Parents' Connect

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1.   **Principal's Address**

Greetings to you! The past two months have been an enriching time for my colleagues and students, as we experienced some key highlights of Term 1, including the Sec 1 Virtual Meet the Parents cum CCA Showcase, Sec 1 Orientation and ZoomFire, the Ethnic Celebrations and our outreach to the community through values-in-action projects.

The school would like to continue to partner you in supporting your child's development of values and skills that will help him/her in developing good habits to be a confident, engaged and self-directed learner who takes responsibility for his/her own learning. We also want to continue to strengthen mutual understanding, respect and trust between the school and parents for the benefit of your child. Please continue to partner us closely in supporting your child's growth journey in his/her academic, CCA and character development.

2.   **Sec 2 - 5 Virtual Meet The Parents (MTP) Sessions**

The annual MTP sessions will be taking place on 9 April for our Sec 2 - 5 students in the format of a webinar this year.

We strongly encourage you to set aside time to attend the MTP session online. There will be a live Q&A segment where the panel will address some of the commonly asked questions. You will also get to know more about the following:

Sec 3 - 5 students	Understanding the post-secondary pathways available and tips to support your child's well-being
Sec 2 students	Guiding your child to choose a Sec 3 Subject Combination that best suits his/her passion and interest

A letter will be sent to you via Parents Gateway (PG) on a later date to confirm your attendance for the session and to provide details of the programme. We look forward to a fruitful conversation with you during the MTP.

3. **Supplementary lessons in March Holidays (14 - 15 March)**

We believe every child can learn. Some learn faster than others and some require more time. For students who are identified to attend the supplementary lessons on 14 - 15 Mar, they will be issued with a schedule by 11 Mar 2022. Please strongly encourage your child to attend the lessons and he/she is expected to come to school in full school uniform.

4. **National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)**

The school has submitted the orders for the Sec 1 level for the Personal Learning Devices (PLD) to the vendor. Unboxing of the PLDs will be on 21 March 2022. As part of the device orientation programme, students are expected to complete a SLS lesson package consisting of cyber wellness, classroom routines, security and Acceptable User Policy (AUP) Agreement before they collect their devices. More details will be given nearer the date of the unboxing.

5. **ICT Enrichment Programme (for selected Sec 1 & 2 students) from 7 Mar to 23 May**

Sec 1 & 2 students who have not met the minimum baseline ICT standards (prescribed by MOE) based on the competency test conducted in Jan 2022 and Oct 2021 respectively will be required to attend the ICT Enrichment Programme. For Sec 2, it will be from 7 Mar to 11 Apr, while for Sec 1, it will be from 4 Apr to 23 May 2022. In addition to MS Office, students will be exposed to the features of Google Docs, Google Spreadsheets and Google Slides in this programme. Details on the programme and consent forms will be issued to these selected students via Parents Gateway. Attendance is compulsory.

6. **Blended Learning Days on 28 Feb, 30 Mar & 18 Apr**

As mentioned in the Principal's Letter dated 11 Jan 2022, the school has planned for a number of Blended Learning Days throughout the year, where students would stay at home to engage in their blended learning. Blended learning is a valuable component to in-person schooling, and aims to encourage our students to be more self-directed and independent in their learning. Blended Learning will take the form of different modes, including through ICT-based learning, independent research-work, collaborative learning, and learning from multi-media. There is Blended Learning Day on 28 Feb, while for the months of March and April, the scheduled Blended Learning Days are on 30 Mar and 18 Apr.

7. **Term 2, Week 1 (21 Mar – 25 Mar) Customised Level Programmes**

We have a line-up of student development programmes customised for each level on Term 2 Week 1 (T2W1). A letter will be sent to you via Parents Gateway (PG) in the upcoming weeks to provide details of the programmes. A list of the T2W1 programmes is as follows:

Level/Stream	Programmes
Sec 1	Code for Fun, Hip Hop Dance, Design Thinking Workshop, Growth Mindset Workshop, Aeronautics Technology, Study Skills Workshop, Thinking Habits Workshop, Aesthetics Assembly Programme
Sec 2	Conversational Chinese/Malay (CCM) Workshop, Science Engagement, Financial Literacy Workshop, Study Skills Workshop, Thinking Habits Workshop, Aesthetics Assembly Programme
Sec 3E	Mathematics Modelling, Motivational Workshop, Study Skills Workshop, Thinking Habits Workshop, Aesthetics Assembly Programme
Sec 3NA/NT	Elective Modules (CAT A), Thinking Habits Workshop, Aesthetics Assembly Programme

Sec 4E5N	Education & Career Guidance Fair, Portfolio Building and Interview Skills Workshop, Mother Tongue Intensive Programme, Aesthetics Assembly Programme
Sec 4NA/NT	Elective Modules (CAT B), Interview Skills Workshop, Aesthetics Assembly Programme

8. **CCA Matters**

❖ Conduct Grade Assessment. CCA is a key platform to develop our students holistically and to build character. CCA attendance is one of the components in the CCA Conduct Grade assessment. We seek your cooperation to ensure that your child attends his/her CCA regularly so that he/she can explore his/her strengths and potential, learn social skills, and develop grit and resilience through the various CCA experiences, beyond the attainment of good overall conduct grades at the end of each semester.

❖ Standing down of CCA on 23 Apr 2022. Sec 4 & 5 students will officially be released from their CCA commitments on 23 Apr 2022 (Sat) so that they can channel their time and energy in preparation for the National Examinations. CCA for Sec 1, 2 & 3 will also pause as the students prepare for their Weighted Assessment 2 and Mid-year Examinations

❖ Staggering of lunchtime for CCA days on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To prevent over-crowding in the canteen, we have made the following arrangements:
  ➢ All Upper Secondary students who are having their CCAs on Tuesdays, will be eating in their classrooms after school.
  ➢ All Lower Secondary students who are having their CCAs on Thursdays, will be eating in their classrooms after school.
  ➢ Students will need to bring their own food containers to purchase food in the canteen after lessons for consumption in the classroom.
  ➢ Students who forget to bring their food containers can purchase it from the school bookstore.

9. **2022 Mid-Year Examinations (MYE) and Weighted Assessment 2 (WA2)**

Aligned to MOE directives, there will be no MYE for Secondary 1 and 3 students. Sec 1 and Sec 3 students will have WA2 instead. Some departments will be using alternative assessments (other than pen-and-paper tests) as their WA2. The freed up time will allow our teachers to infuse joy of learning in the respective subjects, help students deepen their understanding of the subject through inquiry-based and experiential learning, and develop 21st Century Competencies in our students.

WA2 for Secondary 1 and 3 students will be held from 25 April (Mon) 2022 to 20 May 2022 (Fri). MYE for Secondary 2, 4 and 5 students will be held from 4 May 2022 (Wed) to 18 May 2022 (Wed). Marking Day will be on 19 May 2022 (Thu), therefore, all students need not report to school on that day. The detailed Exam Time-Table for the respective level/course will be issued to the students closer to the start of the Examinations. Please note that attendance for WA2/MYE is compulsory. Non-attendance must be supported by a valid medical certificate.

Together We Thrive!

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PRINCIPAL
25 FEB 2022
(This is a computer-generated letter which does not require a signature.)