

3 April 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT AT BOWEN SECONDARY (2023 Term Assessment 2) – SECONDARY 2

1. The school's Term Assessment 2 will start from week 4. The Pen and Paper Assessment is scheduled from Tuesday, 2 May 2023 to Thursday, 11 May 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 <i>(Except for FCE, D&T and Art. Please see Para 3 for details)</i>	15%	15%	15%	55%	100%
Art	15%	15%	15%	CW: 55%	100%

3. Modular Subjects

- The assessment for both D&T and FCE consists of 2 Term Assessments (15% each) + Coursework (70%). For the subject taken in Semester 1, the final grade will be reflected under TA2; for the subject taken in Semester 2, the final grade will be reflected under EYE.

Subjects	Term 1 (TA1)	Term 2 (TA2)	Term 3 (TA3)	Term 4 (EYE)	Overall
D&T			TA: 15%	TA: 15% CW: 70%	100%
FCE	TA: 15%	TA: 15% CW: 70%			100%

4. 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 4 to 6** 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 to better understand and work towards established national standards. All PPs are spread out throughout **Weeks 7 and 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.
5. 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).
 6. 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.
 7. Please refer to the **Annex** included at the end of this letter for the **TA2 Schedule**.
 8. 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.
 9. 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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Term Assessment 2						
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Term/Week	Day	Date	Classes / TGs Involved	Alternative Assessment	Pen and Paper (8-8.50 am)	Venue
Term 2 Week 4 (10 - 14 Apr 2023)	Students will submit tasks during lessons		All Classes	FCE - AA (Food Experiment) DDL		
Term 2 Week 5 (17 - 21 Apr 2023)	Students will submit tasks during lessons		All Classes	FCE - AA (Project Work)		
Term 2 Week 6 (24 - 28 Apr 2023)	Students will submit tasks during lessons		All Classes	Art - AA (Art tells story) DDL		
Term 2 Week 7 (1 - 5 May 2023)	Tues	2 May 2023	All TGs		English	
	Wed	3 May 2023	All Classes		HMT / MTL / BMT	
	Thurs	4 May 2023	2TG 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8		History	
	Fri	5 May 2023	2TG 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 2TG1, 5		Literature	
Term 2 Week 8 (8 - 12 May 2023)	Mon	8 May 2023	All TGs		Science	Comp Lab 1 & 2
	Tues	9 May 2023	2TG 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8		Geography	
	Thurs	11 May 2023	All TGs		Maths	
Note:						
1. Students will sit for the assessments for Common Curriculum according to their Form Classes and Core Curriculum according to their Teaching Groups						
2. During TA, students exempted from scheduled assessment (e.g. not taking MTL or certain electives) are still expected to report to school by 7.30 am either for self-revision or lesson.						
* Students should check with MT teachers for details						