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3 January 2026

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Letter to Parents – Term 1 2026 (For York Hill Campus)

Greetings from Outram Secondary School!

We trust that you have had a meaningful time bonding with your child/ward over the holidays.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and guardians of our Outramians for the strong partnership and support for your child/ward throughout 2025.

As we start a new school year, we would like to warmly welcome our new cohort of Secondary 1 Outramians and parents/guardians to our Outram family at the Anchorvale Campus.

We look forward to continuing our active collaboration with you, with our team of dedicated teachers, allied educators and non-teaching staff committed to developing Outramians and guiding them to discover their talents and interests throughout their educational journey with us.

The new year ushers in a fresh slate of renewed opportunities and exciting learning experiences, and we wish everyone a very good start to 2026!



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1. Updates on Staff Movements

We would like to welcome the following new staff who have joined the school with effect from January 2026. While our staff are stationed at their respective campuses, we are all fully committed to supporting all students and parents across both campuses.

| New Staff Joining the York Hill Campus | |
|--|---|
| Mr Lim Hock Chye, Kevin | Vice Principal |
| Ms Tang Wai Sin, Wendy | Senior Teacher/Mathematics (wef Semester 2) |
| Ms Norasikin Bte Awang | Malay Language Teacher |
| Ms Zhang Hong | Chinese Language Teacher |
| Ms Toh Gan Ying, Angela | Chemistry Teacher |

| New Staff Joining the Anchorvale Campus | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Ms Ng Ai Tee, Cheryl | Vice Principal |
| Ms Malar Vizhi d/o Anjappan | HOD/Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) |
| Ms Leong Su Zhen | HOD/English Language |
| Ms Tang Hue Sim, Serene | HOD/Humanities |
| Mr Chong Yau Kwang | Year Head (Lower Secondary) |
| Mr Lee Tze Chuen, Martin | School Staff Developer |
| Mr Teo Cheng Guan | Subject Head/Mathematics |



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New Staff Joining the Anchorvale Campus (continued)

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| Ms Ang En Ling, Sarah | Subject Head/Science |
| Ms Ng Hui Zhen | Subject Head/Student Well-Being |
| Mr Chua Chang Fong | Subject Head/Craft & Technology |
| Ms Tan Meow Tang, Catherine | Senior Teacher/Mathematics (wef Term 2) |
| Ms Chua Jing Lin, Eunice | Senior Teacher/Educational Support |
| Mr Lin Zhengchang | Acting Subject Head/MTL |
| Mr Ang Kar Tiong | Design & Technology Teacher |
| Mr Ganesan S/o Selvarathnam | Physical Education Teacher |
| Ms Nanthini Gunasekaran | History Teacher |
| Mr Pek Chi Hiong, Gary | History Teacher |
| Ms Tan Suan Sim, Dorothy | English Language Teacher |
| Ms Huang Liting, Daphne | English Language Teacher |
| Ms Nurazilah Bte Mohamed Shukor | Malay Language Teacher |
| Ms Norhayati Bte Mohd Ismail | Food & Consumer Education Teacher |
| Mr Zhong Qian | Chinese Language Teacher |
| Ms Chua Pei Ci | Chinese Language Teacher |
| Ms Yeoh You You | Chinese Language Teacher |



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At the same time, we would like to bid a fond farewell to the following outgoing staff and thank them for their service and many contributions to the school.

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mrs Elaine Toh-Tan | Vice Principal |
| Mrs Cheryl Fan | School Staff Developer |
| Mr Ong Kok Heng | Subject Head/Craft & Technology |
| Ms Yeo Yang Hong | Assistant Year Head (Secondary 2) |
| Mr Neo Sian Lee, Steven | Physical Education Teacher |
| Ms Mok Peck Yim | Music Teacher |

2. Student Development Theme for Term 1 – Learners for Life

As we embark on a new school year, we are delighted to introduce the student development theme for Term 1 – **Learners for Life**. This theme guides our Outramians, and spurs them on to embrace continuous growth, resilience, and passion. The school's approach to nurturing "**Learners for Life**" is centred on three key ideas, nurturing Outramians to be, namely:

- **Confident Persons with Zest for Life** – we empower Outramians to be committed to learning and to grow with enthusiasm and confidence throughout their life; the value of **resilience** is vital here, as we want Outramians to have the positive energy to pursue growth;
- **Self-Directed Learners** – we encourage Outramians to take charge and ownership of their learning, be driven by curiosity and develop the determination to persevere through challenges; this goal embodies **integrity** and **self-stewardship**;





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- **Individuals driven by Passion and Purpose** – we motivate Outramians to be inspired by their passion and purpose in their educational journey, as they actively seek to align what they love with what they learn; the values of **passion** and **inventiveness** are emphasised with this end in mind.

3. Secondary 3 to Secondary 5 Polytechnic Open House Visits in 2026

As part of the school's Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Programme, we aim to provide our Secondary 3 to Secondary 5 Outramians with meaningful exposure to post-secondary education pathways. These learning experiences are designed to help students gain a clearer understanding of tertiary education options and make more informed decisions about their future academic and career aspirations.

In line with this objective, we have arranged for Secondary 3 to Secondary 5 students to attend Polytechnic Open Houses at Republic Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, and Singapore Polytechnic on 8 January 2026, Thursday. Through these visits, students will have the opportunity to explore courses, facilities, and learning environments, thereby better preparing them for their post-secondary journey.

4. Availability of Information on School Website

This letter and other official announcements are also available on the school website. Please access <https://www.outramsec.moe.edu.sg/parents-and-students/Parents/> for more information.





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5. Updating of Student Details via Student Details Form (SDF) Portal

The Ministry of Education (MOE) would like to request for an update of your information and your child's/ward's information via the SDF for the purpose of providing educational services to your child/ward in MOE schools. Please submit the information through the SDF portal which can be accessed via this URL: <https://pq.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf> or the QR code below. Parents/Legal Guardians may login to the SDF portal using your Singpass account to submit your information and information of your child/ward. Authorised Caregivers can only submit your own information.



The SDF portal can be accessed via desktop computers or mobile devices such as laptops and mobile phones. Please complete the submission by **31 Jan 2026**.

You may also wish to know that the SDF portal will be accessible till the last day of Term 4 for you to provide timely updates of your information and/or your child's/ward's information. Please contact us at e-mail: oss@moe.edu.sg or Tel: **6733 4077 (York Hill Campus)**, if you encounter any problems in accessing the portal.



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6. Consent for School's Use of Photographs and/or Videos

Please be informed that photograph(s) and/or video image(s) of Outramians and parents may be captured during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCAs, school camps, school concerts, etc. The school may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, websites, social media channels and other communication channels.

Should you have any reservations about the school's use of your child/ward's photographs or videos, please inform your child's/ward's Form Teachers, so that we can take appropriate action to safeguard his/her personal information.

7. Safe Management Measures (SMMs)

The school will continue to ensure that prevailing safe management measures (SMMs) are in place to keep our students safe, including:

- Visual screening and temperature-taking of individuals
- Observance of high standards of hygiene

All students should bring their personal Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school every day. Please note that there will be a **Temperature-Taking Exercise (TTEx) on 1 April 2026, Wednesday** morning. Please ensure that your child/ward has a **working thermometer**.

We seek your support to keep the school a safe environment for our Outramians. If your child/ward is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child/ward is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g. by wearing a mask and minimising social interactions with big groups). We will continue to work with you closely. Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility and stay safe. 7



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8. Mass Collection and Payment of Materials and Programmes for 2026

In 2026 Term 1, parents/ guardians will receive a notification letter from the school detailing all the enrichment programmes and costs of materials or other items incurred during the school year. The school will issue this consolidated School Bill to parents/ guardians once the letter is acknowledged and signed. Co-payment of enrichment programmes (if any) by Singaporean students will be deducted directly from their Pupil Edusave Funds. Where Edusave funds are insufficient, parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to pay outstanding balance using one of the following modes of payment:

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| • Interbank GIRO (Please approach GO for GIRO/ GIRO option application form) | • Website: www.axs.com.sg | • AXS Mobile Apps | • AXS Stations |
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9. Commemoration of Total Defence Day and Celebration of Spring Festival

Chinese New Year (Spring Festival) Eve (16 February 2026)

On the eve of Chinese New Year, 16 February 2026, Monday, Outramians will report to school as usual for normal curriculum lessons at their respective school campuses. More details regarding the programme for the day will be shared with students nearer to the date.

Commemoration of Total Defence Day and Celebration of the Spring Festival (20 February 2026)

The school will commemorate Total Defence Day and celebrate the Spring Festival as a combined whole-school assembly on 20 February 2026, Friday, held at Anchorvale Campus.

This commemoration is significant as Singapore fell to the Japanese on 15 February 1942, which coincided with the first day of Chinese New Year that year.



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This serves as a reminder to our students of the importance of vigilance, unity, and resilience, even during festive periods. Although the combined commemoration and celebration is held on the fourth day of Chinese New Year, bringing both occasions together allows students to reflect on our national history while meaningfully celebrating cultural traditions as **one united school community** through a whole-school programme.

Outramians are encouraged to wear red shirts or T-shirts paired with their school skirts or pants on that day. School dismissal will be as per normal on 20 February 2026, Friday.

10. Blended Learning@Home (BL@Home) Days for Sec 1, Sec 3 to 5 Students

Outram Secondary School carries out Blended Learning in line with the national aim for Outramians to experience online and onsite learning. The objective of BL@Home is to develop Outramians to be future-ready and self-directed digital learners. Thus, Outramians will stay at home on the following dates and embark on e-learning with instructions from their subject teachers.

OSS Term 1 BL@Home Schedule in 2026 Term 1

| Date (Friday) | 16 January | 30 January | 13 February | 27 February |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|

However, Outramians without internet and computer facilities at home must report to school (Computer Labs) by 7.30 am for supervised learning on BL@Home days. Online lessons will follow the regular timetable where lessons start at 7.45 am. Teachers will design and facilitate meaningful technology-mediated learning experiences for the students. Instructions for BL@Home lessons will be posted on the Student Learning Space (SLS) platform. For more information on accessing the SLS, please refer to the information posted on the



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school website, with reference to the link below:

<https://www.outramsec.moe.edu.sg/school-programmes/Blended-Learning/Blended-Learning/>

11. Meet-the-Parents Session (MPS) for Sec 1, Sec 3 to 5 Levels

Outramians are not required to attend school on **29 May 2026, Friday**, which is set aside for the Term 2 MPS for the Secondary 1 and Secondary 3 to Secondary 5 students. The MPS will be held either through MS Teams (a video conference platform) or in-person meeting. Your child/ward's Form Teachers (FTs) may start to contact parents/guardians to arrange for the MPS from **27 April 2026, Monday**. All MPS between FTs and parents are expected to be completed latest by **5 June 2026, Friday**.

This will allow you to arrange the MPS with your child/ward's FTs and Subject Teachers for the purpose of providing feedback and suggestions for his/her areas for growth and/or improvement.

We believe that the MPS will strengthen the school's partnership with you to help your child/ward succeed in their educational journey. An announcement will be put up on Parents Gateway to invite you to register your preferred mode of communication with your child/ward's FTs.

12. Last Day of Reporting to School in Semester 1

Outramians will have classroom lessons until the end of Semester 1. The last day in Semester 1 for students to report to school is 28 May 2026, Thursday. Outramians may stay at home on 29 May 2026, Friday, or could join their parents to attend the MPS that day with their FTs.

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13. Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Intensive Programme

In preparation for the GCE O-level MTL Examination in June 2026, Outramians offering O-level MTL will be involved in the internal timed practices from 7.45 am to 1.30 pm from 25 to 28 May 2026. More details will be provided to the parents and Outramians at a later date.

14. Parents Gateway-School Cockpit Mobile (PG-SCM) Student Absence Notification

From January 2026, schools will enable the PG-SCM Student Absence Notification. With the new enhancements, notifications can be set up and scheduled on SCM to automatically notify parents/guardians via PG when your child/ward is absent. This notification will also request parents/guardians to submit your child/ward's reason for absence and documents via PG.

Parents/guardians can conveniently manage your child/ward's absence records by submitting notifications in advance, editing details and uploading supporting documents when needed, submitting reasons even after the day of absence within the same calendar year, and withdrawing submissions at any time, after which the school will no longer be able to view them. Please refer to the attached "Parent User Guide for Absence Notification in PG app" for the detailed functions.

Outramians who arrive after 7.30 am, are considered late. Their attendance will be marked by teachers using SCM. An alert, via SMS, will be given to parents at 9.30 am if Outramians are not in school by 9.30 am. It is important for parents/guardians to notify the FTs/school if your child/ward is absent from school for the day.





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15. Updated School Disciplinary Measures for Vaping

In line with national efforts to curb vaping and substance abuse, MOE has introduced a stricter disciplinary framework that takes effect from 1 September 2025. Students found engaging in vape-related offences may face consequences such as detention, suspension, or caning. Your partnership is vital in helping us keep our students safe and drug-free.

We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to review the school's updated disciplinary measures, which can be accessed at the following link:

https://www.outramsec.moe.edu.sg/files/Updated_School_Disciplinary_Measures_Vaping.pdf

16. Tightened Guidelines for Use of Smart Devices in School

From January 2026, all secondary school students will be required to keep their smart phones and smartwatches out of use throughout the entire school day, including during recess, CCA, and after-school programmes. This enhanced measure, announced by MOE, aims to strengthen students' ability to stay focused, be fully present in their learning, and develop healthier screen-use habits. Devices will be placed in designated storage areas or kept in students' bags during school hours to minimise distractions and encourage more meaningful interactions with peers and teachers.

We seek your support as these changes are introduced. By working together to reinforce mindful device use, we can help Outramians build stronger social skills, develop self-regulation, and enjoy a more balanced school experience. Should there be situations where phone use is necessary for learning or wellbeing, schools may grant permission on an exceptional basis. Thank you for partnering with us to create a safer, healthier, and more conducive environment.

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17. School's Newsletter on 2025 Term 4 Activities

We are pleased to share with you the school's newsletter on 2025 Term 4 activities which can be accessed via the <https://go.gov.sg/ossnewsletterterm4>.

18. MOE School Term Calendar and School Calendar of Events for 2026 Term

1 Please find attached the School Calendar of Events for 2026 Term 1 and the MOE School Term Calendar. Should you need any further clarifications or have any feedback for the school, please contact us at e-mail: oss@moe.edu.sg or **Tel: 6733 4077 (York Hill Campus)**. Alternatively, please access our school website at <http://www.outramsec.moe.edu.sg> for more information.

We look forward to partnering you and your child/ward in his/her holistic development with us. On behalf of the staff of Outram Secondary School, we wish you and your family a great year ahead! With your continued support, 2026 will be another enriching year for your child/ward and the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Keith Tan
Principal



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2026 MOE School Calendar

School Terms in 2026

| Semester 1 | |
|-------------------|--|
| Term 1 | 2 January, Friday to 13 March, Friday |
| Term 2 | 23 March, Monday to 29 May, Friday |
| Semester 2 | |
| Term 3 | 29 June, Monday to 4 September, Friday |
| Term 4 | 14 September, Monday to *20 November, Friday |

* The last day of the final school term for schools that will be used as venues for the GCE O-Level written examinations will be 23 October 2026, Friday.



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School & Public Holidays 2026

For more information on public holidays, please access: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/20250730-school-terms-and-holidays-for-2026>

| Semester 1 | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| New Year's Day | 1 January, Thursday |
| Chinese New Year | 17 February, Tuesday to 18 February, Wednesday |
| Between Terms 1 and 2 | 14 March, Saturday to 22 March, Sunday |
| Hari Raya Puasa (and Day After) | 21 March, Saturday & 23 March, Monday (Day OIL) |
| Good Friday | 3 April, Friday |
| Labour Day | 1 May, Friday |
| Hari Raya Haji | 27 May, Wednesday |
| Vesak Day (and Day After) | 31 May, Sunday & 1 June, Monday (PH) |
| Between Semesters 1 and 2 | 30 May, Saturday to 28 June, Sunday |
| Semester 2 | |
| Youth Day (and Day After) | 5 July, Sunday & 6 July, Monday (School Holiday) |
| National Day (and Day After) | 9 August, Sunday & 10 August, Monday (PH) |
| Teachers' Day | 4 September, Friday |
| Between Terms 3 and 4 | 5 September, Saturday to 13 September, Sunday |
| Deepavali (and Day After) | 8 November, Sunday & 9 November, Monday (PH) |
| At the end of school year | 28 November, Saturday to 31 December, Thursday |

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2026 School Calendar of Events for Term 1

| Date | Event |
|------------------|--|
| 2 to 9 January | - Start it Right Programme/ Rooted in Legacy, Rising in Aspiration |
| 2 & 8 January | - Students at Respective Campuses |
| 5, 7 & 9 January | - All Students at Anchorvale Campus |
| 6 January | - All Students at York Hill Campus |
| 8 January | Sec 3 to Sec 5 Polytechnic Open House Visits |
| 12 to 15 January | Health Screening & HPV Vaccinations for Secondary 1 Cohort |
| 19 to 20 January | |
| 16 January | BL@Home Session |
| 30 January | BL@Home Session |
| 13 February | BL@Home Session |
| 20 February | Commemoration of Total Defence Day & Spring Festival Celebration |
| 23 February | NRIC Registration for Sec 3 and selected students |
| 27 February | BL@Home Session |
| 13 March | OSS Fun Run/ Combined Walk & Jog |
| 14 to 22 March | Term 1 School Vacation |

