



ANDERSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/guardians

BACK TO SCHOOL (TERM 3) UPDATES

Greetings from Anderson Secondary School!

1. Resumption of School in Term 3 Week 1

All students are to report to school on Monday, 26 June 2023 and be seated at the parade square by 7.30am. Please note that the school gate will be closed at 7.30am for the conduct of the flag-raising ceremony.

Students are reminded to enter the school building through the school porch and put their mobile phones away in their personal lockers before assembling at the parade square with their Personal Learning Devices/reading articles.

Term 3 timetable can be downloaded from Parents Gateway (PG) and Student Learning Space (SLS) from 25 June 2023 onwards.

2. Existing School Routines

We would like to reiterate the following points in relation to school attire, grooming and mobile phone policy.

(i) School Attire

Day	Instructions
Mondays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students are expected to wear their full school uniform throughout the day and wear their tie during morning assembly.If the class has a PE lesson on Monday, students will change into their PE attire and can remain in this attire after the PE lesson.

Tuesdays - Thursdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are allowed to wear half-uniform on these days with their school PE t-shirts. They may report to school in their PE attire if they have PE lessons that day.
Fridays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are permitted to wear half-uniform with their current class t-shirts. They may report to school in their PE attire if they have PE lessons that day.

(ii) Grooming

We would like to seek your help in ensuring that your child/ward adheres to the personal grooming standards (pertaining to hairstyle, uniform, footwear, etc.) spelled out in the Student Handbook when your child/ward attends school.

(iii) Mobile Phone Policy

Students are required to switch off and store their mobile phones securely in their personal lockers during curriculum hours (including recess). This policy aims to provide:

- an environment that is safe and conducive to learning without inappropriate mobile phone usage or distractions; and
- more opportunities for in-person social interaction.

We hope you can remind your child to adhere to this rule. If you wish to communicate important or urgent matters to your child during school hours, you may contact the school at 6459 8303.

(iv) Temperature-Taking Exercise

To educate students to take personal responsibility for their own health and practice social responsibility, the school conducts a temperature-taking exercise once a semester. The next exercise will take place on 5 July 2023, Wednesday. Please remind your child/ward to bring a working oral thermometer and a packet of tissue paper to school that day.

3. STEM Enrichment Programme (Secondary 1)

The Science Department will be organising a STEM Enrichment Programme for our Sec 1 students to increase student interest in Science through the use of real-world contexts. This programme also aims to develop critical and inventive thinking in students. Please refer to the following schedule.

Programme	Time	Venue	Class	Date	
Renewable Energy Lego Workshop	3.30pm - 5.30pm (Tue)	Research Lab 2, Anderson Secondary School	1T	11 Jul	
			1H	13 Jul	
	4.15pm – 6.15pm (Thu)		1I	18 Jul	
			1N	20 Jul	
			1K	25 Jul	
			1E	27 Jul	
			1R	1 Aug	

4. Examination Matters

(i) Preliminary Examination Dates (Secondary 4E/4NA/4NT/5NA)

Please refer to the preliminary examination dates in the table below. The preliminary examination schedule will be sent to all parents of graduating students via PG by early Term 3.

Level /Stream	Dates / Period
N-Level Preliminary Examination	28 Jul - 4 Aug, 16 - 17 Aug
O-Level Preliminary Examination	16 Aug - 11 Sep

(ii) GCE N and O-Level Oral and Listening Comprehension Examinations

The GCE N and O level MTL and EL Examinations will take place in school on the following days.

(a) Oral Examinations – Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) & English Language (EL)

Date	Level	Subject	Reporting Time for candidates
6 Jul 2.30 – 6.00pm	4E & 5N	GCE O-Level MTLB	Candidates who are taking the exam will be dismissed from class at 1.00 pm . They are expected to report to the examination venue by 2.00 pm .
7 Jul – 17 Jul 2.30 – 6.00pm	4E & 5N	GCE O-Level MTL	
25 July – 27 July 2.30 – 6.00pm	4NA & 4NT	GCE N-Level MTL	
28 July – 3 Aug 2.30 – 6.00pm	4E	GCE O-Level HMTL	
11 Jul – 17 Jul 2.30 – 6.00pm	4NA & 4NT	GCE N-Level EL (Syll A & T)	
25 Jul – 3 Aug 2.30 – 6.00pm	4E & 5N	GCE O-Level EL	

(b) Listening Comprehension Examinations – Mother Tongue Languages (MTL)

Date / Time	Level	Subject	Reporting Time for candidates
4 Jul 2.30 – 5.30pm	Sec 4E & 5NA	GCE O-Level MTL	1.30pm
11 Sep 4.30 – 5.30pm	Sec 4NA	GCE N-Level MTL	3.30pm
12 Sep 4.30 – 5.30pm	Sec 4NT	GCE N-Level MTL	3.30pm
18 Oct 4.30 – 5.30pm	Sec 4NA	GCE O-Level MTLB	3.30pm

(c) Listening Comprehension Examinations – English Language (EL)

Date	Level	Subject	Reporting Time for candidates
18 Oct 2.30 – 3.45pm	Sec 4E & 5NA	GCE O-Level EL	1.30pm
11 Sep 2.30 – 3.45pm	Sec 4NT	GCE N-Level EL	1.30pm
12 Sep 2.30 – 3.45pm	Sec 4NA	GCE N-Level EL	1.30pm

(iii) **Early Dismissal Due to National Examination (Secondary 4 and 5)**

In view of the GCE O level MTL Listening Comprehension examination on 4 July (Tues), the Secondary 4 and 5 students will be dismissed early at 12.30pm for their lunch. All other levels are having HBL on that day (see para 5).

5. Home-Based Learning (HBL)

Secondary 1 - 3 students will continue to engage in self-directed learning through HBL. The HBL model will change in Semester 2, with fortnightly HBL no longer in effect. Instead, please take note that HBL in Term 3 will be conducted on the following days for Secondary 1 – 3 students:

Date	HBL Timetable (periods based on class timetable)
4 Jul 2023, Tuesday	8am – 12.30pm
26 Jul 2023, Wednesday	8am – 12.30pm
17 Aug 2023, Thursday	8am – 12.30pm (Sec 3) 8am – 1.30pm (Lower Sec)
25 Sept 2023, Monday	8am – 12.30pm

20 Oct 2023, Friday	No structured lessons. Students to engage in SIL for the whole day.
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On the morning of the HBL day, Secondary 1 – 3 students are expected to complete their work based on the class timetable for that day as shown in the table above. In the afternoon, students are encouraged to engage in Student-Initiated Learning (SIL) on topics of their own interest, including their hobbies or topics outside of the syllabus, for at least one hour on HBL days. We encourage you to engage your child/ward (especially lower secondary students) in conversation regarding their personal SIL plan and learning experience.

Secondary 4 and 5 students will continue to report to school regularly for lessons on HBL days, which are meant only for Secondary 1 – 3. However, the Secondary 4 and 5 students may report to school by 7.45am instead of 7.30am on those dates above.

6. Nature Trail for Secondary 2 Students

As part of our effort to inculcate an appreciation for the outdoors amongst our students, the PE department began organising nature trails for the Secondary 2 students on selected HBL days last year. Having received positive feedback and observed the beneficial outcomes for our students, we will continue the programme this year. The schedule will be as follows:

- 4 July: 2T & 2H
- 26 July: 2I & 2N
- 17 Aug: 2K & 2E
- 10 Oct (Marking Day): 2R

More details will be shared with parents of students of the respective classes via Parents Gateway before the commencement of each nature trail. Teachers will adjust the HBL workload/ deadlines for the classes concerned, if the trail takes place on an HBL day.

7. 21st Elementz Science Project Competition

The Science Department is organising the 21st Elementz Science Project Competition for North Zone schools in July and August. Students from participating schools will be present in Anderson Secondary School for the Judging Day on 21 July and the Awards Ceremony on 7 August. The Science Department has planned STEM-related programmes for Andersonians and students from the North Zone schools to participate in during the period of the Elementz Science Project Competition. More details will be given to the students before the event.

8. Applied Learning Modules at Polytechnics (ApLM@Poly) (Secondary 3NA)

All 3NA students will be attending ApLM@Poly from 4 September to 6 September 2023 at Nanyang Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic or Ngee Ann Polytechnic, depending on their choices. Do note that while this will take place during the school holiday week, attendance is mandatory.

9. Public & School Holidays

Please be informed that your child/ward is not required to report to school on the following days in Term 3.

Occasion	Date	Type of Holiday
Hari Raya Haji	Thu, 29 Jun	Public Holiday
Youth Day Holiday	Mon, 3 Jul	School Holiday
National Day	Tue, 9 Aug	Public Holiday
National Day School Holiday	Wed, 10 Aug	School Holiday
Teachers' Day	Fri, 1 Sep	School Holiday

School holidays will begin on 2 September, Saturday and end on 10 September, Sunday. Students will report to school on **11 September, Monday**.

10. Early Dismissal

Event	Celebration Date	Dismissal Time
National Day Celebration	Tue, 8 August	10.30am
Teachers' Day Celebration	Thu, 31 August	10.30am

We look forward to our continued partnership in supporting your child/ward in his/her studies and we hope our students will have a fruitful and an exciting term ahead.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Ms Tan Po Chin
Principal