. **IMPORTANT:** 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 need not report to school on **Fri 30 May**.

E. June Extended Curriculum (JEC)

14. To provide additional academic support for our graduating cohort in preparation for the national examinations, Sec 4/5 students are required to attend JEC from **Tue 3 Jun to Fri 6 Jun**. Teachers will use the time to help them gear up for the national examinations (e.g. science practical sessions, e-assessment practice sessions) and final coursework submissions (where applicable).
15. Please note that attendance is compulsory for all Sec 4/5 students offering subjects mostly at O-Level and N(A)-Level. Sec 4 students offering mostly N(T) subjects may be required to attend consultations by their subject teachers during this period. We seek your understanding and cooperation to refrain from making overseas travel plans during this period, and to monitor your teen's attendance for the extended curriculum.
16. Please refer to **Annex B** for the schedule. The students will be briefed about the programme and the schedule will be put up on class noticeboards.

F. e-Careers Carnival

17. This year, we will once again be conducting our career talks for our graduating cohort online (via Microsoft Teams). We have invited close to 20 speakers from a wide variety of industries (including AI & Robotics, Aviation, Business, National Security, Education, Engineering, Healthcare, Media, etc.) to share their career experiences with our students. Speakers include Entrepreneurs, Human Resources Manager, SCDF Officer, Newscaster and even Teachers from our own school.
18. We would like to invite parents to join in the sessions with your teen as they explore possible career pathways and to gain greater insight to the different professions. All the career talks have been scheduled from **Fri 30 May to Fri 6 Jun, daily 8.00 – 9.00pm (excluding Sun 1 Jun)**.

19. We seek your assistance to ensure that your teen logs in using Microsoft Teams, with their display name in the format *Full Name_Class*. The meeting ID and passcode for each session will be shared with your teen.

G. Polytechnic and Institute of Technical Education Early Admissions Exercises (Poly EAE and ITE EAE)

20. The Polytechnic and Institute of Technical Education Early Admissions Exercises (Poly EAE and ITE EAE) allow students to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission prior to their GCE O-Level or N-level Examinations. Students applying through the Poly EAE and ITE EAE are considered for admission based on demonstrated aptitude and interest, beyond just academic grades.
21. The ITE EAE and Poly EAE for secondary school students, for admission to ITE and the polytechnics in Academic Year 2025, will commence on **Tue 20 May 2025** and **Thu 26 June 2025** respectively. Applications must be submitted online through the ITE EAE website at <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-eae> or the Poly EAE portal at <https://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg>.

The key milestones are as follows:

Phase	Poly EAE Dates	ITE EAE Dates
Application phase	26 June – 02 July 2025	20 May – 26 May 2025
Interview & Selection	07 July – 02 September	16 July – 22 July
Offer & Acceptance phase	9 September – 12 September	25 August – 29 August
Withdrawal phase	15 September – 17 October	1 September – 5 September

H. Direct School Admission for Junior Colleges (DSA-JC) Exercise

22. The DSA-JC Exercise allows Sec 4E/5NA students to seek admission to a JC, based on a diverse range of specific academic and non-academic achievements and talents beyond the GCE O-level examination.
23. Each DSA-JC school sets its own application timeline. The respective schools' websites will provide information on the application period and how to apply. By the end of each phase's Offer Stage, schools will make offers to selected students.
24. Please refer to the PG titled "*Information Note on 2025 DSA-JC for Sec 4E and 5N(A) Students*" sent on **Tue 6 May**, or visit the MOE DSA-JC website at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-jc> for more information on the broad timeline and activities.

I. June School Holidays

25. 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 other school programmes during the June holidays. If so, you will be informed through the relevant letters to parents.

26. 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.
27. 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.
28. 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 [Raising a Digitally Smart Child \(www.moe.gov.sg/parentkit\)](http://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.
29. **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 [Healthhub \(Live Healthy\)](#).
30. 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.
31. 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: [Healthhub \(MindSG\)](#). Should you require urgent assistance, please contact the Mental Health Helpline at 6389 2222 or Samaritans of Singapore at 1800 221 4444.

J. Travel Declaration

32. 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.
33. 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.
34. When planning your travel, please refer to [ICA Website \(Entering, Transiting and Departing\)](#) 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.

K. Start of Term 3

35. 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.
36. 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**.
37. For further clarifications, please contact Ms Estelle Chong (Year Head/Sec 4&5) at Tel: 6385 9466 or Email: estelle_chong_chyi_shin@schools.gov.sg.

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.

Annex A:

Mother Tongue Language Intensive and Customised Curriculum for Sec 4/5, 26 May to 28 May.

Group A: Students taking O level MTL

Monday, 26 May	Tuesday, 27 May	Wednesday, 28 May
Morning Assembly	Morning Assembly	Morning Assembly
0800 - 0900: CCE	0800 - 1000: Timed Practice: Paper 1(B)	0800 - 1000: Timed Practice: Paper 1(C)
0915 - 0945: MT 'O' level Briefing at MT lesson venues		
0945 - 1000 : Break	1000 - 1030 : Break	1000 - 1030 : Break
1000 - 1215 : Timed Practice: Paper 1(A)	1030 - 1200 : Timed Practice: Paper 2(A)	1030 - 1200 : Timed Practice: Paper 2(B)
1215 - 1245: Break	1200 - 1230 : Break	1200 - 1230 : Break
1245 - 1400: Revision Go through Timed Practice P1(A) Revision on Paper 1	1230 - 1330 : Revision Go through Timed Practice P2(A) Revision on Paper 2	1230 - 1400 : Revision Go through Timed Practice P1(B) Overall Revision
1400 - 1430 : Break	1330 - 1400 : Break	1400 - 1430 : Break
1430 - 1530: Consultation*	1400 - 1500: Consultation*	1430 - 1500: Consultation*
*For Selected Students To stay back to complete additional practices or consultation.	*For Selected Students To stay back to complete additional practices or consultation.	*For Selected Students To stay back to complete additional practices or consultation.

Group B: Students offering Coursework Subjects

Time	Monday, 26 May	Tuesday, 27 May to Wednesday, 28 May
0800 - 0900	CCE	Art (4K/5E) Design and Technology (4L/4A/5E) Nutrition and Food Science (5E)
0900 - 1000	Art (4K/5E) Design and Technology (4L/4A/5E) Nutrition and Food Science (5E)	
1000 - 1030	Recess	Recess
1030 - 1230	Art (4K/5E) Design and Technology (4L/4A/5E) Nutrition and Food Science (5E)	Art (4K/5E) Design and Technology (4L/4A/5E) Nutrition and Food Science (5E)
1230 - 1330	For Selected Students To stay back to complete additional practices or consultation.	For Selected Students To stay back to complete additional practices or consultation.

Group C : Self Study

Group C #1	Classes	Venue		
	4K + 4L	AVA Room		
Time	Monday, 26 May	Tuesday, 27 May	Wednesday, 28 May	
0800 - 0900	CCE	English	Science	
0900 - 1000	Mathematics	Humanities	Mathematics	
1000 - 1030	Recess			
1030 - 1130	English	Science	Humanities	
1130 - 1230	Science	Mathematics	English	

Group C #2	Classes	Venue		
	4S + 4P + 4A + 4R	Lecture Theatre		
Time	26 May (Mon)	27 May (Tue)	28 May (Wed)	
0800 - 0900	CCE	English	Science	
0900 - 1000	English	Science	Mathematics	
1000 - 1030	Recess			
1030 - 1130	Humanities	Humanities	Humanities	
1130 - 1230	Science	Mathematics	English	

Annex B:
June Extended Curriculum, 3 Jun to 6 Jun

4 Sapphire

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	8:00 - 8:30	8:30 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:30
3-Jun (Tue)	Singapore Mathematical Olympiad (SMO) 2025 (only for selected students)								
4-Jun (Wed)	Chemistry Practical Chem Labs 1 & 2				RECESS	Go through Chemistry Practical			
5-Jun (Thu)									
6-Jun (Fri)	Physics Practical Phy Labs 1 & 2				RECESS	Go through Physics Practical			

4 Peridot

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	8:00 - 8:30	8:30 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:30
3-Jun (Tue)	Science (Chem/Bio) / (Phy/Chem) Practical Bio Lab 2 / Phy Lab 2								
4-Jun (Wed)						Go through Science (Phy/Bio) Practical		Go through Science (Chem) Practical	
5-Jun (Thu)	Biology / Physics Practical Bio Lab 2 / Phy Lab 1				RECESS	Go through Biology / Physics Practical			
6-Jun (Fri)									

4 Amethyst

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	8:00 - 8:30	8:30 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:30
3-Jun (Tue)	D&T / Art Coursework / Singapore Mathematical Olympiad (SMO) 2025 (only for selected students)								
4-Jun (Wed)	Science (Chem/Bio) / (Phy/Chem) Practical Bio Lab 2 / Phy Lab 2				RECESS	Go through Science (Chem) Practical		Go through Science (Phy/Bio) Practical	
5-Jun (Thu)	D&T / Art Coursework				RECESS	D&T / Art Coursework			
6-Jun (Fri)	D&T / Art Coursework				RECESS	D&T / Art Coursework			

4 Ruby

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	8:00 - 8:30	8:30 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:30
3-Jun (Tue)	Singapore Mathematical Olympiad (SMO) 2025 (only for selected students)								
4-Jun (Wed)	Physics Practical Phy Lab 1				RECESS	Go through Physics Practical			
5-Jun (Thu)	Chemistry Practical Chem Labs 1 & 2				RECESS	Go through Chemistry Practical			
6-Jun (Fri)	Biology Practical Chem Lab 2 & Bio Lab 1				RECESS	Go through Biology Practical			

4 Kunzite

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	8:00 - 8:30	8:30 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:30
3-Jun (Tue)	SS E-Exam Timed Practice				RECESS	Art Coursework			
4-Jun (Wed)	<i>'O' Level Science students (OOS) will be having Science Practical on this day</i>								
5-Jun (Thu)	Art Coursework				RECESS	Art Coursework			
6-Jun (Fri)	Art Coursework				RECESS	Art Coursework			

4 Larimar

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	8:00 - 8:30	8:30 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:30
3-Jun (Tue)	SS E-Exam Timed Practice				RECESS	D&T Coursework			
4-Jun (Wed)	D&T Coursework				RECESS	D&T Coursework			
5-Jun (Thu)	D&T Coursework				RECESS	D&T Coursework			
6-Jun (Fri)	D&T Coursework				RECESS	D&T Coursework			

5 Eudialyte

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3-Jun (Tue)	Science (Chem/Bio) / (Phy/Chem) Practical Chem Lab 1 & 2				RECESS	Go through Science (Chem) Practical		Go through Science (Phy/Bio) Practical	
4-Jun (Wed)	D&T / Art Coursework				RECESS	D&T / Art Coursework NFS Practical Exam			
5-Jun (Thu)	D&T / Art Coursework				RECESS	D&T / Art Coursework			
6-Jun (Fri)	D&T / Art Coursework				RECESS	D&T / Art Coursework			