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Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 1 to Secondary 3 students

We extend your child/ward a warm welcome back to school after the short September break, and hope that all our Andersonians are excited to reunite with their friends and teachers as we embark on the final school term of the year.

Attire & Grooming

We believe that proper school attire and good personal grooming habits are fundamental for effective learning. Thus, we kindly request that all students adhere to the following standards:

All students must wear the designated school attire. Good personal grooming is essential. This includes maintaining cleanliness, tidiness, and overall hygiene.

It is important to note that students who do not meet the school's attire and grooming standards will receive a warning letter, and appropriate consequences will be applied.

Our school adjusted our attire guidelines in view of unusually warm spells in Singapore for two different time periods this year: in late May as well as the second half of August. With the exception of morning assembly on Monday, students were allowed to report in their PE attire for the other days of the week during those time periods. With the resumption of normal weather conditions in Singapore in Term 4, **we will revert to our usual uniform guidelines with effect from 13 September (Wed)**. This means that students can report in PE attire only if they have a PE lesson on that particular day; on the other days (except Monday), they may report in half-uniform. On Monday, they should continue to report to school in full uniform with tie for morning assembly.

We seek your support in ensuring that your child/ward looks smart and presentable throughout the school year. If you require specific guidelines on attire and personal grooming, please consult your child/ward's e-Student Handbook.

As we move forward into the rest of the year, we would like to outline our plans to guide your child/ward effectively. Please stay tuned for further information in the following paragraphs.

1. CCA Stand Down and Resumption

In support of our students' preparation for the End-of-Year Examination, we have scheduled a temporary stand down for all Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) effective from Monday, 18 September 2023. This pause will allow students to concentrate on their examination preparations.

CCAs will resume from Wednesday, 18 October 2023 onwards.

2. Examinations in Semester 2

For your convenience, we have summarised essential information regarding examinations held in Semester 2 below.

Date	Time / Venue	Level / Stream	Reporting Time
1) English Language Oral Examinations (after school)			
14 Sept (Thu)	3.15 – 6.00pm / Classrooms (specific room to be communicated by teacher)	Sec 3 Exp	3.00pm
18 Sept (Mon)		Sec 3 Exp	
21 Sept (Thu)		Sec 3 NA / 3NT	
2) Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Oral Examinations (after school)			
14 Sept (Thu)	3.15 – 6.30pm / MTL Room (specific room to be communicated by teacher)	Sec 1 Exp students taking MTL	3.00pm
18 Sept (Mon)		Sec 1 Exp students taking MTL	
19 Sept (Tue)		Sec 3 NA students taking MTL	
20 Sept (Wed)		Sec 3 Exp students taking MTL	
3) End-of-Year Examinations			
26 Sept (Tue) to 6 Oct (Fri)	8.00am / Respective classrooms	Sec 1 – 3	7.30am

NB: Please take note that Marking Days are scheduled for **Monday, 9 October** and **Tuesday, 10 October**. Students are not required to report to school on these two days. Timetabled lessons will resume **on Wednesday, 11 October**.

Click on the link below to access the EOY Exam timetable for each level:

<https://for.edu.sg/2023andsseoy>

Reporting Time

Students should arrive at school as usual, no later than 7.30am, on designated examination days from 26 September to 6 October. They need not report to school if they have no papers that day.

Students are expected to maintain regular attendance and punctuality to ensure a smooth examination process. Students who are late for the examination with no valid reason will not be given any additional time to complete their paper.

Absence from Examination

All absences from the examination need to be supported by medical certificates (MC) to be considered valid.

Home-Based Learning (HBL) on 25 Sep

Please note that 25 September will be an HBL day, and Sec 1-3 students need not report to school.

3. Briefing for Secondary 2 Subject Combination Exercise

The briefing will be held on Wednesday, 13 September from 7.30am to 8.00am.

During this briefing, students will receive essential information and guidelines regarding the subject combination exercise.

Subject Combination Exercise

The subject combination exercise will be held from Thursday, 27 October, 8.00am to Monday, 30 October, 5.00pm.

Please note that more details about the various subject combinations will be provided to students after the End-of-Year Examination. This will ensure that they have all the necessary information to make their choices wisely.

4. Post-Examination Schedule

The following activities will be carried out in the post-examination period:

Dates	Activity	Remarks
10 Oct	Nature Trail for Class 2R	
11 - 13 Oct	Exam Script Checking	
16 - 19 Oct	Consolidation of Learning	Normal timetable
18 Oct	GCE O-Level English Language and Mother Tongue Language 'B' Listening Comprehension examination	Either the Sec 1 or 2 cohort will be involved in an SEAB study from 3-4.45pm on this afternoon. More details will be provided in due course.
20 Oct	Home-Based Learning	Students will engage in self-initiated learning or choose to attend enrichment activities organised by the school.
23 - 25 Oct	Sec 1 Camp and Post-Exam Enrichment	The detailed schedule will be sent out at a later date.
26 Oct	Prize-Giving Day & end-of-term matters	Early dismissal at 12.30pm due to conduct of O level examination in the afternoon. Either the Sec 1 or 2 cohort will be involved in an SEAB study from 2-3.45pm on this afternoon. More details will be provided in due course.
27 Oct	Parent-Teacher Meeting	Time: 7.30am – 12.30pm. More updates will be provided in mid-October.

5. Afternoon Lessons for Secondary 3 Students Taking Higher Mother Tongue (HMTL)

We understand the importance of providing additional support to our students in their preparation for the GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Examination in November. To facilitate this, the school has organised afternoon lessons for specific groups of students.

Please ensure that your child/ward is aware of these dates and timings as attendance at these afternoon lessons is crucial to their preparation.

Dates	Mother Tongue Language	Reporting Times	
		Mon - Thu	Fri
16 Oct (Mon)	Chinese Language	3.00 – 5.00pm	1.15 – 3.15pm
17 Oct (Tue)			
18 Oct (Wed)	Malay Language	3.00 – 5.00pm	2.30 – 4.30pm
19 Oct (Thu)			
20 Oct (Fri)	Tamil Language	3.00 – 5.00pm	1.15 – 3.15pm
23 Oct (Mon)			
24 Oct (Tue)			
25 Oct (Wed)			
26 Oct (Thu)			
27 Oct (Fri)			

6. **Secondary 3 Extended Curriculum for Selected Subjects/ Students**

The school will be providing additional support for selected subjects and/or selected Secondary 3 students during the period from **30 October to 3 November**.

During this specified period, your child/ward may be called back to school by their subject teachers for additional lessons. These lessons are designed to enhance their understanding and readiness for upcoming assessments and examinations in the following year.

We will provide you with detailed information about the specific lessons, including subjects, timings, and locations, towards the end of Term 4. This will ensure that you have ample time to plan and prepare accordingly.

7. **Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)**

Please be informed that our next Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) has been scheduled for Friday, 28 October 2023 from 7.30 am to 12.30 pm. The end-of-year PTM is an invaluable opportunity for selected parents to meet with your child/ward's teachers, discuss their progress, and gain insights into their academic journey.

More details and updates regarding the PTM will be provided in mid-October to ensure that you are well-prepared for the event.

8. **ApLM@schools for 2NA & 2NT Students**

We are happy to introduce an upcoming programme, ApLM@schools, specially designed for our Secondary 2NA and 2NT students.

ApLM are enrichment modules that broaden the learning experiences of students and complement the secondary school curriculum with a focus on the practical application of knowledge. These modules provide our students with applied learning opportunities – learning that involves doing and applying, learning about the real world, and learning for life. ApLM also allow students to discover their interests and strengths and make informed education and career choices.

Please refer to the details below:

Dates	Venue	Time
30 Oct 2023 (Mon) 31 Oct 2023 (Tue)	School	8.00am – 5.00pm
1 Nov 2023 (Wed)		8.00am – 12.30pm

9. **Last Day of School**

The last day of school for Secondary 1 to Secondary 3 levels is scheduled for **Friday, 27 October 2023**. Following this date, several activities and commitments will continue until the tenth week of the school term, concluding on 18 November 2023 (Saturday), which is the day of our school's Open House. These activities include student leadership training, CCA (Co-Curricular Activity) practice, and enrichment activities. The respective teachers in charge of these activities will communicate the schedules and your child/ward's commitments through Parents Gateway.

We understand that some families may need to make travel plans during this period. To facilitate your planning, we recommend checking with your child/ward and referring to the relevant Parents Gateway announcements regarding their commitments.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we strive to provide valuable opportunities and experiences for your child/ward's personal and academic growth.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Ms Tan Po Chin
Principal