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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, 24 June 2024 and be seated in the hall by 7.30am as the parade square is currently under renovation. 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 store their mobile phones in their personal lockers before assembling at the parade square with their Personal Learning Devices/reading materials.

The Term 3 timetable will be shared via Parents Gateway (PG) and Student Learning Space (SLS) by 23 June 2024.

2. Existing School Routines

We would like to emphasise the following points regarding school attire, grooming and mobile phone policy.

(i) School Attire

Day	Instructions
Mondays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students are required to wear their full school uniform with school ties during morning assembly on Monday. Students may choose to change to half-uniform or PE attire* after morning assembly for the rest of the day.

Tuesdays - Thursdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are allowed to wear half-uniform or PE attire*.
Fridays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are allowed to wear half-uniform or school shorts* on these days with a choice of their school PE T-shirts or Class T-shirts.

* Due to increased temperatures, the school has been allowing students (since mid-Term 2 onwards) to report to school in PE attire from Tuesday to Friday even when they do not have PE. This arrangement will continue for the time being.

(ii) Grooming

We kindly request your assistance in ensuring that your child adheres to the personal grooming standards outlined in the Student Handbook, which include hairstyle, uniform, footwear, and other related guidelines, when attending school.

(iii) Mobile Phone Policy

Students must switch off and store their mobile phones securely in their personal lockers during curriculum hours, including recess. This policy aims to:

- create a safe and conducive learning environment free from inappropriate mobile phone usage and distractions, and
- provide more opportunities for in-person social interaction.

We kindly ask that you remind your child to adhere to this rule. If you need to communicate important or urgent matters to your child during school hours, please contact the school at 6459 8303.

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	3.15pm - 5.15pm	Research Lab 2, Anderson Secondary School	1T	4 Jul
			1H	9 Jul
			1I	11 Jul
			1N	16 Jul
			1K	18 Jul
			1E	1 Aug
			1R	30 Jul

4. Performing Arts-Based Learning (Secondary 2)

Performing Arts-Based Learning (PABL) is a core student development experience designed to enhance music learning with tailored out-of-school experiences. The Arts Education Branch of the Ministry of Education (AEB/MOE) and the National Arts Council (NAC) have partnered with key cultural institutions and performing arts groups to ensure that all students are provided the opportunity to attend a live music performance at a professional concert venue at least once during their lower secondary years. These performances will showcase a variety of musical cultures, including local or locally inspired works, to foster students' sense of identity, appreciation, and pride in our shared culture and heritage.

We are pleased to inform you that Secondary 2 students will be attending a PABL performance titled "Songsmith" by The Esplanade Co. Ltd. on Tuesday, 2 July 2024, at 4.30pm at The Esplanade Concert Hall. Please note that students will be dismissed from school at about 6.30pm after the concert.

5. Museum-based Learning Journey (LJ): Artefactually Speaking (Secondary 2)

As part of the Secondary 2 Character & Citizenship Education (CCE) Cohort LJ, students will be exploring the National Museum's galleries, where they will discover stories about specific artefacts. Students will interact with Museum Educators, who will explain how the artefacts inform historians on how life was like through Singapore's 700 years of history. Please refer to the table below for LJ dates. Each Sec 2 class will only attend 1 session of the LJ. More details will be shared via PG in early Term 3.

Date	Time
26 Jul, Fri	2.00pm to 5.30pm
29 Jul, Mon	
30 Jul, Tue	
1 Aug, Thu	

6. Examination Matters

(i) School-Based Examination Dates

Please refer to the preliminary examination dates for all graduating students 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	31 Jul - 7 Aug, 14 - 15 Aug
O-Level Preliminary Examination	14 Aug – 28 Aug

(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
4 Jul -12 Jul (2.15pm – 6.00pm)	4E & 5N	GCE O-Level MTL	1.15pm
23 Jul – 25 Jul (8.15am – 6.00pm)	4NA & 4NT	GCE N-Level MTL	Throughout the day (depends on shift)
23 Jul – 25 Jul (8.15am – 6.00pm) (23 Jul – 26 Jul for HCL)	4E	GCE O-Level HTML	Throughout the day (depends on shift)
23 Jul – 25 Jul (2.15pm – 6.00pm)	4E & 5N	GCE O-Level MTLB	1.15pm
22 Jul – 26 Jul (2.15pm – 6.00pm)	4NA & 4NT	GCE N-Level EL (Syll A & T)	1.15pm
22 Jul (2.15pm – 6.00pm)	4E & 5N	GCE O-Level EL	1.15pm on 22 Jul
23 Jul – 25 Jul (8.15am – 12.30pm)			Throughout the day (depends on shift)
26 Jul 2.30pm – 6.00pm			1.30pm

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

Date / Time	Level	Subject	Reporting Time for Candidates
3 Jul 2.00 – 4.30pm	Sec 4E & 5NA	GCE O-Level MTL / MTLB	Students will be informed based on subject.
10 Sep 4.00 – 4.30pm	Sec 4NT	GCE N-Level MTL	3.00pm

12 Sept 4.00 – 4.30pm	Sec 4NA	GCE N-Level MTL	3.00pm
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(c) Listening Comprehension Examinations – English Language (EL)

Date	Level	Subject	Reporting Time for candidates
10 Sep 2.00 – 2.45pm	Sec 4NA	GCE N-Level EL	1.00pm
12 Sep 2.00 – 2.45pm	Sec 4NT	GCE N-Level EL	1.00pm
16 Oct 2.00 – 2.45pm	Sec 4E & 5NA	GCE O-Level EL	1.00pm

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

In view of the GCE O level MTL Listening Comprehension examination on 3 July (Wed), the Secondary 4 and 5 students will be having normal lessons in the morning and will be dismissed early at 12.30pm for their lunch. All other levels are having HBL on that day (see para 7).

7. Home-Based Learning (HBL)

Secondary 1 to 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 to 3 students:

Date	HBL Timetable (periods based on class timetable)
3 Jul, Wed	8am – 12.30pm
23 Jul, Tue	8am – 12.30pm
24 Jul, Wed	8am – 12.30pm
25 Jul, Thu	8am – 12.30pm
18 Oct, Fri	No structured lessons. Students engage in SIL for the whole day.

On the morning of the HBL day, Secondary 1 to 3 students are expected to complete their work 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 3 July. The national oral examination dates are from 23 to 25 July, and lessons for Secondary 4 students will end by 18 October.

8. 22nd Elementz Science Project Competition

The Science Department is organising the 22nd 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 19 July and the Awards Ceremony on 2 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.

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

All 3NA students will be attending ApLM@Poly from 2 September (Monday) to 4 September 2024 (Wednesday) 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 as payment will be involved.

10. Early Dismissal

Event	Celebration Date	Dismissal Time
National Day Celebration	8 Aug, Thu	10.30am
Teachers' Day Celebration	29 Aug, Thu	10.30am

11. 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
Youth Day Holiday	1 July, Mon	School Holiday
National Day	9 Aug, Fri	Public Holiday
Teachers' Day	30 Aug, Fri	School Holiday

School holidays will begin on 31 August, Saturday and end on 8 September, Sunday. Students will report to school for Term 4 on **9 September, Monday**.

We look forward to continuing our partnership in supporting your child in his/her studies, and we hope our students will have a productive and engaging term ahead.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Ms Tan Po Chin
Principal