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Mission: Care. Lead. Inspire. Partner. (CLIP)
Values: GratITUDE, Respect, Ingenuity, Trustworthiness, Grit.*

HS PC 2022 Issue 3

June

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back to the new school term! We hope your child/ward was able to rest and recharge during June break. Here are some programmes and activities to look forward to in Term 3.

1. Staff Movements

- 1.1 We are pleased to welcome the following new staff who have joined the school. We look forward to working with them and tapping on their expertise to provide the best for our students.

Name	Designation
Mr Yeo See Heng Ronnie	Teacher / English Literature and English Language
Mr Toh Ren Yi Ezra	Teacher / Physical Education
Mr Lim Teck Cheng	Teacher / Design & Technology
Mr Ha Yeong Fook	Teacher / Mathematics
Mr Aminur Bin Rasid	Teacher / Mathematics
Mr Lim Bao Luo Paul	Teacher / English Language and English Literature
Mdm Cheong Cheryl	Teacher / Art and English Language
Mr Ct Karuppiah Arasu	NIE Teacher / PE and Geography (27 Jun – 29 Jul)
Mr Ooi Choong Hean, Matthew	NIE Teacher / Music and Mathematics (27 Jun – 29 Jul)

- 1.2 We would also like to bid farewell to the following staff and thank them for their contributions to HS. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Name	Designation
Mr Han Zheming Chuck-e	Teacher / English Language
Mr Khoo Jia Ren Jeremy	Teacher / English Literature and English Language
Mrs Clara Ang	Teacher / Humanities

Mrs Gloria Tan	Teacher / Humanities
Mr Louis Koh	Teacher / Mathematics
Mr Koh Teck Yong	Teacher / Mathematics
Mr Sky Khoo	Teacher / Physical Education
Mr Muhammad Afiq Bin Md Aris	Desktop Engineer
Mdm Norhalijah	Lab Assistant

2. School Structures and Programmes

2.1 Blended Learning (BL) for Sec1, 2 and 3 Students only

- Term 3 HBL Days on even week Wednesdays are as follows:
- For Secondary 1, 2 and 3 Students: **6 July, 20 July, 3 August, 17 August and 31 August 2022.**
- On HBL Days, Secondary 1 to 3 students will follow the school's timetable for Wednesday, from 7.30 am to 1.30 pm, including the Recess period which will serve as a break for the students. To engage students in different modes of learning, teachers will leverage on digital platforms e.g. SLS, Google Classroom. You may refer to this link: <https://hougangsec.moe.edu.sg/quick-links/hbl-bl> for the schedule (based on the timetable) and subject-specific instructions.
- Secondary 4/5 students will attend school.

2.2 Night Study for Graduating Classes

To help our graduating students to prepare for the coming prelim and national examinations, the school will be opening its facilities for our students to do self-revision from **5 July to 5 August**. Your child/ward will be identified to attend the Night Study sessions based on her performance in his/her Mid-Year Examinations. More details regarding the Night Study will be sent via Parents Gateway by the first week of Term 3.

2.3 2023 Secondary 3 Subject Combination Briefing

The Secondary 3 subject combination briefing for parents of the current Secondary 2 students will be held on **5 July 2022** via Zoom. More details will be sent to parents and students via Parents Gateway (PG) closer to the date of the talk.

2.4 National Day Celebrations

The school will be commemorating National Day on **8 August**. More details will be sent via Parents Gateway closer to the date.

2.5 CCA Stand-Down

In preparation for End-of-Year Examinations, the last CCA session for Secondary 1 to 3 students in Semester 2 will be on **26 August**. CCA sessions will resume after the End-of-Year Examinations.

2.6 HS Staff Day 2022

The HS Staff Day will be celebrated on **1 September** in school. There will be no lessons for the day. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

3. Examination Matters

3.1 National Examination Dates

Please refer to the table below for the dates which the national examinations will be held. Your child is expected to refer to the entry proof for details of his/her own examination. Please refer to the SEAB website for details of the national examination schedules. (<https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/#>)

GCE 'O' LEVEL EXAM DATES

Oral Examination	
CLB / MLB / TLB (Mid-Year)	Wed, 6 July
CL / ML / TL	Thu, 7 July – Mon, 18 July
EL	Thu, 21 July – Mon, 1 August
HCL / HML / HTL	Mon, 15 August – Fri, 19 August
Foreign Languages	Thu, 22 September – Mon, 3 October
CLB / MLB / TLB (Year-End)	Mon, 26 September
Listening Comprehension (LC)	
CL / ML / TL	Tue, 5 July (pm)
CLB / MLB / TLB (Mid-Year)	Tue, 5 July (pm)
EL	Fri, 14 October (pm)
CLB / MLB / TLB (Year-End)	Fri, 14 October (pm)
Practical Examination	
Higher Music / Music Performing	Tue, 27 September – Fri, 30 September
Science	Mon, 3 October – Thu, 13 October
Written Examination	
Mid-Year CL/ML/TL	Mon, 30 May (am)
Mid-Year CLB/MLB/TLB	Tue, 31 May (am)
End of Year Exam	Mon, 17 October – Mon, 14 November

GCE 'N' LEVEL EXAM DATES

Oral Examination	
EL Syll A, EL Syll T	Tue, 12 July – Mon, 18 July
CL / ML / TL, BCL / BML / BTL	Wed, 3 August – Mon, 5 August
Listening Comprehension (LC)	
EL Syll A	Mon, 12 September
BCL / BML / BTL	Mon, 12 September
EL Syll T	Tue, 13 September
CL / ML / TL	Tue, 13 September
Practical Examination	
Computer Applications	Tue, 20 September Thu, 22 September
Written Examination	
End of Year Exam	Wed, 14 September – Wed, 21 September
	Mon, 3 October – Thu, 13 October

3.2 Preliminary Examination Dates

4N English Language Oral Exam	Mon, 27 June
4E5N English Language Oral Exam	Tues, 28 June and Thu, 30 June
4N Written Exams	Thu, 11 August – Fri, 19 August
4E5N Written Exams	Mon, 22 August – Wed, 31 August

3.3 End of the Year Examination for Secondary 1 to 3 students

Secondary 1 English Language Oral Exam	Thu, 22 September
Secondary 2 English Language Oral Exam	Wed, 21 September
Secondary 3 English Language Oral Exam	Fri, 23 September
Secondary 1 to 3 Written Exams	Mon, 26 September – Fri, 7 October

4. Pupil Management Matters

4.1 Punctuality

The school constantly seeks to inculcate sound values in our students and being punctual for school is one such value. Students who are late for school for two or more occasions are required to serve detention after school on the same day, during which, they will engage in self-study or reading. All students required to serve detention must do so on the actual offence date regardless of involvement in competitions, tuition classes, remedial sessions and CCAs. Recalcitrant offenders who do not respond positively to the school's intervention measures may face other disciplinary actions such as in-school/home suspension or caning.

4.2 School Dismissal

All students will be dismissed at 2.40pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Wednesdays, students will be dismissed at 1.30pm and on Fridays at 12.30pm.

4.3 MOE Safe Management Measures (SMM)

In line with the easing of community SMMs, SMMs for schools are guided by the broad parameters presented below:

(A) Mask Wearing

Students are required to remain mask-on in indoor settings e.g. classroom, school canteen but will remain optional in outdoor settings.

(B) Being Socially Responsible

While MOH has stopped issuing health risk notices (HRN) to close contacts of Covid-19 positive cases. Parents are to alert the Character Coaches if their child in HS has tested positive for Covid-19.

(C) Wipe-Down Routine

Students will continue their personal hygiene habits and wipe-down routine of tables and shared equipment after use.

(D) Semesterly Attendance and Temperature-Taking Exercise (ATTEx)

The objectives of ATTEx are:

- a. **To maintain schools' preparedness** to re-activate the attendance and temperature-taking regime should there be a need to, and
- b. **To educate students to take personal responsibility** for their own health and practise social responsibility.

ATTEx will be reduced to once a term. For Term 3, we will be conducting temperature-taking on **Wednesday, 29 June**.

All the above safe management measures will continue until otherwise advised, pending the national posture in response to the COVID-19 situation. For updates on the COVID-19 situation, you can visit moh.gov.sg or sign up at go.gov.sg/whatsapp to receive the latest information via WhatsApp.

4.4 Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices

In order for effective teaching and learning to take place, we need to set boundaries for our students. Mobile phones/electronic devices may be used only during these timings:

- Before 7.30 am
- During recess time (restricted to the canteen and the foyer area only)
- After the last period of the formal curriculum time

We would like to emphasize that our students are to switch off their mobile phones and any other electronic devices during curriculum time. The mobile phones are to be kept in the bags. Mobile phones/electronic devices should also be kept out of sight and switched off/kept on silent mode during the change-over of lessons and while students are walking along the corridor.

If the mobile phone policy is violated, the mobile phone/electronic device will be confiscated and kept under lock and key in the General Office. **Confiscated handphones/electronic devices will be returned only after 5 school days.**

4.5 Maintaining good behaviour at all times especially when in school uniform

The school places great emphasis on inculcating in our students good habits like using time prudently. As such, we would like to emphasize that students are not to loiter and misbehave in the neighbourhood after school. We urge you to strongly advise your child to behave appropriately at all times especially while he/she is in school uniform.

4.6 Attire and Grooming

The school's grooming and attire policy is one that is aimed at educating Hougeans to look smart, decent and presentable at all times. Having proper attire and grooming is an outward expression of the students being ready to learn. It is also important to the school as it signifies the pride that students have for themselves and the school. To up keep the above intent, grooming and attire check are carried out periodically throughout the year.

If the students' grooming and attire is not appropriate, a grace period of 2 days will be given for rectification with a follow-up check. Students who fail the follow-up check will be sent home to have the grooming issue rectified and parents will be informed.

CCA T-shirt

Secondary 1 to 5 students will be allowed to wear their approved CCA T-shirts on Tuesdays with school pants/skorts if they have no PE lessons. Students who have PE on that day will continue to report to school in their PE attire and then change into their CCA T-shirts during snack break, recess or after 2.40pm. Students who do not wish to wear their CCA T-shirts are expected to be in school attire according to their respective class timetables.

Exceptions apply during school and national examinations:

- Students are to wear full School uniform/School Polo-Ts on days with internal and national examinations.
- For Secondary 4 and 5 students, they will resume wearing full School uniform/School Polo-Ts from **1 August 2022**.

4.7 Snack Break

There will be a 10-minute snack break on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 9.00-9.10am to enhance students' well-being. Students may bring light and healthy snacks from home to consume in class during the break. Some examples of such snacks are sandwiches, muffins, fruits such as apples and bananas and energy bars. As a whole-school effort, the students will take ownership in ensuring good hygiene practices to keep their classrooms clean and conducive for learning.

5. **Communication with Teachers**

- 5.1 In line with the Ministry of Education's Five-Day Work Week, parents are encouraged to respect teachers' personal time and space. Teachers can be contacted during weekdays

between 7:30am and 6pm. They are not expected to respond to parents'/ students' queries during weekends or after 6pm on weekdays except for emergencies.

All teachers' email addresses are available on the school's website for parents' convenience. Parents can also contact the General Office (tel. 63851990) for further assistance.

6. Using Students' Images/Recordings for Publications

6.1 Notice to Parents/Guardians

HS will be using students' images and/or recordings for school publications. Should parents/guardians have any concerns, kindly inform the school through your child's/ward's Character Coaches (CCs).

7. Parents Support Group

7.1 During the June Holidays, the HS PSG invited HS parents and their child to come on the Southern Island Tour. Through this outing, the HS PSG hopes to create opportunities for family bonding. The response was overwhelming, and the tour was over subscribed within days. Parents can click on this link: <https://hspsg.blogspot.com/> to find out more.

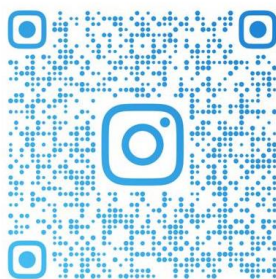
Contact of Key Personnel

Should you have queries on the matters listed in this newsletter, please contact the following Key Personnel in-charge:

Items	Key Personnel (Designation)	Email
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2.2	Miss Serina Tan (AYH)	63726668 (Ext : 216)
2.3	Mr Chow Poh Boon (HOD/Math)	63726661 (Ext: 661)
2.4	Mrs Lee Yu Zhen (HOD/CCE)	63726654 (Ext: 654)
2.5	Miss Jazreel Toh (SH/CCA)	63726668 (Ext: 210)
2.6	Mdm Radzawaty Bte Jamaludin (ST/Educational Support)	63726668 (Ext: 204)
3.1	Mdm Chitradevi (HOD/EL & Lit) [National Exams]	63726663 (Ext: 663) 6372666 (Ext: 660)

	Mr Mohamed Fahizel s/o M Egueyamarec (HOD/A&T) [School Exams]	
4 (except 4.3)	Mr Elangovan V Muthoo (HOD/Pupil Management)	63726652 (Ext. 652)
4.3, 5	Ms Jesmine Chung (VP)	63851990
7	Mdm Li Huilin (SH/Humanities)	63726668 (Ext: 209)

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