



OUTRAM SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Guardian,

Letter to Parents – Term 3 2021

Greetings from Outram Secondary School (OSS) and welcome back to Term 3!

I trust that everyone has had a restful time in June as Singapore experiences the gradual easing of community Safe Management Measures (SMM) in Phase 3 (Heightened Alert).

As Term 3 commences, I would like to encourage our graduating classes to build their momentum as they pick up their pace in preparing for the GCE N and O level examinations. Our school is behind your child/ ward and will support him/ her where required.

Resumption of Classes

The resumption of classes will be staggered in the following manner:

From Monday, 28 June 2021	Secondary 3, 4 and 5 students
From Thursday, 1 July 2021	Secondary 1 and 2 students

Reminders on Safe Management Measures (SMMs)

To continue to keep the school safe for everyone, all students are reminded to adhere to prevailing national Safe Management Measures (SMMs) at all times.

Please inform your child/ ward's Form Teachers immediately if your child/ ward, and/or his/ her household member/s (6 years old and above):

- has fever/ flu-like symptoms (even mild symptoms) – please ensure your child/ ward does not come to school, and your unwell child/ ward with fever/ flu-like symptoms seeks medical attention immediately; please only allow your child/ ward to return to school after your child/ ward, and/ or his/ her household member/s, with fever/ flu-like symptoms, receives a negative swab test report; *and/ or*
- is given a Quarantine Order (QO), Stay Home Notice (SHN), Leave of Absence (LOA), Approved Absence (AA), or required to undergo mandatory testing due to a COVID-19 cluster, or awaiting results of a mandatory swab test – please keep your child/ ward at home, and our school will follow our national SMM guidelines in supporting your child/ ward in the different circumstances.



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Please refer to appended letter from MOE dated 25 June 2021 *Re: Updates to Schools' Leave of Absence (LOA) and Approved Absence (AA) policies* for the enhancements to schools' LOA and AA policies, and we thank you for your strong partnership in ensuring our school remains a safe place for all.

All students are also reminded to:

- bring their Trace Together tokens to school every day and to carry it with them wherever they may be;
- upkeep good personal hygiene habits (e.g. handwashing, wipe-down of personal space, cleaning routines);
- wear their masks at all times, except when eating and drinking when they should not be talking to another person, and to put the mask back on immediately after;
- maintain safe distancing measures between individuals and groups at all times, and not intermingle across classes, during lessons, CCAs, and different school activities and situations (e.g. along corridors, staircases, etc); and
- adhere strictly to all SMMs at all times in the school.

We also strongly encourage all students to complete their vaccination as we stand together as a nation in ensuring the safety, good health and well-being of everyone in the school and community.

Please also inform your child/ ward's Form Teachers if your child/ ward may be suffering from side effects (e.g. fever, muscle ache...) in the days following their vaccination, and the school will take appropriate measures to care for the well-being of your child/ ward.

Character Values for Term 3 – Sense of Belonging & Perseverance

In line with the school's character and values education, we would like to emphasise the OSS values of 'Sense of Belonging' and 'Perseverance' in Term 3. Through our academic and CCA programmes, we will continue to imbue these key values in our students to develop their character for life.

GCE N and GCE O Level Oral and LC Examinations

The GCE N and O Level Oral and Listening Comprehension Examinations will run from 6 July to 3 August 2021. All students sitting for the examinations are reminded to report to the examination venue on time with their identity card and appropriate school attire.



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Blended Learning@Home (BL@Home) for Secondary 1 to 3 students

Blended Learning is a system of learning initiated by the Ministry of Education, where students learn through a mix of home-based and in-school activities. They will use both online and offline approaches to learning. This will provide students with more opportunities to learn at their own pace, and be empowered to take charge of their learning.

There will also be an emphasis on student-initiated learning, whereby dedicated time and space will be provided to allow students to pursue their own interests and learn outside of the curriculum.

At OSS, Secondary 1 to 3 students will begin Blended Learning (BL) from Term 3. **BL@Home** refers to the time they learn when they are at home.

Secondary 1 to 3 students will follow the below BL@Home schedule in Term 3 of 2021:

Term 3		
Week 2	9 July	Friday
Week 4	23 July	Friday
Week 8	20 August	Friday

More information on Blended Learning (BL) are available on the school website: <https://outramsec.moe.edu.sg/school-programmes/blended-learning>

All **Secondary 4 and 5 students** will continue to attend school at the regular school hours based on their Term 3 timetable in order to prepare them for the national examinations.

National Day and Awards Day

The school will commemorate National Day and the School's Awards Day on Friday, 6 August. Students will report to school at the usual time of 7.30 a.m. School dismissal will be by 12.00 p.m. on that day.

Teachers' Day

The school will celebrate Teachers' Day on Thursday, 2 September. Students will be dismissed by 11.00 a.m. on that day. Students need not attend school on 3 September as it is a school holiday.



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Calendar of Events for Term 3

Please find appended below the OSS Calendar of Events for Term 3:

2021 Term 3 – OSS Calendar of Events

Date	Event
28 Jun	Sec 4NA and Sec 4NT EL Preliminary Oral Exam
2 Jul	Sec 4E5N EL Preliminary Oral Exam
5 Jul	Youth Day (School Holiday)
6 Jul	GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination
7 Jul	GCE O-Level MTL B Oral Examination
8 – 16 Jul	GCE O-Level MTL Oral Examination
12 – 16 Jul	GCE N-Level EL Oral Examination
20 Jul	Hari Raya Haji (Public Holiday)
22 Jul – 3 Aug	GCE O-Level EL Oral Examination
29 Jul – 3 Aug	GCE N-Level MTL Oral Examination
12 Aug	GCE O-Level HCL Oral Examination
11 – 20 Aug	Sec 4NA Preliminary Examination*
11 – 23 Aug	Sec 4NT Preliminary Examination*
13 Aug	Sec 3 Retail Operations (Practical Examination)
26 Aug - 17 Sep	Sec 4E / 5NA Preliminary Examination*
3 Sep	Teachers' Day (School Holiday)
4 - 12 Sep	Term 3 School Vacation

**The detailed Preliminary Examination Timetable has been posted on Parents' Gateway (PG) and distributed to students on 21 June 2021. A copy of the timetable is also available on the school website.*

If you have any further queries, please contact our school's General Office at 6733 4077.

We thank you for your strong partnership, and we wish you and all at home to keep safe and stay well!

Yours sincerely

Boo Hian Kok (Mr)
Principal