

26 June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians, our partners-in-education

Semester 1 Updates

My warmest greetings to you. I hope that your child/ward had a fulfilling Semester 1 in school. There had been a whole suite of programmes in Semester 1 for your child/ward to meet the developmental outcomes that we wish to see at each level. These included the Cohort Camp; programmes for Sec 1 to 4/5 students; Mother Tongue Intensive programmes and the Academic Support Programme for the graduating students.

In the previous semester, we had the opportunity to come together as a Canberran Family to celebrate and learn more about each other's culture, through the Chinese New Year Celebrations as well as the Hari Raya Celebrations.

As we return to school for Semester 2, we hope that you and your child/ward will look forward to what will be an exciting and fulfilling semester ahead.

Celebrating our Students' Achievements

I am pleased to share some of the commendable achievements of our students in their pursuit of excellence in co-curricular activities:

Name of CCA	Name of Award / Competition	Achievement
Badminton	NSG North Zone B Division Boys	4th Position
	NSG North Zone B Division Girls	8th Position
Volleyball	NSG North Zone B Division Boys	4th Position
	NSG North Zone B Division Girls	3rd Position
Sailing	NSG C Division Girls	6th Position
Taekwondo	NSG B Division Girls Kyorugi	1st Position
	NSG C Division Girls Poomsae	3rd Position
Choir	SYF Arts Presentation 2023	Certificate of Accomplishment
Concert Band	SYF Arts Presentation 2023	Certificate of Commendation
Dance	SYF Arts Presentation 2023 Dance (Malay)	Certificate of Accomplishment
	SYF Arts Presentation 2023 Dance (Modern)	Certificate of Accomplishment
Guzheng	SYF Arts Presentation 2023	Certificate of Accomplishment
Boys' Brigade	JM Fraser Award for Excellence	High Distinction
	Founder's Award	Cheang Ming Sheng Gibson Heng Yangzhi Gideon Heng Jingzhi Jayden Tan Yong Kai Keon Chai Yao Zhong

Name of CCA	Name of Award / Competition	Achievement
Girls' Brigade	Company Award	Silver Award
National Cadet Corps (Sea)	Unit Recognition Award	Distinction
National Civil Defence Cadet Corps	Unit Overall Proficiency Award	Distinction
National Police Cadet Corps	SPF NPCC Badge	Daphny Chia Xin Lin Loke Chee Kit Jefferson

Semester 2

The second half of 2023 is the start of the various examinations. Please refer to **Annex A** for the dates of these examinations and other school activities. More details will be provided nearer the date.

Health Related Matters

1. Annual Temperature Taking Exercise

We conduct the temperature-taking exercise at the beginning of each Semester to maintain the school's preparedness to activate the temperature-taking regime should there be a need to. It also serves to educate students to take personal responsibility for their own health and practice social responsibility.

The temperature-taking exercise for Semester 2 will be conducted on **5 July 2022, Wednesday**. Your child/ward should have a serviceable personal ODT available for his/her use at all times of the year and not only for temperature-taking exercises.

Staff Matters

2. Movement of Staff

We would like to thank the following staff for their contribution and wish them well in their new postings:

- Mr Ryan Wong (PE)
- Ms Cassandra Tay (PE)
- Ms Josephine Lim (Music)

We would also like to welcome the following new staff:

- Miss Diyanah Yunos (Level Head / English Language)
- Miss Safura Binti Zulkifly (Social Studies & English Language)
- Mr Luqman Hakeem (English Language & Social Studies)

Academic Matters

3. Academic Support Programme for Sec 4 & 5 Cohort

Our Sec 4/5 Cohort will be taking their National Examination this semester. To support our graduating students in their preparation for the National Examinations, we have put in place the Academic Support Programme for our students from 4th July 2023, Tuesday (Term 3 Week 2). Details are as follows:

	Time	Tuesday	Thurs
Sec 4E & 5N	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Humanities	English
	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Science/ A Maths	Maths
Sec 4NA	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Science	Maths
	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Humanities	English/ Coursework

The subject teachers of the cohort will brief the students on the details of the programme. We strongly believe that our students can reach their potential if they start their revision early and work closely with their teachers.

4. Secondary 4/5 Study Skills Booster Session

In our continual effort to provide an engaging and holistic education experience, the school has organised the booster session on the 19 Aug 2023. The booster session is meant to recap the salient points already covered in the Motivation & Study skills camp conducted in Term 2 and will zoom into exam preparation and stress management. The program will be conducted during normal curriculum time. Do encourage and motivate your child / ward as this is their last lap of the GCE preparations.

5. Applied Learning Programme for Sec 1 & 2

The Applied Learning Programme (ALP) helps students to connect academic knowledge and skills with the real world. At Canberra Secondary, we design learning programmes that help students to develop knowledge and skills in visual arts & design.

In Term 3, the English Department will be conducting the English Oracy Programme (2 hour per session) in the afternoon for all our Secondary 1 and 2 students to complement the efforts to enhance students' communication, collaboration, and information skills. Attendance for the programme is compulsory and we seek the support of all parents/guardians in ensuring all students attend the programme. Please find below the schedule of the ALP sessions:

	Training Sessions	Secondary 1	Secondary 2
Week 3	Session 1	Mon, 10 July	Thurs, 13 July
Week 4	Session 2	Mon, 17 July	Thurs, 20 July
Week 5	Session 3	Mon, 24 July	Thurs, 27 July
Week 6	Session 4	Mon, 31 July	Thurs, 3 August

* More information about the programme will be shared at a later date.

6. Conversational Chinese Malay (CCM) Programme for all Sec 1 Students

The MOE Conversational Chinese and Malay (CCM) programme aims to strengthen Singapore's multi-racial impact and enable students to learn functional Chinese / Malay Language (CL/ML) to engage their counterparts in the region. By participating in the learning, students should be able to communicate (in listening and speaking) on daily life situations in the language, understand and take part in conversations, understand verbal narratives on selected issues, and gain more understanding of Chinese / Malay culture. Please find below the schedule of the CCM sessions:

	Training Sessions	Date and Time of Session	
Week 7	Session 1	Mon, 7 Aug	1415 - 1645 (2.5hrs)
Week 8	Session 2	Mon, 14 Aug	
Week 9	Session 3	Mon, 21 Aug	
Week 10	Session 4	Mon, 28 Aug	
Term 4, Week 6 (Post Exam Activities)	Session 5	Mon, 16 Oct	To be confirmed (2hrs)
	Session 6	Tues, 17 Oct	
	Session 7	Wed, 18 Oct	
	Session 8	Thurs, 19 Oct	
	Session 9	Fri, 20 Oct	

* More information about the programme will be shared at a later date.

7. Applied Learning Modules (ApLM@ITE) 2023 for Sec 2NA, 2NT and 3NT Students (26 - 28 June 23)

To broaden the learning experiences of students and to complement the secondary school curriculum with a focus on the practical application of knowledge, students from Sec 2NA, 2NT and 3NT will be provided with applied learning opportunities in ITE through Applied Learning Modules offered to them. This will allow students to discover their interests and strengths and make informed education and career choices in future.

8. Science Enrichment Programme for Sec 1E and 1NA

To extend learning beyond the classroom, our Sec 1E and 1NA students will participate in the upcoming Science Enrichment Workshop, Blast Off! at the Science Centre Singapore. The workshop teaches students to build an air-rocket and students will learn about the physics behind rocket science and the engineering principles for a good rocket design. Details of the workshop are as follows:

Class	Date	Time
1E1, 1E2	Tues, 27 June	1pm - 5.30pm
1E3	Wed, 28 June	
1N1, 1N2	Wed, 5 July	

Two-way transport will be provided, and students will be dismissed upon returning to school.

9. Sec 4/5 National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA)

We would like to inform you of the Physical Fitness Test for the graduating classes will be held in Term 3 as given in the schedule below.

Date	Time
<u>Tuesday – 18 July 2023</u> Sec 4E1, 4E2, 4E3, 4E4 & 5N2	2:30pm – 6:00pm
<u>Thursday – 20 July 2023</u> Sec 4N1, 4N2, 4T1 & 4T2	2:30pm – 6:00pm

Your child/ward has been reminded to bring along their personal water bottle for hydration. If he/she is unable to participate in the test, he/she is to inform their respective PE teachers by 10 July (Mon), with valid documentation (e.g. medical certificate). Failing which, he/she will face school disciplinary action.

Non-Academic Matters

10. Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Matters

From this Semester onwards, please be informed of the updated schedule for the CCAs:

CCA	Day	Time
Badminton Volleyball	Monday & Wednesday	2.30pm to 5.30pm
Digital Media in Visual Arts (DMA) Choir Dance	Wednesday	2.30pm to 6.00pm

CCA	Day	Time
Guzheng Ensemble Concert Band National Police Cadet Corp (NPCC) National Cadet Corp (NCC) National Civil Defence Cadet Corp (NCDCC)		
Boys' Brigade (BB) Girls' Brigade (GB)	Saturday	8.30am to 12.30pm

The respective CCA Teachers-in-charge will send out their Term 3 CCA letter to parents separately. If your child/ward is absent from CCA, please inform the General Office at 67585070 or drop us an email to inform us of his/her absence. He/she will also be required to submit a Medical Certificate or parent's letter when he/she returns to school.

Celebration of School and National Events

11. Awards Day Ceremony 2023

Our annual Awards Day will be held on 30 June (Friday) from 3pm to 5.30pm. This year's theme is "With Gratitude, We Celebrate", which celebrates the achievements of our Canberrans in both the Academic and Non-Academic domains, with their hearts filled with gratitude towards all who have journeyed with them in achieving their accolades. All students will be dismissed as per timetable on that day except for the five nominated class representatives who will be attending the ceremony. These students will be dismissed at 5.30pm. Parents/Guardian of awardees have been invited to the ceremony separately.

12. National Day Celebrations 2023

We commemorate National Day on Tuesday, 8 August 2023. This year's theme is "Onward As One", which calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people. Students will be dismissed at 11.00am on that day.

13. Teachers Day Celebration & Staff Appreciation Day

We celebrate Teachers' Day and Staff Appreciation Day on Thursday, 31 August 2023. Students will be dismissed at 11.00am on that day.

14. Open House (25 Nov 23)

Our School's Open House will be held on Saturday, 25 Nov 2023, from 9am to 12.30pm. It is an annual event to showcase the many good practices of our school, from daily classroom teaching to outdoor learning. This event will enable Primary 6 students to have a glimpse of what secondary school life in Canberra Secondary School would be like, to allow them to make an informed choice when they receive their PSLE results.

Other Matters

15. School Attire during the September School Holidays

Students are expected to be in proper school attire (school-based t-shirt and school bottom) and school shoes if they need to report to school during the September holidays. They will not be allowed into the school if they are not in proper attire.

16. Use of Students' Personal Lockers to Safekeep their Mobile Phones

In light of the upcoming end-of-year examinations, we will be adopting the best practice of getting our students to safekeep their mobile phones in their personal lockers, provided free of charge by the school, during curriculum time starting from Term 3. We encourage all students to bring a strong padlock to secure their lockers in keeping their personal belongings safe. Should you wish to contact your child on urgent matters during curriculum time, you may contact the General Office at 6758 5070.

17. PSG Activities

PSG has lined up some workshop for parents in Semester 2 as shown below:

Date/ Time	Event
Sat, 5 Aug (9am – 1pm)	Parenting by Design Workshop (“ Different Children, Different Needs”), and baking workshop (limited to 20 families only) More details will be sent through PG
Sat, 29 Jul (9.00am – 11.30am) Sat, 5 Aug (9.30am – 11.00am)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triple P workshop with special focus on Cyberwellness • Raising Responsible and Competent Teenager • Getting Teenager Connected More details will be sent through PG

18. New Class Naming (w.e.f 26 June 2023)

As part of the school’s preparation for the 2024 Full Subject Based Banding where students from the Express, Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) streams are placed in the same mixed form class, we have conducted the new class naming exercise at end of Semester 1. Based on the inputs received from all the classes, 8 significant names were identified, voted upon and confirmed on 25 May 2023:

New Class Names for Canberrans, with effect from 26 June 2023

1T1, 2T1, 3T1, 4T1	Respect	Normal (Technical) Class
1T2, 2T2, 3T2, 4T2	Kindness	Normal (Technical) Class
1N1, 2N1, 3N1, 4N1, 5N1	Integrity	Normal (Academic) Class
1N2, 2N2, 3N2, 4N2	Harmony	Normal (Academic) Class
1E1, 2E1, 3E1, 4E1	Empathy	Express Class
1E2, 2E2, 3E2, 4E2	Honour	Express Class
1E3, 2E3, 3E3, 4E3	Diligence	Express Class
2E4, 3E4, 4E4	Resilience	Express Class

Disclaimer :

- Photograph(s) or video image(s) of you and your parents may be captured during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCA, school camps, school concerts. The school may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website, social media channels, and other communication channels.
- We look forward to working in partnership with all parents/guardians as we nurture our students to be Grateful, Respectful and Compassionate Canberrans.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



Mr Leong Kok Kee
Principal

Annex A

Calendar of Events for Semester 2

The calendar summarises the key school events, examinations, and enrichment programmes in Sem 2. All key school events and enrichment programmes will be held in school, unless otherwise stated.

☑ : All students of the level; √ : NA/NT students taking O level subject							
Term 3	Event/Programme	Date(s)	S1	S2	S3	S4E5N	S4N/T
Week 1	Applied Learning Modules @ ITE	26 – 28 June		☑	☑		
Week 1	Science LJ	27 - 28 June, 5 July	☑				
Week 1	<i>Hari Raya Haji (Public Holiday)</i>	29 June	<i>Students will report to school on 30 June.</i>				
Week 1	Awards Day 2023	30 June	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 2	<i>Youth Day (School Holiday)</i>	3 July	<i>Students will report to school on 4 July.</i>				
Week 2	GCE O Level MTL Listening Comprehension	4 July	Students will be dismissed from school at 1240hrs				
						☑	√
Week 2	Annual Temperature Taking Exercise	5 July	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 2 & 4	Keppel Nights' @ Esplanade [Students involved: Sec 1 Music students, Band members and NPCC cadets] [PG will be sent prior to the events]	5, 6 & 19 July	☑				
Week 2	Breakfast Dialogue Session (3) with School Leaders	6 July	Open to all parents				
			☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 2-4	GCE O Level MTL Oral Examination	6 – 17 July				☑	√
Week 3-6	Applied Learning Programme [4 sessions, every Monday in July except for 3 July – Youth Day]	10, 17, 24 & 31 July	☑				
Week 3-4	GCE N Level EL Oral Examination	11 – 17 July					☑
Week 3	Blended Learning Day	11 July	☑	☑	☑		
Week 3	Sec 3 NRIC Registration	13 July			☑		
Week 3-6	Applied Learning Programme [4 sessions, every Thursday from 13 July – 3 August]	13, 20, 27 July 3 Aug		☑			

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Term 3	Event/Programme	Date(s)	S1	S2	S3	S4E5N	S4N/T
Week 4	NAPFA Test	18 July				☑	
Week 4	NAPFA Test	20 July					☑
Week 5	Blended Learning Day	25 July	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 5	GCE N/T Level MTL Oral Examination	25 – 27 July					☑
Week 5-6	GCE O Level EL Oral Examination	25 July – 3 August				☑	√
Week 5-8	Weighted Assessment 3	24 July – 18 August	☑	☑	☑		
Week 5-7	Sec 4N/T Preliminary Examination	28 July – 7 August					☑
Week 5	Parenting Workshop & Bonding Session	29 July	Open to all parents				
			☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 6	Science Workshop (Pure Biology students)	3 August			☑		
Week 6	Parenting Workshop & Bonding Session	5 August	Open to all parents				
			☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 7-10 T4 Week 6	Sec 1 Conversational Chinese Malay (CCM) Programme [9 sessions, every Monday in August and 16 – 20 October] [refer to Academic Matters point 3 for more information]	7 – 28 August 16 – 20 October	☑				
Week 7	National Day Celebrations	8 August (Dismissal at 11am)	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 7	<i>National Day (Public Holiday) & National Day (School Holiday)</i>	9 & 10 August	<i>Students will report to school on 11 August.</i>				
Week 8	EL Oral Examination	15 & 17 August			☑		
Week 9	Preliminary Examination	21 – 30 August				☑	
Week 9	EL Oral Examination	22 & 24 August		☑			
Week 10	Teachers' Day Celebrations + EAS Appreciation Day	31 August (Dismissal at 11am)	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 10	Teachers' Day (School Holiday)	1 September	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑

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Term 4	Event/Programme	Date(s)	S1	S2	S3	S4E5N	S4N/T
Week 1-2 Week 4-5	GCE N Level Practical & Written Examination	11 – 21 September 2 – 10 October					☑
Week 1-5	CCA Suspended for EOY Examination	11 September – 13 October	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 1	GCE NT Level EL Listening Comprehension GCE NA Level MTL Listening Comprehension	11 September					☑
Week 1	GCE NT Level MTL Listening Comprehension GCE NA Level EL Listening Comprehension	12 September					☑
Week 2	MTL Oral Examination	13 September (Sec 1 N/T) 14 September (Sec 1 Exp)	☑				
Week 2	MTL Oral Examination	20 September (Sec 2 N/T) 21 September (Sec 2 Exp)		☑			
Week 2	Blended Learning Day	22 September	☑	☑	☑		
Week 2	Graduation Ceremony	22 September				☑	☑
Week 3-5	End-of-Year Examination	28 – 29 September 4 – 11 October	☑	☑	☑		
Week 3-9	GCE O Level Practical and Written Examination	26 – 29 September 4 – 17 October 20 October – 10 November				☑	√
Week 4-6	O Level Science Practical Exam	4, 9, 12 & 17 October				☑	√
Week 5	Marking Day (No school for Sec 1 - 3 students)	12 October	☑	☑	☑		
Week 4-5	Blended Learning Day	(TBC) 4, 9, 13 Oct	☑	☑	☑		
Week 6	GCE O Level EL Listening Comprehension	19 October				☑	√
Week 6-9	Promotion Day (no school for Sec 1 - 3 students)	23 October	☑	☑	☑		
Week 7	GRC Celebration Week	24 – 26 October	☑	☑	☑		
Week 7	Last Day of School PTM (pm)	26 October	☑	☑	☑		

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Week 7	PTM	27 October	☑	☑	☑		
Week 8	Bridging Programme	30 October – 3 November	☑	☑			
Week 8	Extended Programme	30 October – 3 November			☑		
Term 4 School Holiday Week 1	Open House 2023	25 November	<i>Staff and selected students are involved</i>				
			☑	☑	☑	☑	☑