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PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back to school for the final term of 2021! We are pleased to share with you the highlights of Term 3 and key events in Term 4.



Racial Harmony Day

The theme for Racial Harmony Day this year was 'Common Spaces, Connected Communities'.

Through this event, students had the opportunity to learn more about Singapore's socio-cultural diversity and promote social cohesion and harmony. Students were each given a traditional game ranging from Kuti Kuti, Five Stones to Chapteh to encourage bonding with their families. They also played a Kahoot Game on 'How well do you know about the different races of Singapore' after viewing a video on the cultural practices of the different races in Singapore.

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National Day Celebrations

National Day was celebrated on the 6

August. We would like to thank our Uniform Group Cadets for performing in the Virtual Parade and Virtual Precision Drill. Some of the performances were recorded from home with the support of family members. We would also like to thank all Student Leaders who helped to plan and carry out the student activity aligned with the theme: "Together, Our Singapore Spirit". The celebration was indeed one which brought the entire school population together!



Teachers' Day Celebration

To express gratitude and appreciation to teachers, the student leaders conceptualised and

facilitated the Teachers' Day Celebration on 2 September 2021. We would like to thank the student leaders for their initiative, creativity and effort in organising a meaningful celebration for teachers. Our teachers have pledged to continue to lead, care and inspire our students to bring out the best in everyone.



Post Preliminary Examinations Programme (PPP) and Study Breaks for Graduating Classes

The 4E/5N PPP is scheduled on 21 Sep – 8 Oct from 7.30 am to 1.10 pm. Students will go through a series of revision classes to support them in their final preparation for the national examinations. Attendance is compulsory. The details of the schedule will be made available to students after the preliminary examinations. From 9 Oct – 17 Oct, Sec 4E/5N students will be on Study Break where they are to stay at home for self-study.

The 4NA PPP is scheduled from 20 Sep – 30 Sep from 7.30 am to 12.40 pm after the end of the first wave of the GCE N Level examinations on 17 Sep. For 4NT PPP, it will be from 24 Sep to 30 Sept. All 4N students will be on Study Break at home on 1 Oct. The second wave of the GCE N Level examinations will commence on 4 Oct and end on 14 Oct.

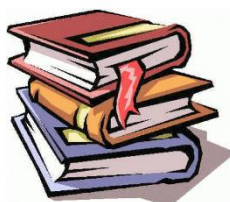
During Study Breaks, students may schedule appointments with their subject teachers for online consultations.



Graduation Ceremony

Similar to 2020 as part of our safe-distancing measures, the graduation ceremony will be

held via ZOOM on 15 Oct 2021 and 15 Nov 2021 for 4NA/NT and 4E/5N students respectively from 11.30 am to 12.45 pm. Students will be in their respective classrooms during the graduation ceremony. Family members can access the school website to view the recorded proceedings after the event.



Secondary 3 Bridging Programme

The Sec 3 Bridging Programme will be conducted from 1 - 3 Nov for all Sec 3 students. Attendance is

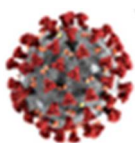
compulsory. Detailed schedule will be issued after the end of year examinations.



Secondary 2 Streaming Online Option Exercise

The Sec 2 Streaming online option exercise will be conducted from 1 - 3 Nov.

Students are to indicate their preferred Sec 3 subject combinations via the MC Online portal during this period. All students will be briefed on the usage of this portal during the post examination programme in October. Parents/guardians of Sec 2 students are strongly encouraged to complete the exercise with their child /ward. The results of the streaming exercise will be released on 10 Nov.



Updated Measures for the National Examinations

To ensure the safe conduct of national examinations and affected candidates are assessed fairly, MOE and SEAB will make provisions for the various groups of candidates that require special arrangement due to COVID-19.

The following groups of candidates will not be allowed to sit for national exams which is in line with the national measures where such persons are not allowed to leave home or their respective facilities:

- Confirmed case of COVID-19 Infection;
- On Quarantine Order(QO);
- On Stay Home Notice(SHN);

The following groups of candidates will be allowed to sit for national exams if they have been tested negative for COVID-19:

Category	Examination Arrangements
Leave of Absence(LOA) (Confirmed) <i>For candidates who had close contact with confirmed(s) and are not pending issuance of QO</i>	Allowed if supervised ART is negative and to test at regular intervals (based on national guidelines)
LOA(QO) <i>For candidates who are staying in the same household as individuals serving QO</i>	
LOA(SHN) <i>For candidates who are staying in the same household as individuals serving SHN at home</i>	
Approved Absence(AA) <i>For candidates with household members (aged 6 and above) who have flu-like symptoms</i>	Allowed if one-time self-swab ART is negative
AA <i>Due to MOH's mandatory testing or Health Risk Warning</i>	Allowed if entry PCR test is negative
MC due to ARI	Allowed if recovered and PCR test is negative
MC due to fever(non-ARI)	Allowed if recovered and one-time self-swab ART is negative

Please refer to MOE's website for more information on the categories of candidates.



Blended Learning (BL)

Blended Learning Days will continue to be implemented in Term 4 on 15 and 29 Sept. For Student-Initiated Learning,

students are encouraged to pursue topics that they are curious or passionate about. This would empower students to take charge of their own learning and encourage them to be life-long and independent learners. An example of a student-initiated learning activity would be to learn how to play a musical instrument by watching an online video. Details on SIL have been briefed to students by the Home Teachers.



Update on CCAs

Subject to prevailing SMMs, CCAs will resume physically in Week 1,

Term 4. All CCAs will stand down on 17 Sep (Fri) and resume after the End-of-Year Examinations on 21 Oct (Thurs) for Secondary 1 to 3 students.



Staff News – National Day Awards

Our heartiest congratulations to Senior Teacher for Physics, Mr Chiang Shu Lee on being conferred the National Day Commendation Medal and Senior Teacher for CCE, Mdm Siti Mariam Bte Hashim for receiving the Long Service Award.



Cashless Payment in School

As the nation moves towards digitalization, our school has partnered with POSB to introduce cashless payments via NETS Contactless cards, EZ-Link cards and School Smart Cards at the School Canteen and Bookshop with effect from Term 4. Parents may also choose to sign up for the POSB Smart Buddy Programme, which allows you to manage your child's allowance and daily expenses. Please see brochure attached on how to sign up for the Smart Buddy Programme. Cash payments will still be accepted in the canteen and bookshop.



Parents Engagement

Parent-Teacher Meeting this year will be held on 28 Oct 2021. This will be on a sign-up

basis for Sec 1-3 parents. This mass engagement will be conducted via Zoom. Details on the sign-up will be out in early October.

Following this talk, Home Teachers will be engaging parents for an individual conference on 29 Oct 2021.

Important Dates in Term 4

Date	Event
15 Sep	Blended Learning
15 Sep – 23 Sep	GCE N Level Written Examinations (Wave 1)
17 Sep	Last Day of CCA for Sec 1 – 3
20 Sep – 30 Sep	4NA Post-Preliminary Examinations Programme
21 Sep – 8 Oct	4E/5N Post-Preliminary Examinations Programme
24 Sep – 30 Sep	4NT Post-Preliminary Examinations Programme
29 Sep	Blended Learning
1 Oct – 3 Oct	Sec 4N Study Break
4 Oct – 14 Oct	GCE N Level Written Examinations (Wave 2)
4 Oct, 7 Oct, 12 Oct and 14 Oct	GCE O Level Science Practical Examinations
9 Oct – 17 Oct	Sec 4E/5N Study Break
5 Oct – 15 Oct	Secondary 1-3 End-of-Year Examinations
15 Oct	Graduation Ceremony (Sec 4NA/NT)

18 Oct – 19 Oct	Marking Days for S1 - 3 EOY Exams <i>S1 - 3 Students need not attend school</i>
18 Oct – 15 Nov	GCE O Level Written Examinations
21 Oct	CCA resumes for Sec 1 – 3
26 Oct – 28 Oct	Post-Examination Activities
28 – 29 Oct	Parent-Teacher Meeting & Conference 28 Oct: Webinar for Parents
1 Nov – 3 Nov	Sec 3 Bridging Programme
1 Nov – 3 Nov	Sec 2 Online Streaming Exercise
15 Nov	Graduation Ceremony (Sec 4E/5NA)
20 Nov	e-Open House