

# Clementi Town Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardian of Secondary 1 Students,

I look forward to seeing all our Clementeens back in school next Monday, 30 June 2025. Ahead of the new school term, I would like to provide important information on school activities and operations that may involve your child/ward. This will help you and your child/ward to plan ahead as they endeavor to start well and start right.

# **START WELL AND START RIGHT**

#### 1. Attire and Grooming

On the first day of school next Monday, 30 June 2025, all students will report punctually at the school hall before 7.35am in full school uniform with school tie. Students are reminded to report to school wearing the prescribed school attire as stated in the Student Handbook daily. Students should also be well-groomed to school expectations. The school tie must also be worn during Monday mornings when students gather in the assembly venues. With the school tie on, the collar of the shirt or blouse must be buttoned and the tie to be of waist length. Please refer to **Annex A** for detailed attire and grooming standards.

Due to persistent hot weather, students will be given the option to wear half uniform for the rest of the week starting **from Tuesday**, **1 July onwards**, until further notice. While students are given the option to wear half uniform for four days in a week, students are expected to maintain their decorum at all times by ensuring that they tuck in their t-shirts so that they will look neat and presentable even when they are out of the school compound. PE Attire is to be worn **only** during PE lessons.

#### 2. Semester 2 Timetables

A new timetable for Semester 2 will be made available to all students before school reopening. Students can check for updates in their Level Google Classrooms from Friday, 27 June 2025 onwards.

The ALP curriculum for Sec 2 was completed in Semester 1. In Semester 2, Sec 1 students will have 2 periods of ALP lessons reflected in their timetables.

#### 3. Early Dismissal on Tuesday 8 July 2025 due to National Examination

The GCE O Level Listening Comprehension Examination for Mother Tongue Languages & Mother Tongue Language "B" syllabus will be held on **Tuesday 8 July 2025**. All Sec 3 Higher Mother Tongue students and Sec 4 and 5 students who are taking these subjects, have to sit for this examination. To facilitate the preparation of examination venues and to ensure a conducive environment for the conduct of the examination, all students will be dismissed at **12.40pm** on that day.

## 4. SDL Days from Tuesday 15 July 2025 to Thursday 17 July 2025 due to National Oral Examination

The GCE N and O Level Oral Examinations for English Language and Mother Tongue Languages, as well as the GCE O Level Oral Examinations for Higher Mother Tongue Languages and Mother Tongue Language "B", will be conducted from Monday, 14 July, to Friday, 18 July 2025.

To facilitate the preparation of examination venues and to ensure a conducive environment for conduct of the examination on the first day, all students will be **dismissed at 12.40pm on Monday, 14 July 2025**. During the three full-day national oral examinations between 15 July and 17 July, the school will be having **SDL days on 15 and 16 July for Sec 1 students** and **15 to 17 July for Sec 2 and 3 students**.

#### 5. Remedial classes for identified students

Our school will conduct remedial classes for identified students from Sec 1 to 5 in Terms 3 and 4 in the afternoons. Remedial classes are meant to address learning gaps for students who require extra coaching and support. Parents/guardians of identified students will be informed by their respective subject teachers through Parents Gateway. The students are strongly encouraged to make use of these sessions to reinforce their learning.

Besides remediation, students may also approach their subject teachers for Friday afternoon consultation sessions to clarify their understanding of their academic subjects.

The following is the schedule for remediation and afternoon consultations in Semester 2:

Level	Remedial Schedule	Friday Afternoon Consultations
Sec 1 and 3	Term 3, Weeks 6 - 10 Term 4, Week 1 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)	Term 3, Weeks 2 - 10 Term 4, Weeks 1 - 2
Sec 2	Term 3, Weeks 2 - 10 Term 4, Week 1 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)	Term 3, Weeks 2 - 10 Term 4, Weeks 1 - 2
Sec 4NA/NT	Term 3, Weeks 2 - 4, & Weeks 8 - 10 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)	Term 3, Weeks 2 - 10 Term 4, Weeks 1 - 2 (Monday to Friday)
Sec 4E/5NA	Term 3, Weeks 2 - 7 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)	Term 3, Weeks 2 - 10 Term 4, Weeks 1 - 2 (Monday to Friday)

<sup>\*</sup>There will be no remedial sessions in Term 3, Week 3 due to the conduct of the national oral exams whereby there will be 3 days of SDL days.

#### 6. Student Leadership Training (10 July & 19 August)

Term 3 will mark the official start of the 3rd Student Union. Students have been introduced to and have built stronger relationships with one another at the Student Union camp prior in June. They are now scheduled for additional training to better prepare and enable them to make a positive impact on the school community as they plan and execute forthcoming events.

We have designated two days for these sessions, where the students will meet in their specific strands (Care, Outreach, Voice and Experience) to achieve the following objectives:

- Reinforce leadership roles and expectations
- Envision the use of the Leadership Challenge Model and reflect on the concepts learnt for application during the June Leadership Camp
- Establish personal and strand-based Leadership goals for the upcoming year
- Prepare for the strand-based pivotal events that will be happening in Semester 2
  - Teachers' Day (CARE)
  - CT Got Talent (Outreach)
  - National Day (Voice)
  - Sec 4 / 5 Farewell Ceremony and Dinner (Experience)

### 7. Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp (Thursday to Saturday, 17 to 19 July)

As part of the learning curriculum and to provide an authentic context in which students can apply what they have learnt from Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) and Outdoor Education in Physical Education (OE in PE), the Secondary 1 students will be attending a 3-Day 2-Night Outdoor Adventure Learning (OAL) Residential Camp.

The camp will be held at Jalan Bahtera MOE Outdoor Adventure Centre. Students can expect to take part in height-based activities and a navigation challenge at Sungei Buloh as part of the programme. Students will be briefed on the camp preparation on 3 July.

### 8. VeloCT (Thursday, 25 July)

The school will be organising VeloCT which is an Annual Mass Run on Thursday, 25 July 2025 from 7.30am to 11.00am at Jurong Lake Gardens. No academic lessons will be held that day and students will report directly at the Wave Plaza @ Jurong Lake Gardens that morning.

This year, as part of SG60's focus of Building Our Singapore Together, students will run for a good cause to pay it forward. Their efforts in running will help to raise funds for essential items in hampers which the school will give to identified families in need in the community. At the same time, we hope that the students will engage in healthier living and foster a deeper House identity and sense of belonging to the school.

Parents/Guardians are cordially invited to join us for the event. Your participation will also contribute to the House Points. Please indicate your interest here by 4 July 2025.

#### 9. National Day Celebrations and Racial Harmony Week

As Singapore commemorates its 60th year of independence (SG60), we build upon SG50's celebration of our shared achievements to reflect on our nation-building journey and inspire our Clementeens towards our shared future. CTSS has planned a series of meaningful school-wide efforts to engage our students in this milestone celebration.

**Racial Harmony Week (21-25 July)** - The week's highlight will be our Racial Harmony Day commemoration on 21 July, marking the anniversary of the 1964 race riots. Other efforts include:

- Our Parent Support Group (PSG) and Student Leaders are organising a multicultural recess
  programme 'Flavours of Unity: From Past Resilience to Future Promise'. The PSG will provide food
  representing Singapore's diverse food culture to all students. As part of our sustainability efforts,
  students will be required to bring their own utensils, and those with dietary requirements have the
  option to bring their own food.
- Interactive classroom discussions will be facilitated during CCE lessons, which will include a collaborative tapestry project titled 'Our People, Our Tapestry'. Students will contribute messages celebrating our diverse heritage through this project.
- To avoid food wastage, canteen will not operate fully. A minimum of 2 stalls will be in operations.

**SG60 Celebrations (Leading to National Day on 8 August)** - Under the theme 'Majulah Singapura', the SG60 efforts at CTSS focus on three key areas:

- Where we have been: Reflecting Clementeens' shared experiences and Singapore's journey
- Where we want to be: Engaging Clementeens' to share how their aspirations and passions can shape Singapore's future
- What we can do: Empowering Clementeens to contribute to our community through initiatives like VeloCT, where they run for a good cause to pay it forward

These celebrations aim to strengthen our students' sense of belonging, inspire hope for our shared future, and foster Clementeens' **Will To Act** with a collective mission towards building an inclusive Singapore.

#### #BuildingOurSingaporeTogether

#ClementeensConnecT,togetherCTcontributes"

# 10. Stand Down of Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) from Thursday, 4 September

CCAs will stand down at the end of Term 3, i.e. from Thursday, 4 September 2025 until the end of the Sec 1 to 3 End-of-Year Examinations. This is to provide students with more time to consolidate their learning. CCA will resume on Monday, 13 October 2025.

### 11. Public and School Holidays in Term 3

For ease of reference, the table below shows the public and school holidays in Term 3.

Youth Day school holiday	Monday, 7 July
National Day public holiday*	Saturday, 9 August
Teachers' Day school holiday**	Friday, 5 September

<sup>\*</sup>National Day Celebration will take place on Friday, 8 August. Monday, 11 Aug will be a school holiday and a designated day off-in-lieu (DOIL).

\*\*Teachers' Day Celebration will take place on Thursday, 4 September.

School will end earlier on 8 August and 4 September. More details will be given nearer to the actual date.

## **SAFETY, SECURITY & HEALTH MATTERS**

### 12. Management of C+/Ag+ Students

As part of the endemic COVID-19 new norm, infection waves are inevitable. We need the cooperation from parents to assist us in preventing possible high infections in the school.

Do follow the below guidelines:

- If your child is unwell: seek medical attention and/or stay home to rest (regardless of ART result).
- If your child is well: return to school (regardless of ART result). If your child has <u>mild symptoms</u> or <u>test</u> Ag+ but has no symptoms, he/she should exercise social responsibility and minimise close physical contact with others in large group settings and wear a mask when in school or public places. If your child's COVID-19 condition is not getting better or has deteriorated, he/she should seek medical treatment.

#### 13. Temperature Taking Exercise (Wednesday, 9 July 2025)

The school will be conducting a Temperature Taking Exercise on <u>9 July 2025</u>. The Temperature Taking Exercise is conducted twice yearly and aims to:

- maintain schools' preparedness to re-activate the temperature-taking regime should the need arise; and
- educate students on personal responsibility for their own health and social responsibility.

Students with trigger temperature of 38°C and above will be brought out from their class to the Sickbay. Parents will be informed and are to have their child brought to the doctor.

We urged parents to ensure and remind your child to have their personal thermometer placed in the school bag at all times. Thermometer can also be purchased from the school bookshop from 2 July 2025.

#### 14. Update of Students Particulars

The school urged all parents to notify your child's CP by the end of Term 3 Week 1 if there is a change of your child's particulars such as:

- Contact information (including addresses, contact numbers and contact details of parents/legal guardian/caregiver)
- Commuter Status
- Health Declaration

# 15. Haze Situation affected by extended drier periods between June and October

Singapore could be affected by transboundary haze between June and October if there is prolonged dry weather leading to a rise in hot spots and smoke haze activities in the region. To prepare for the possible haze situation, parents should keep the school informed if your child has pre-existing lung or heart

conditions, such as asthma. Do ensure that your child brings their medications (such as inhaler for asthma) and have these medications close to them. Parents should seek medical attention for your child if they are unwell. Parents should note the daily 24-hr air quality forecast issued by NEA during the haze period so that you may raise any specific concerns to the attention of your child's CP. You can find the 24-hr air quality on NEA's Haze Portal (https://www.haze.gov.sg) and 'myENV' mobile app.

The haze situation may vary across the different parts of Singapore which is reflected in the varying 24-hr PSI and 1-hr PM2.5 readings across the five regions tracked by NEA. Our school will monitor the haze situation closely and make localised decisions based on the situation in the area and adjust the level of outdoor activities accordingly.

#### 16. Annual Health Screening Exercise (Monday, 28 July to Thursday, 7 August 2025)

Health Promotion Board will be conducting the annual school health screening at our school for all Sec 1 & 2 students (Boys & Girls) from 28 July to 7 August 2025. During this visit, the following health screening will be done:

- All Sec 1 Students: Spinal Screening
- All Sec 2 Students: Spinal Screening, Hearing Screening, Height, Weight and BMI measurements More information will be provided by HPB regarding the screening for your child.

#### 17. HPV Vaccination (Tuesday, 1 July and Thursday, 3 July 2025) [Girls Only]

Health Promotion Board will be conducting the HPV Vaccination for all Sec 1 & 2 (Girls Only) on  $\underline{1}$  and  $\underline{3}$  July  $\underline{2025}$ . HPV Vaccination is recommended on the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule (NCIS) and National Adult Immunisation Schedule (NAIS) for all females aged 9-26 in the prevention of cervical cancer.

#### 18. Conclusion

In Term 3, our Clementeens will have much to look forward to, ranging from National School Games for C Division (Lower Secondary) to special activities such as VeloCT, Racial Harmony Day, National Day and Teachers' Day celebrations. All these experiences add to the richness of school life, in addition to academic learning, and builds their bonds with peers, seniors and memories of school life. As my staff and I work towards nurturing your child/ward holistically in school, I seek your continued support and understanding to partner us in educating your child/ward. When we work together on both the school and home front in establishing learning routines, emphasising school values and appropriate behaviours, our students benefit the most. I thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Mdm Rasidah Rahim Principal (This is an electronic letter. No signature is required.)

#### **ANNEX A**

# **CTSS Attire & Grooming Standards**

#### Girls

#### **Blouse and Skirt**

- Blouse to be neatly tucked with school badge visibly seen.
- · Skirt must must be at knee-length.

#### Hair

- Long hair which is beyond the shoulder must be plaited, tied up into a ponytail or a bun in black hair accessories.
- · Hair is not dyed or highlighted.

#### Face

- Face is free of make-up, eyelash extension and piercing.
- No coloured contact lens.
- Only one pair of plain ear-studs is allowed on the ear lobes.

#### Hands

- Fingernails are trimmed.
- No coloured nails / Henna.



#### General

#### Socks

• Socks must be all white and visibly worn.

#### Shoes

• Shoes must be all white.

### **Boys**

#### Shirt and Shorts/Pants

- Shirt to be neatly tucked with school badge visibly seen.
- Pants must not be folded or tapered. The cuff of the pants must cover ankles and socks.

#### Hair

- Neat, simple and short hairstyle.
- Hair is not dyed or highlighted.

#### Face

- Free from any facial hair and piercing.
- · No coloured contact lens.
- No ear-studs is allowed on the ear lobes.

#### Hands

Fingernails are trimmed.