17 July 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT AT BOWEN SECONDARY (2023 Term Assessment 3 – SECONDARY 3

1. The school's Term Assessment 3will start from week 5. The Pen and Paper Assessment is scheduled from Friday, 4 August 2023 to Friday, 18 August 2023.

2. Assessment Structure and Weightings
   • The weightings of the TAs and exams are as follows:

Subjects	Term 1 (TA1)	Term 2 (TA2)	Term 3 (TA3)	Term 4 (EYE)	Overall
All Examinable Subjects	15%	15%	15%	55%	100%

3. Assessment Modes for TAs
   • **Alternative Assessments (AAs)** include practical tasks / portfolios / class presentations, etc. These allow students to demonstrate their learning more creatively and holistically. Teachers will brief students on success criteria and provide details through a 'Task Sheet' issued 2-3 weeks before the submission deadline. The deadlines for various AAs are typically spread out over **Weeks 5 to 7** to help students manage their workload/time. AAs in selected subjects may be due in other weeks, based on the scope/sequence of learning.
   • **Pen and Paper (PPs)** tests comprise written assessments that are more aligned with examination requirements. These help students better understand and work towards established national standards. All PPs are spread out throughout **Weeks 6 to 8.** The duration of each PP is typically 50 min long and is conducted in the first two periods of the day. Normal timetabled lessons will resume from 9.00am onwards.

4. Students' learning in each subject will be assessed through either AA or PP (not both). For example, a student offering 7 subjects will have a total of 7 AAs or PPs during each TA Window. About 3-5 subjects will be assessed through AAs while the rest will be assessed through PPs (this proportion may vary across terms).

5. We strongly advise all students to take TAs seriously as these will provide important information about their subject mastery and learning gaps. Any absences **must be** supported by a Medical Certificate or reason deemed valid by the school.

6. Please refer to the **Annex** included at the end of this letter for the **TA3 Schedule**.

7. Termly result slips will be issued to keep parents/guardians informed of their child's/ward's progress. Form Teachers may meet or speak with parents/guardians of selected students.

8. Should you need any clarification, please feel free to contact your child/ward's Form Teacher. We seek your support in ensuring that your child/ward prepares well for all assessments.

Warmest Regards,

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VICE-PRINCIPAL

Sec 3 Term Assessment 3

Week	Day	Date	Classes / TGs Involved	Alternative Assessment	Pen and Paper (8-8.50am)	Venue
Term 3 Week 5 **24 - 28 Jul 2023**	Students will submit tasks during lessons		3 Peridot, 3 Topaz	Pure Chem - A.A (Practical Test)		
			3 Amethyst, 3 Sapphire, 3 Ruby (OOS)	"O" Sci Phy - A.A (Practical Test)		
			3 Sapphire	"O" Sci Bio- A.A (Practical Test)		
			3 Ruby, 3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar	"NA" Maths - A.A		
Term 3 Week 6 **31 Jul - 4 Aug 2023**	Students will submit tasks during lessons		3 Peridot, 3 Amethyst	Pure Bio - A.A (Practical Test)		
			3 Peridot, 3 Topaz	Pure Phy - A.A (Practical Test)		
			3 Amethyst 3 Sapphire, 3 Ruby (OOS)	"O" Sci Chem - A.A (Practical Test)		
			3 Topaz, 3 Sapphire	Hist elect - AA (DDL)		
			3 Sapphire	Pure Geog - AA (GI) (DDL)		
			3 Larimar	NFS - A.A (Coursework - Research + Decision Making) (DDL)		
			3 Sapphire, 3 Amethyst 3 Kunzite (OOS)	"O" Lit Elect - A.A (DDL)		
			3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar	Lit Elect - A.A (DDL)		
			3 Topaz, 3 Amethyst, 3 Sapphire, 3 Peridot	"O" Hist elect - AA (DDL)		
			3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar	"NA" Hist elect - AA (ICT Project) (DDL)		
	Fri	4 August 2023	3 Ruby, 3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar		"NA" Science (Phy/Chem) / "NA" Science (Chem / Bio)	Classroom
Term 3 Week 7 **7 - 11 Aug 2023**	Students will submit tasks during lessons		3 Sapphire, 3 Kunzite	Art - A.A (Canvas Painting) (DDL)		
			3 Sapphire, 3 Ruby, 3 Larimar	DT - A.A. (Design Communication - CAD) (DDL)		
	Fri	11 August 2023	3 Topaz, 3 Sapphire, 3 Peridot, 3 Amethyst, 3 Larimar (OOS), 3 Kunzite (OOS) 3 Emerald		"O" English	Classroom
			3 Ruby, 3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar, 3 Emerald (OOS),		"NA" English	Classroom
			3 Emerald		"NT" English	Classroom
Term 3 Week 8 **14 - 18 Aug 2023**	Mon	14 August 2023	3 Topaz, 3 Sapphire, 3 Peridot, 3 Amethyst, 3 Ruby, 3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar		Social Studies	Classroom
			3 Emerald		CPA	Comp Labs 1 & 2
	Tues	15 August 2023	All Classes		HMT / MT / BMT	Classroom
	Wed	16 August 2023	3 Topaz, 3 Peridot, 3 Amethyst, 3 Ruby, 3 Kunzite, 3 Larimar		Geog elect	Classroom
			3 Emerald		Science	Comp Lab
	Thurs	17 August 2023	3 Peridot, 3 Topaz, 3 Sapphire, 3 Amethyst. 3 Ruby (OOS)		"O" Maths	Classroom
			3 Emerald		"NT" Maths	Classroom
	Fri	18 August 2023	3 Peridot, 3 Topaz, 3 Amethyst		"O" A. Maths	Classroom
			3 Ruby		"N" A. Maths	Classroom
			3 Emerald		EBS	Classroom