

17 May 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary Four/Five 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. Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Intensive Programme

1. The GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Written Examinations will take place on **Mon 30 May**. To help students prepare for the exams, the MTL department will be conducting an Intensive Revision Programme from **Mon 23 May to Thu 26 May**. The programme will end at 3pm on **Mon 23 May - Wed 25 May**, and at 3.30pm on **Thu 26 May**. Students will report to school by 7.30am as usual.
2. Students who are not sitting for the GCE 'O' Level MTL Examinations will still be required to report to school as usual by 7.30am. The school has arranged a customised curriculum where subject teachers will conduct revision or Craft & Tech coursework with these students. The schedule will be given to students after the Mid-Year Examinations. The customised curriculum will run from **Mon 23 May to Wed 25 May**, and students involved will be dismissed at 1.30pm on **Mon 23 May** and **Tue 24 May** and at 12.30pm on **Wed 25 May**.

B. Bowen FIESTA (Mid-Year) 2022

3. 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 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:

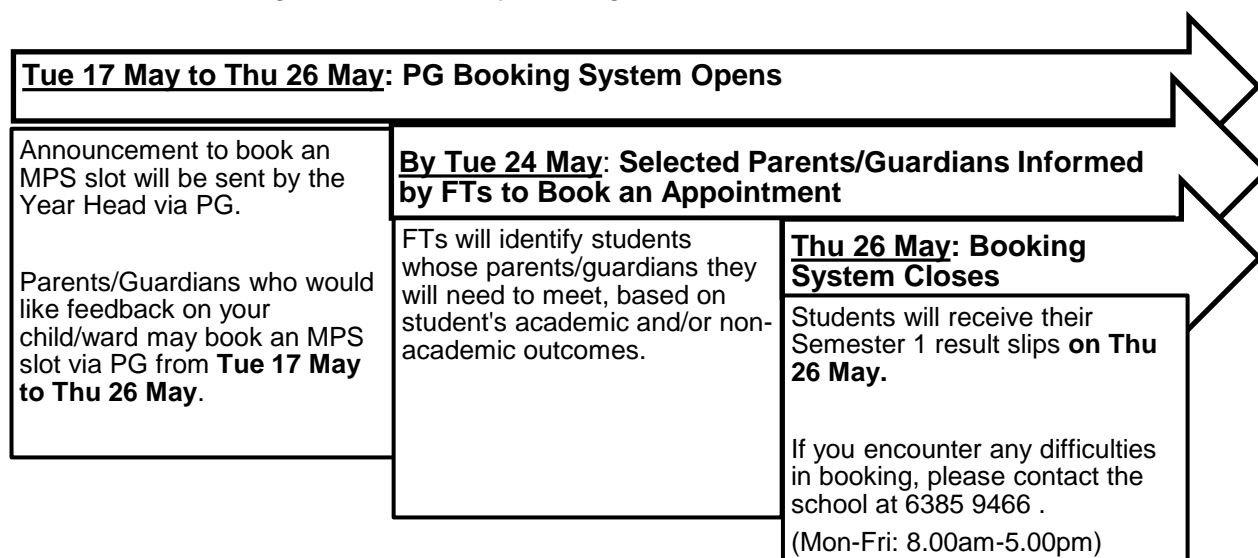
Date	Programme	Time	Classes involved	Remarks
Thu 26 May	Envisioning Activity: Beyond Bowen's 40 th Anniversary	7.30-8.30am	All S4/5	Students can come in their PE attire/ Class/ Camp/ CCA T-shirts and school shorts.
	Recess	8.30am-9.00am		
	Games Day	9.00am-11.00am		Items to bring: Stationery, Water bottle, sports towel and money for recess
	Form Teacher Quality Time & Gotong Royong	11.00am- 12.00pm		
	Issuance of Result Slips	12.00pm-12.30pm		
	Lunch	12.30pm – 1.00pm		

Date	Programme	Time	Classes involved	Remarks
	Continuation of Intensive MT Programme	1.00pm – 3.30pm	Sec 4E/5N & 4NA (OOS)	

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

C. Meet-the-Parents Session (MPS)

- 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 4/5 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**.

D. June Extended Curriculum (JEC)

- In preparation for the national examinations, the JEC provides further support for students to consolidate their learning and will include important lessons that our teachers have specially planned. As mentioned in our Term 2 letter dated Mon 21 Mar, Sec 4EXP, 4NA and 5NA students are required to attend JEC from **Tue 31 May to Mon 6 Jun**. In addition, students offering Art, D&T and F&N will be able to continue working on their coursework from **Tue 7 Jun to Thu 9 Jun**, 8 am to 12pm daily.
- Please note that attendance is compulsory for all Sec 4EXP, 4NA and 5NA students. Sec 4NT students will have EL(NA), Math(NA) and MTL(NA) lessons during this period. Mother Tongue

lessons will only be for 4E HTML and 4N MTL students. Sec 4NT students may also be required to attend consultations by their subject teachers during this period.

10. We seek your understanding and cooperation in assisting us to monitor your child/ward's attendance for this extended curriculum. Teachers will use the time to provide more support for the students as they gear up for their national exams. Students will report to their classrooms for the first lesson at 8.00 am. The JEC timetable will be given to students by Term 2 Week 10.

E. 2022 e-Career Carnival

11. This year, we will be conducting our career talks for our graduating cohort via Zoom. We have invited 15 speakers from a wide variety of industries (Mass media, Social Work, Healthcare, Engineering, InfoComm Technology, Culinary, Aviation, Defence, Education) to share their career experiences with our students. Some speakers include a Journalist, a Social Worker, a Chef, SCDF Officers, an Inspector with Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) and even teachers from our own school.
12. We would like invite parents to join in the sessions with your child/ward as they explore possible career pathways and to gain greater insight to the different professions. All the career talks have been scheduled from **Mon 30 May to Tue 7 June, daily 8 – 9 pm**.
13. We seek your assistance to ensure that when your child/ward logs in using Zoom, they set their display name in the format *Full Name_Class*. The meeting ID and passcode for each session will be shared with your child/ward.

F. Polytechnic and Institute of Technical Education Early Admissions Exercises (Poly EAE and ITE EAE)

14. The Polytechnic and Institute of Technical Education Early Admissions Exercises (Poly EAE and ITE EAE) allow students to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission prior to their GCE O-Level or N-level Examinations. Students applying through the Poly EAE and ITE EAE are considered for admission based on demonstrated aptitude and interest, beyond just academic grades.
15. The ITE EAE and Poly EAE for secondary school students, for admission to ITE and the polytechnics in Academic Year 2023, will commence on **26 May 2022** and **23 June 2022** respectively. Applications must be submitted online through the ITE EAE website at <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-eae> or the Poly EAE portal at <https://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg>.

The key milestones are as follows:

Phase	Poly EAE Dates	ITE EAE Dates
Application phase	23 June 2022 – 29 June 2022	26 May 2022 – 1 June 2022
Interview	4 July 2022 – 30 August 2022	21 June 2022 – 28 July 2022
Offer & Acceptance phase	7 September 2022 – 12 September 2022	22 August 2022 – 26 August 2022
Withdrawal phase	13 September 2022 – 14 October 2022	29 August 2022 – 2 September 2022

G. May/June School Holidays and Travel Declaration

16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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

H. Start of Term 3

24. Please note that Term 3 begins on **Mon 27 Jun**. Students should report for school as usual by 7.30 am in **full school uniform** (without tie) and proper grooming.
25. 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**.
26. For further clarifications, please contact Mdm Sharifah Kamelia (Year Head/Sec 4) at Tel. 6385 9466 or Email: sharifah_kamelia_syed@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.