



26 June 2023

**Dear Parents/Guardians**

**[Secondary 4 & 5] Term 3 Letter**

The school welcomes your child/ward back for the start of Term 3. We hope you and your family have enjoyed the June Holidays and spent quality time bonding with one another. We look forward to working with your child/ward for another semester of learning, growth and success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your presence and support at the Parent-Teacher Meeting at the end of Term 2.

***Home-Based Learning (HBL)***

Thank you for partnering us on this journey of developing motivation and self-regulation in our students through HBL. HBL is not only a day every fortnight for students to complete work assigned to them, but an opportunity for them to hone self-management and time-management skills which are essential for them to be future-ready. We recognise and expect that some students need greater guidance initially, but we believe that they can progressively become more self-directed in their learning through a gradual release of responsibility and with the sustained opportunities provided by the teachers. It is an important platform for them to hone the necessary skillsets to manage the nature of work and life in their future.

In Semester 2, HBL Days will be conducted on the following days.

Term 3: 28/6, 12/7, 25/7

While students do not need to report to school on HBL Days, we seek parents'/guardians' support to ensure that your child/ward is meaningfully and actively engaged in learning. The HBL Timetable will be made available on a HBL Microsite on the school website the day before each HBL Day.

***National Day Celebrations cum OP Sports Carnival***

The school has planned for our signature sporting event, OP Sports Carnival, in addition to National Day Celebrations, on 8 August 2023, from 7.30 am to 11.30 am. While we celebrate our nation's 58<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, we continue to encourage our staff and students to adopt and embrace a healthy and active lifestyle through mass participation in the OP Sports Carnival. Staff and students will enjoy and bond with one another through a line-up of sports and games. We welcome parents to join us for the morning's programme, where you may witness your child/ward actively participating in the National Day Celebrations and OP Sports Carnival. You may be delighted to know that parents may form teams in some of our Exhibition Matches. More details will be shared with you via Parents Gateway at a later date.



### ***N-level and O-level Preliminary Examination***

The Preliminary Examination for all Secondary 4 and 5 students will be conducted in Term 3. This examination enables graduating students to determine their depth of learning, identify their learning gaps in consultation with their Subject Teachers and prepare for the national examination. The Preliminary Examination schedule will be published on Parents Gateway, the school website and provided to all Secondary 4 and 5 students.

Absence from school-based assessments, including the Preliminary Examination, must be covered by a valid reason. A Medical Certificate (MC) must be provided for absence due to health reasons, or the student may receive a zero mark as integrity and responsibility are critical school values we want to inculcate in all Orchidians.

### ***Students' Health and Well-Being***

We thank all parents/guardians for work closely with us to ensure that our school remains a safe and conducive place for teaching and learning throughout this year. We would like to remind all that if your child/ward is unwell with flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat and/or runny nose), he/she should not attend school and instead seek immediate medical attention. We seek your understanding should we need you to bring your child/ward home if he/she displays any flu-like symptoms.

We look forward to a fulfilling term of learning for your child/ward and seek your understanding and full cooperation as our valued partners.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Mr Daniel Chung  
Principal