

18 May 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary Three 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 child/ward will find this information useful.

A. Sec 3 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp 2022

- As mentioned in our Start of Term 2 Letter to parents, the Secondary 3 cohort will be attending a non-residential **Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp**, which will be an important learning experience to build perseverance, teamwork and ruggedness in our students. The camp will be conducted from **Mon 23 May to Wed 25 May**.
- Students will be grouped within class and across classes to promote interaction and socialisation among students from diverse backgrounds. Camp programme outline is as follows:

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| Date of Camp : | 23 May to 25 May | |
| Time : | 7.30am to 6pm (23 & 24 May) 7.30am to 1pm (25 May) | |
| Camp Programme | Activity 1 : Land Expedition (from Punggol to Bowen) | All students |
| | Activity 2 : Cycling at East Coast Park | All students |
| | Activity 3 : Boulderling / Kayaking / Dragon Boating at various venues | Each student will participate in one of these activities. Students will be informed of the activity before the camp for their preparation. |
| | Activity 4 : Inter-Class Volleyball Camp Closure : 25 May 2022. Students will be dismissed at 1pm. | All students |
| Packing List | Students will be given a customised packing list based on the activities their group will be participating in. | |

*Note: Students who have just received their COVID-19 Booster 2 weeks **prior** to the Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp are to sit out for the activity. They are not allowed to participate in these programmes based on safety guidelines.*

More information on the camp activities can be found at <https://linktr.ee/bowenpe>.

B. Bowen FIESTA (Mid-Year) 2022

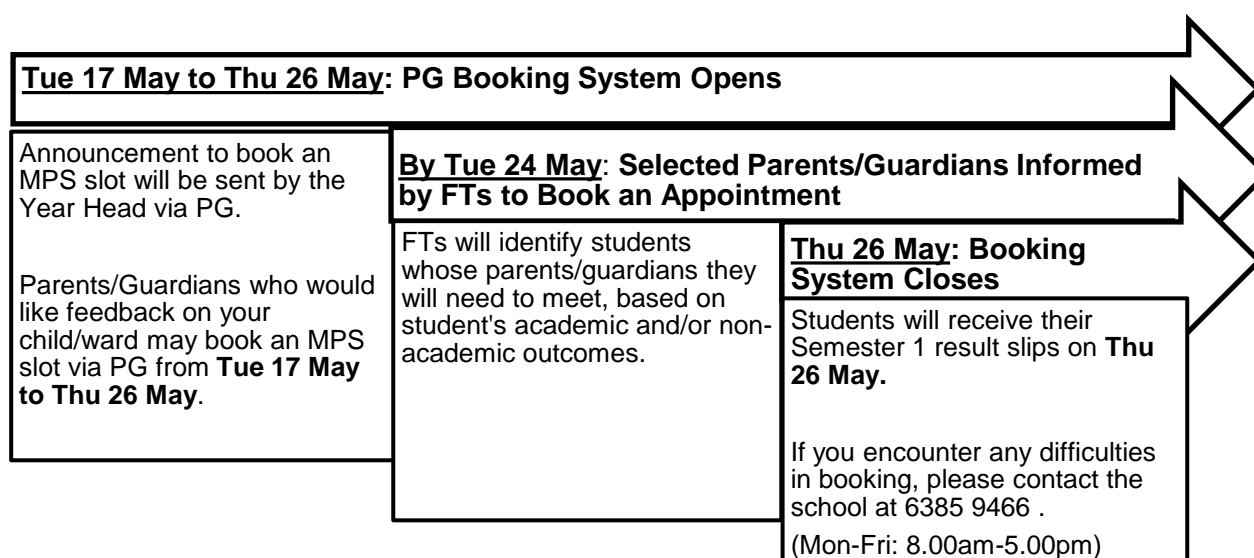
- To help students unwind after Term Assessment 2 and allow them to benefit from a broad range of learning activities, the mid-year Bowen FIESTA (Fun, Interactive, Educational and STructured Activities) will take place on **Thu 26 May**. These activities aim to enrich our students' schooling

experience and are compulsory for all students. All the activities will be conducted in school, with necessary Safe Management Measures (SMM) in place. Students will report to school by the usual time of 7.30am for flag-raising and dismissal will be staggered across levels. The details of the activities are as follows:

| Date | Programme | Time | Remarks |
|-------------------|--|-------------|---|
| Thu 26 May | Sec 3 Student Well-being Survey | 7.30-8am | Students can come in their PE attire/ Class/ Camp/ CCA T-shirts and school shorts. Items to bring: Stationery, Water bottle and money for recess |
| | Sec 3 Leadership Programme (Part 2) <i>(Recess: 10am-10.30am)</i> | 8am-12.30pm | |
| | Issuance of Report Book | 12.30pm-1pm | |

C. Meet-the-Parents Session and Criteria for Progression

- The Semester 1 Meet-the-Parents Session (MPS) provides a platform for Form Teachers (FTs) to provide parents/guardians with feedback on your child's/ward's progress and development in the affective, cognitive, social and physical domains.
- The MPS for Sec 3 students will be held on **Fri 27 May**, from **8.00am to 5.00pm** (last slot will be at 4.30pm). Parents/guardians who would like feedback on your child/ward 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 **Tue 17 May** and **Thu 26 May**. To avoid a crowd building up, you are requested to avoid coming to meet the FTs if you have not made an appointment.
- Please refer to figure below for key booking dates.



**Attached is the user guide on the Meetings Feature for Parents' Gateway.*

7. **IMPORTANT:** For purposeful conversations during MPS, students whose parents are meeting FTs must be present with their parents at the appointment. Students whose parents are not meeting the FTs need not report to school on **Fri 27 May**.
8. The progression of students from one level of learning to the next is based on the year-long assessment of whether students have attained the required foundation to cope with and benefit from the next level. The table below describes the criteria for progression from each level to the next. Students who do not meet the promotion criteria may be retained or laterally transferred to a less demanding course.

| Course | Level | Requirement for Promotion | Lateral Transfer to more Demanding Course |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Express [EXP] | Sec 3 | Pass in English Language and <u>2</u> other subjects | N.A. |
| Normal (Academic) [N(A)] | Sec 1, 2 and 3 | Pass in English Language and <u>2</u> other subjects <u>OR</u> Pass <u>4</u> subjects | N.A. |
| Normal (Technical) [N(T)] | Sec 2 and 3 | Pass <u>2</u> subjects (Grade D or better), one of which should be English Language or Mathematics | <u>Sec 2 and 3 students</u> who have met the promotion criteria and attained a minimum of 70% in the overall percentage of all subjects combined may be considered for lateral transfer to N(A) course at the same level e.g. Sec 2 N(T) to Sec 2 N(A) or Sec 3 N(T) to Sec 3 N(A). |

D. May/June School Holidays and Travel Declaration

9. The last day of school for Term 2 is **Fri 27 May**, and the May/June school holidays are scheduled from **Sat 28 May** to **Sun 26 Jun**. Your child/ward may be required to attend CCA activities or other school programmes during the June holidays. If so, you will be informed through the relevant letters to parents.
10. 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 Wed 8 Jun to Tue 21 Jun (both dates inclusive)** where there will be no school activities.
11. During the school holidays, we hope that parents/guardians will continue to manage your child's/ward's usage of electronic devices. Please step in strongly to help your child/ward to develop self-discipline to avoid long hours on their devices.
- Keep up your daily monitoring of their usage.

- It may be easier to let your child/ward use his/her devices as he/she pleases, and avoid 'upsetting' him/her. However, prolonged use during the holidays will make it very difficult to reduce the use of their mobile devices when the new school term starts.
 - Please talk to your child/ward about this issue and help them understand why you may need to limit their use of their electronic devices.
 - Help them to spend a balanced amount of time on other areas like reading, physical fitness or even volunteer work.
12. Please reinforce Cyber Wellness and actively guide your child/ward to navigate cyberspace safely. Tips on how you can care for child's cyberwellness and digital literacy at home can be found in the MOE Parent Kit on Cyber Wellness for Your Child at <https://go.gov.sg/moe-cyber-wellness>. Check-in with your child regularly about whether he / she is experiencing Cyberbullying, and step in if necessary.
 13. Physical activity helps children grow, maintain a healthy weight and have fun. Please encourage your child / ward 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 <https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy>. We encourage you to explore Singapore with your family this holiday season.
 14. With the start of the holidays, we have reminded 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). Please see the attached Police advisory for the coming school holidays. Your strong guidance can ensure that your child/ward makes the best use of their time.
 15. A good practice we encourage is checking-in with your child/ward regularly about his/her mental well-being and support him/her as necessary. You may wish to refer to the Colours of the Mind guide on building mental well-being of children and youth, available in this link <https://tinyurl.com/MentalWellbeingGuide>. Should you require urgent help, you can contact Mental Health Helpline at 6389 2222 or Samaritans of Singapore at 1800 221 4444.
 16. To ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward only if he/she intends to travel for the holidays. To make a travel declaration of your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), please click on the icon [SERVICES], followed by [DECLARE TRAVELS] to enter the declaration. Please declare your child's/ward's travel plan, indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by Fri 27 May. If your child/ward is not travelling, there is no need to submit the Travel Declaration. While the Covid-19 situation has improved significantly, students are also advised to continue to observe all SMM as part of social responsibility.

E. Start of Term 3

17. Please note that Term 3 begins on **Mon 27 Jun**. Students should report for school as usual before 7.30am in full school uniform (without tie) and proper grooming.
18. The Semester 2 Timetable will be available on the school website on **Fri 24 Jun**. Students are expected to have the necessary materials ready based on the Semester 2 Timetable when they report to school on **Mon 27 Jun**.
19. For further clarifications, please contact Mrs Normala Chang (Year Head/Sec 3) at Tel. 6385 9466 or Email: normala_mohamed_saleh_ma@schools.gov.sg.

Wishing you and your child/ward a restful and fulfilling May/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.