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

HS PC 2019 Issue 3

July

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We welcome your child/ward back to school. We hope you have had the opportunity to spend time with your child/ward in many fruitful and meaningful ways and that your child/ward had used the break wisely to catch up on his/her learning.

1. Staff Movement

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

Name	Designation
Mr Chia Huang Hao	Teacher / Music & History
Mr Nazirul Mubin	Teacher / FCE & History
Ms Liu Liling	Teacher / Art
Mr Jafri Bin Edres	Education Workshop Instructor

We also bid farewell to the following staff and would like to thank her for her contribution to HS. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Name	Designation
Ms Ginny Chua	Teacher / English & Literature

2. New Appointment

We are pleased to share that the following staff had been appointed as key personnel.

Name	Designation
Ms Audrey Chua	Level Head / English Language & Literature
Ms Kitty Tan	Subject Head / Pupil Management
Ms Jazreel Toh	Subject Head / CCA
Mdm Annizell Chan	Assistant SSD

3. School Structures and Programmes

3.1 Time-table Matters

Please note that Snack Break will be removed on Wednesday and school will end earlier at 1.30pm.

A new time-table with effect from the first day of Term 3 is now available on the school website. (<https://hougangsec.moe.edu.sg/quicklinks/students>)

3.2 Night Study Programme for Secondary 4 and 5 Students

The Night Study Programme is put in place to provide our graduating students a safe and conducive space to continue their revision and seek clarification from teachers, in preparation for their national examination. This year, the Night Study Programme will run on **every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 23 July to 4 September 2019** (with the exception of 8 August, National Day celebrations).

3.3 Extended Curriculum Time (ECT) for Secondary 4 and 5 students

To support our graduating classes in their last lap of preparation for the national examinations, time is set aside after school **on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays** for remediation. ECT will be cancelled when there are level or school-wide programmes (e.g. National Day celebrations), public holidays, eves of exam days, and on exam days.

For more information, please refer to the schedule posted on the school website. (<https://hougangsec.moe.edu.sg/quicklinks/students/ect-schedule-for-term-2>)

3.4 Structured Consultation Time for Secondary 1 to 3 Students

Time has been set aside for Structured Consultation after school **from 3.15 to 4.15pm on every Monday and Thursday from 4 July to 30 September** for teachers to provide consultation for each subject or to conduct remediation to close learning gaps for students. Consultation will be provided on a needs basis and selected students will be informed at least one day in advance. Structured Consultation will be cancelled when there are level or school-wide programmes (e.g. National Day celebrations), public holidays, eves of exam days, and on exam days.

For more information, please refer to the schedule posted on the school website. (<https://hougangsec.moe.edu.sg/quicklinks/students/ect-schedule-for-term-2>)

4. Examination Matters

4.1 Preliminary Examination 2 for Secondary 4 and 5 Students

Please refer to the table below for the Preliminary 2 Examination dates. A more detailed examination time-table will be given to students and available on school website in **Term 3 Week 1**.

Secondary 4NA & 4NT	31 July - 2 August 2019 13 August - 19 August 2019
Secondary 4E & 5NA	27 August - 30 August 2019 16 September - 20 September 2019

4.2 National Examination Dates

Please refer to the table below for the national examinations dates. 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 N-level	11 July - 18 October 2019
GCE O-level	10 July - 15 November 2019

4.3 End-of-Year Examination Dates for Secondary 1 to 3 Students

Please refer to the table below for the End-of-Year Examination dates for Secondary 1 to 3 Students. A more detailed time-table will be given to students and available on the school website in **Term 4 Week 2**.

SA 2 (Sec 1 to 3) Examinations	26 - 27 September 2019 4 - 10 October 2019
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5. Parent Support Group (Updates)

5.1 HS Big Family Day 7 June 2019

PSG set up 6 colourful game booths to add to the excitement of the HS Big Family Fun Night. 15 PSG parents and their families took time off from work to participate in the meaningful annual event to show support and appreciation for the school; to thank all the HS staff for their hard work in the first semester of 2019. It was wonderful to see many families coming together to eat, play, and laugh. The memories created will indeed last a lifetime.

5.2 Upcoming Key PSG Activities

1. HS Staff Day Celebration - 5th September 2019
2. PSG Annual Year End Family Bonding Day - 2nd November 2019

6. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Update

6.1 Parents Gateway

Parents Gateway is a one-stop mobile app developed by MOE and Government Technology Agency (GovTech) for parents and schools to better support the children in their education journey. Through the app, you will be able to receive announcements and information on our school's programmes and activities. As the school will be issuing consent forms via Parents' portal from this semester onwards, you can give consent for your child to participate in school's activities via Parents Gateway.

For parents who have not downloaded the app "Parents Gateway", we hope that you will do so by 15 July so that you will be kept up-to-date and to take appropriate actions when necessary.

For more information about the Parents Gateway, please visit the link below: <https://hougangsec.moe.edu.sg/quicklinks/parents/parents-gateway>.

7. Parent-Teacher-Conference (PTC) on 1 June 2019

7.1 PTC Feedback from Parents/Guardians

On 1 June 2019, the school's first PTC, which takes place twice a year, was held in the School Hall for Secondary 1 to 3 students. The PTC which takes place twice a year, is important as it is useful for parents/guardians to discuss the progress and well-being of their children/ward with the teachers. Below mentioned are some of the survey results collated from the parents/guardians who attended the session in June.

Question	Strongly Agree / Agree
I have a better understanding of my child's/ward's academic progress during the PTC.	99.2%
I have a better understanding of my child's/ward's behaviour in the school after the PTC.	99.0%
The school has provided me with useful and timely information to help my child/ward.	98.7%

Thus, we strongly encourage parents/guardians to attend future PTCs as they are meaningful platforms to discuss the progress and well-being of your children/wards with the teachers.

8. Using Students' Images/Recordings for Publications

8.1 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).

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)	Contact Number (Extension)
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5	Ms. Lim Puay Ee (HOD/MTL)	6372 6658 (Ext: 658)
6	Mdm. Tang Hui Huang (HOD/ICT)	6372 6655 (Ext: 655)
7	Mdm. Martini Rahmat (Asst. YH/ Sec 2)	6372 6668 (Ext: 235)