

17 May 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary Two 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. Bowen FIESTA (Mid-Year) 2022

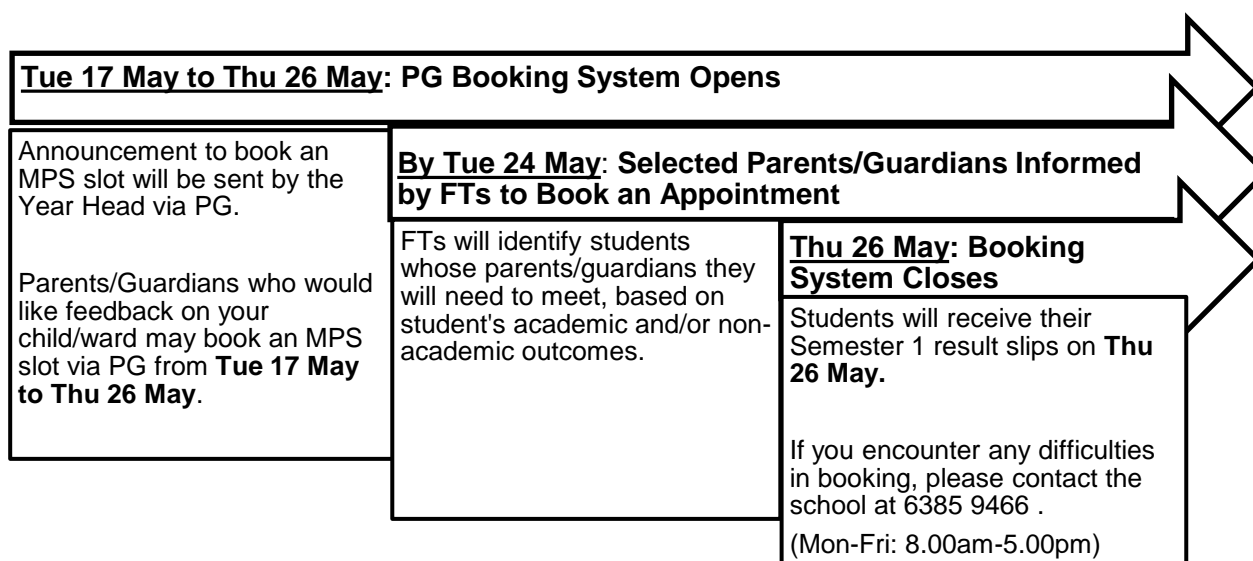
- To help students unwind after the Mid-Year Examination and allow them to benefit from a broad range of learning activities, the mid-year Bowen FIESTA (Fun, Interactive, Educational and STructured Activities) will take place from **Wed 25 May** to **Thu 26 May**. These activities aim to enrich our students' 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	Classes involved	Remarks
Wed 25 May	Envisioning Activity: Beyond Bowen's 40 th Anniversary	7.30-8.30am	All S2	Students can come in their PE attire/ Class/ Camp/ CCA T-shirts and school shorts. Items to bring: Stationery, Water bottle, sports towel and money for recess
	Recess	8.30am-9.00am		
	Games Day	9.00am-11.30am		
	Form Teacher Quality Time & Gotong Royong	11.30am- 12.30pm		
Thu 26 May	Sports Discovery (Recess: 9.30am-10.00am)	8.00am-12.00pm	2 Topaz 2 Sapphire 2 Peridot 2 Amethyst	
	Emazing Hunt (Recess: 9.30am-10.00am)	8.00am-12.00pm	2 Ruby 2 Kunzite 2 Larimar 2 Emerald	
	Issuance of Report Book	12.00pm-12.30pm	All S2	

*Note: Students who have just received their COVID-19 Booster 2 weeks **prior** to Games Day / S2 AForge Sports Discovery are to sit out for the activity. They are not allowed to participate in these programmes based on safety guidelines.*

B. 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 2 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 the figure below for key booking dates.



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

- 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**.
- 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 1 and 2	Pass in English Language and a pass in overall percentage (i.e. 50%) of all subjects combined	N.A.

Course	Level	Requirement for Promotion	Lateral Transfer to more Demanding Course
	Sec 3	Pass in English Language and 2 other subjects	N.A.
Normal (Academic) [N(A)]	Sec 1, 2 and 3	Pass in English Language and 2 other subjects <u>OR</u> Pass 4 subjects	<u>Sec 1 and 2 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 EXP course.
Normal (Technical) [N(T)]	Sec 1	Pass 2 subjects (Grade D or better), one of which should be English Language or Mathematics	<u>Sec 1 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 <u>Sec 2</u> .
	Sec 2 and 3	Pass 2 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 <u>same level</u> e.g. Sec 2 N(T) to Sec 2 N(A) or Sec 3 N(T) to Sec 3 N(A).

C. 2022 Sec 3 Subject Combination Exercise

- As mentioned at the Sec 3 Subject Combination Briefing for Parents/Guardians on Wed 9 Mar, there will be a **Virtual Gallery Walk** with more information on the subjects at Upper Secondary level for current Sec 2 students on **Mon 23 May**. This will support students for the **Subject Combination Trial Exercise** conducted between **Mon 30 May** and **Fri 3 June**. They will be able to get a sense of their eligibility for the various combinations based on their academic progress thus far, and the school will also be able to understand students' preferences. In the Trial Exercise, students will be allocated their combination based mid-year exam results. The actual Exercise will be conducted in October, after the year-end exams (the Trial will have no bearing on the actual combination the students are allocated in October).
- All the necessary information is available to students and to you via <https://linktr.ee/bowensec2>. Do invest time to read the materials and talk to your child/ward about their post-secondary aspirations. Your child/ward should spend time thinking about his/her post-sec education and career options, discuss with you to seek your advice and opt for his/her preferred combinations according to his/her interests and future education/career directions.

9. Your child/ward should aspire and strive towards their desired combination. If your child/ward is allocated a combination which may not be his/her ideal choice, please be assured that all the subject combinations we offer will equip him/her for future learning in post-secondary institutions.

C. May/June School Holidays and Travel Declaration

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.

17. 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.

D. Start of Term 3

18. Please note that Term 3 begins on **Mon 27 Jun**. Students should report for school as usual before 7.30 am in **full school uniform** (without tie) and proper grooming.
19. 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**.
20. For further clarifications, please contact Mrs Bernice Kuan (Year Head/Sec 2) at Tel. 6385 9466 or Email: tey_puay_leng@schools.gov.sg.

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

Yours sincerely,



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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.