

HS Parents Connect

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Principal's Greetings

Our values – The Bedrock of Our School

"Your beliefs become your thoughts. Your thoughts become your words. Your words become your actions.
Your actions become your habits. Your habits become your values. Your values become your destiny."

~ Mahatma Gandhi

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our values are the rules and standards that guide our life. Most of us have an idea of what we value but often there is not much clarity behind it. This is especially so for our students and I have made it a key focus of the school to instruct and inform them of the importance of values, especially the ones that represent the school – Gratitude, Respect and Compassion.

Gratitude

I have spoken to the student body in Term 1 and guided them to show gratitude to their parents. They should be showing you gratitude for the things you have done for them and the unconditional love you have showered on them all these years. As such, please help us to monitor your child's behaviour at home. Have they said "thank you" or given you a hug recently or greeted you with a simple "good morning" when they see you before going to school? These are the examples given to them as a guide for showing gratitude to their parents. I hope they have been practising these actions.

Respect

When our students know and understand the importance and priority of values, they will be able to understand themselves better, establish stronger relationships and interact with the world at a whole new level. As a symbol of our commitment to values, we have recently painted the word "Respect" on the side of the school building at the classroom block. This will serve as a timely reminder to our students that they must show respect to their friends and teachers as well as all the support staff who serve the school.

Compassion

Even in the hard times and as we travel through the lows and valleys of life, there is always something to be grateful for. To teach this important life lesson, we have recently launched the 2:168 Mission Trooper movement where our students will serve the community at least 2 hours a week. They will do a host of activities such as fund raising for charity or learn magic tricks to entertain at the old folk's homes. These acts of compassion will be remembered by the people they serve and in return it will impact our students in many positive ways.

Ultimately, we have endeavoured to craft opportunities for our students to gather valuable experiences that will guide them on their life's journey long after they have left the gates of Hougang Secondary School. This will be the lasting legacy we leave our students which will allow them to lead a life in congruence with positive values; a life that is bound to be more fulfilling.

Thank you and regards,

Mr Ng Tiong Nam
Principal
Hougang Secondary School

Security in the School

The school would like to ensure the safety and security of all students and staff by administering school gate closure at 6.15pm and implementing the visitors' policy.

A) School Closing Time

This will also help to minimise disruption to school premise users after school operating hours (e.g. CDAC, PSG).

At 6pm

- All school activities (including CCAs) end
- School long bell is sounded

At 6.15pm

- School gates close
- All staff and students, with exception of HOD on-duty, should have left the school premises
- HOD on-duty and OSO on-duty complete a final check to ensure school is indeed vacated

At 6.30pm

- HOD on-duty and OSO on-duty leave school

At 7pm of Mon, Wed and Fri

- School gates re-open for CDAC coordinator to take over for running of tuitions which start at 7.30pm

In case of heavy rain (defined as raining cats & dogs, not for light rain and drizzle) at 6pm, the school gates will remain opened. This is to allow parents/spouses of staff to drive in to pick up students/staff at the foyer outside the General Office. Students/staff who are stranded are to wait at the foyer area. The school gates will be closed when the rain lightens/stops.

Please also note that after school dismissal, pupils are allowed to leave the school using the back gates, but will not be allowed to enter the school premises again (one-way only).

B) Visitors' Policy

Visitors are limited to visit only during school office hours, i.e. from 7.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

All visitors to register and exchange their photo IDs (e.g. NRIC, driving license) for serialized HS Visitor Pass at security guard post. This lanyard Pass should be worn at all times.

Visitors with HS Visitor Pass and School Alumni Pass (HS alumni serving in CCAs for 2013) should wear the lanyard Pass visibly at all times during the visit/CCA.

Visitors who display poor conduct or behavior should not be allowed access or be asked to leave the school premises.

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR FOR 2013
Secondary 1-3 pupils

Event	Level	Term/Week	Date
Semestral Assessment 1 (SA1)	Sec 1-3	T2 W6-7	29 Apr – 10 May
Marking Day (Sec 1-3, Sec 4NA/NT do not need to report to school)	Sec 1-3/ 4N/4NT	T2 W8	13 May
Release of SA1 results during Parent-Teacher Meet	Sec 1-3	T2 W10	31 May
Release of Term 3 Progress Report to Parents	Sec 1-3	T3 W10	6 Sep
Semestral Assessment 2 (SA2)	Sec 1-3	T4 W3-4	30 Sep – 10 Oct
Release of Overall results during Parent-Teacher Meet	Sec 1-3	T4 W6	25 Oct

*Please ensure that your child/ward is in school during these important assessment periods.

HUMANITIES LEARNING JOURNEY
Secondary 1-2 pupils

Date: Monday, 27 May 2013

Classes	Timing	Additional Information
1E1/2/3/4	Students will report to school at 12pm and will be dismissed from school at 6pm* Note: All students to have eaten lunch by 12pm	Attire: Half-uniform (school PE T-shirt and long pants for boys and skirts for girls) All pupils to bring water bottle, small umbrella and writing materials.
1A1/2/3 and 1T1	Students will report to school by 7.40am and will be dismissed from school at 12.30pm*	* estimated time, dependent on traffic situation
2E1/2/3, 2A1/2/3 and 2T1	Students will report to school by 7.40am and will be dismissed from school at 1.00pm*	

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR FOR 2013
Secondary 4/5N

Event	Level	Term/Wk	Date
4N/4NT Preliminary Exam 1	Sec 4N/4NT	T2 W6-7	29 Apr – 10 May
4E/5N Preliminary Exam 1 for EL and MT (incl Listening Comprehension)	Sec 4E/5N	T2 W6	29 Apr, 3 May and 6 May
Release of SA1 and Preliminary Exam 1 results during Parent-Teacher Meet	Sec 4N/NT	T2 W10	31 May
Mid-Year GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Written Examinations	Sec 4E/5N	School Holidays	3-4 Jun
4E/5N Preliminary Exam 1 for other subjects	Sec 4E/5N	T3 W1	1 – 5 Jul
Preparation for MT Oral			
GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Oral Examination	Sec 4E/5N	T3 W1-W3	5 – 19 Jul
GCE 'N' Level EL Oral Examination	Sec 4N/NT	T3 W2-W3	9 – 17 Jul
GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4E/5N	T3 W4	23 Jul
Release of 4E/5N Preliminary Exam 1 results during Parent Teacher Meet	Sec 4E/5N	T3 W4	26 Jul
GCE 'N' Level Mother-Tongue Oral Examination	Sec 4N/NT	T3 W4-6	29 Jul–6 Aug
4N/4NT Preliminary Exam 2	Sec 4N/NT	T3 W6 T3 W8	5-7Aug 19-23 Aug
GCE 'O' Level EL Oral Examination	Sec 4E/5N	T3 W7-9	15-29 Aug
4E/5N Preliminary Exam 2	Sec 4E/5N	T3 W9 & 10, T4 W1	29 – 30 Aug, 2– 20 Sep
GCE 'N' Level Written Examinations	Sec 4N/NT	T4 W1 T4 W4,5	16-18 Sep 7 – 18 Oct
GCE 'O' Level Written Examinations	Sec 4E/5N	T4 W6-10	21 Oct – 15 Nov

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TERM 2 HS CALENDAR 2013

~ March 2013 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	25 MTL FORTNIGHT	26 MTL FORTNIGHT	27 MTL FORTNIGHT PARENTING TALK 'APPRECIATING YOUR CHILD' (7.30-9.30PM)	28 MTL FORTNIGHT S3T/4T MEP	29 GOOD FRIDAY	30
~ April 2013 ~						
31	1 MTL FORTNIGHT	2 MTL FORTNIGHT CAMP ALGEBRA (S2)	3 JUDO COMPETITION MTL FORTNIGHT	4 JUDO COMPETITION MTL FORTNIGHT CAMP ALGEBRA (S2) S3T/4T MEP	5 JUDO COMPETITION MTL FORTNIGHT MOE EXCEL FEST 2013	6
7	8 INT'L FRIENDSHIP/LIBRARY W JUDO COMPETITION	9 JUDO COMPETITION	10 JUDO COMPETITION	11 NAPFA TEST (S1/2) S3T/4T MEP S3 EL ORAL EXAMS	12 NAPFA TEST (S3/4) STUDENT LEADERS' INVESTITURE	13 S4N/T - CCA LAST DAY
14	15 EARTH WEEK	16 NAPFA TEST (S3)	17 NAPFA TEST (S4/5)	18 NAPFA TEST (S2) S3T/4T MEP SCITECHUMATICS	19 NAPFA TEST (S1)	20
21	22 S1-4NT,4NA MT ORAL (INT)	23 S1-4NT,4NA MT ORAL (INT)	24 S1-4NT,4NA MT ORAL (INT)	25 S1-4NT,4NA MT ORAL (INT) S3T/4T MEP	26	27
28	29 S1-3 SA1 EXAMS S4N/4T PRELIM (1) S4E/5N EL PRELIM (1)	30 S1-3 SA1 EXAMS S4N/4T PRELIM (1)	Notes:			

TERM 2 HS CALENDAR 2013

~ May 2013 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 LABOUR DAY	2 S1-3 SA1 EXAMS S4N/4T PRELIM (1)	3 S1-3 SA1 EXAMS S4N/4T PRELIM (1) S4E/5N MT PRELIM (1)	4
5	6 S1-3 SA1 EXAMS S4N/4T PRELIM (1) S4E/5N LC (EL) S4E LC (MT)	7 S1-3 SA1 EXAMS S4N/4T PRELIM (1)	8 S1-3 SA1 EXAMS S4N/4T PRELIM (1)	9 S1-3 SA1 EXAMS S4N/4T PRELIM (1)	10 S1-3 SA1 EXAMS S4N/4T PRELIM (1)	11
12	13 S1-3/4N/4T MARKING DAY S4E/5N/3HCL MT ORAL	14 S1-3 CHECK SCRIPTS S4N/4T CHECK SCRIPTS S4E/5N/3HCL MT ORAL	15 CCA resume S1-3 CHECK SCRIPTS S4N/4T CHECK SCRIPTS S4E/5N/3HCL MT ORAL	16 S3T/4T MEP S4E/5N/3HCL MT ORAL	17 S4E/5N/3HCL MT ORAL	18 S3 OSL
19 S3 OSL	20 POST EXAM S3 OSL S4E/5N MT INTENSIVE S2 ADVENTURE CAMP	21 POST EXAM S3 OSL S4E/5N MT INTENSIVE S2 ADVENTURE CAMP	22 POST EXAM S3 OSL S4E/5N MT INTENSIVE S2 ADVENTURE CAMP	23 POST EXAM S3 OSL S4E/5N MT INTENSIVE S2 ADVENTURE CAMP	24 VESAK DAY S3 OSL	25
26	27 POST EXAM S3 OSL S4E/5N MT INTENSIVE 3N ELECTIVE MODULES S1 & S2 HUM LJ	28 POST EXAM S3 OSL S4E/5N MT INTENSIVE 3N ELECTIVE MODULES S1 MATHS CARNIVAL	29 POST EXAM S3 OSL S4E/5N MT INTENSIVE 3N ELECTIVE MODULES	30 POST EXAM S3 OSL S4E/5N MT INTENSIVE 3N ELECTIVE MODULES	31 S3 OSL RELEASE SA1 PROG. REPO PTM (S1-3/4N/4T) (0800-1530) EAT DINNER W FAMILY DAY	1
~ June 2013 ~						
2	3 S4E/5N O LEVEL MT WRIT S4N/4T EXT CURRICU S1-3 MASTERY LEARNING	4 S4E/5N O LEVEL MT(B) WRIT S4E/4N/4T/5N EXT CURRICU S1-3 MASTERY LEARNING SMO(S1-4) SECLECTED STUDENTS	5 S4E/4N/4T/5N EXT CURRICU S1-3 MASTERY LEARNING	6 S4E/4N/4T/5N EXT CURRICU S1-3 MASTERY LEARNING	7	