



ZHENGHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to school! To our Sec 2 – 5 students, I hope you have spent the Nov-Dec holiday in pursuit of your interests and hobbies, as well as had quality time with your family and friends. To our new Sec 1 students, a very warm welcome to Zhenghua Secondary School; it will be an exciting 4 – 5 year journey ahead as you discover new passions and areas of interests, expand your knowledge, make new friends, and develop yourselves holistically.

It has been an exciting and memorable 2017. We introduced the polo t-shirt into our school attire, and revamped the timetable to provide for a longer recess and more time for PE and music lessons. The whole school was also involved in a hamper making and donation drive during the Chinese New Year period for distribution to families in need in the Bukit Panjang area. We held our Sports Day with renewed energy in a different stadium from the previous year, and we had yet another exciting and energy pumping Urban Challenge right here in our school in July. In the 2017 GCE N-Level examinations, our school obtained very good N-Level results once again: 83% of our Sec 4 Normal (Academic) students were eligible for Sec 5, as compared to the national figure of 77%. 19% of them achieved 11 points or better in English Language, Mathematics and best three subjects. Our Sec 4 Normal (Technical) students also did very well with 11% of the cohort scoring 5 points or better in English Language, Mathematics and one best subject. We applaud the efforts of staff and students who worked tirelessly together over the past years to achieve such stellar performance.

In order to achieve our vision of “Every Student, a Principled and Future-Ready Leader” we will continue our efforts in both the academic and non-academic fields to prepare every student to better meet the challenges of the future. Many of the programmes and activities in the year ahead will aim to build our students’ emotional, ethical, intellectual, physical and social capacity, while grounding them in our school values of integrity, resilience, respect, responsibility and compassion. We will hence be making some improvements to our school operations, programmes and curriculum in order to better support our efforts in the holistic development of Zhenghua students. Some of these changes are described in the rest of this letter.

My key message to all our students for the year ahead is to work hard, work smart, learn from one’s mistakes, and live up to the school values. Know that the school will put in every effort to prepare our students well for the future. Parents and guardians, do continue providing the best guidance and care for your child and take the time to understand your child’s likes and dislikes, fears and aspirations, and what goes on in his or her school life. Do reinforce their good behaviours and set clear boundaries. The teachers and all of the staff members in Zhenghua look forward to forging an even closer partnership with you as we work together to shape our students’ character and to help them succeed well in life. The Form Teachers will also contact you from time to time to provide updates on your child’s progress. The names and email addresses of the 2018 Form Teachers and CCA teachers-in-charge are provided in the annexes and on our website for your reference.

Here’s wishing one and all a very successful and joyful 2018 ahead!

CHANGES IN 2018

1. 2018 Timetable

The timetable has been further adjusted to accommodate an additional level of Subject-Based Banding. Most students will have the following weekly timetable:

Mondays and Wednesdays: 7.35 am – 2.40 pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 7.35 am – 2.00 pm

Fridays: 7.35 am – 12.20 pm

Students who take SBB subjects in MTL and Science, and Sec 3E students taking an 8th subject will experience a longer timetable. The detailed timetable will be shared with your child/ward. Students are to assemble in the parade square or their respective classrooms by 7.35am every morning. Students who need to leave school before the official dismissal time each day are to obtain permission through our staff in the General Office.

2. Class Interaction Time and Student-Teacher Conference

Building strong teacher-student relationships and class spirit has always been our focus and is but one of the many approaches to strengthen our school culture of care. As such, Class Interaction Time will be held every Tuesday morning from 7.35 – 8.00 am. Form Teachers will use this time to engage their form classes in various bonding activities. Students are to report directly to their classrooms on Tuesday mornings instead of the Parade Square. Your child will also be given the opportunity to interact with their Form or Subject teachers on a one-to-one basis during Student-Teacher Conferences (STC) which is held every Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 7.35 – 8.00 am.

3. Morning Reading

To inculcate good reading habits in our students, morning reading period will be held every Wednesday and Thursday from 7.35 – 8.00 am. Your child / ward is required to bring English or Mother Tongue reading materials such as books, newspapers or magazines.

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

4. 22 students from the 2017 graduating cohort were awarded the Edusave Character Award (ECHA), in recognition of their exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities. Congratulations to the following ECHA winners!

ECHA Awardee	Class in 2017
NUR LIYANA AFIQAH BINTE MOHAMED ISA	4E1
ELYN AMIRA BTE SUHARDI	4E1
MUHAMED HAFIZ B MUHAMED TAHA	4E2
SARAH KHAIRUNNISA BTE M A	4E2
ONG HONG KAI	4E3
AU JUN YI	4E3
NICOLE TEH YUKI	4E3
ONG HUI MIN BELINDA	4E3
NG YUAN ZHI, JANELLE	4E3
CHEA MING WEI	4E4
TAN WEI CHENG	4E4
ANISSA IDRIS LIM JING	4E4
LIM YONG HAO, ZACHARY	4E4
NG HUI TIAN	4E4

ECHA Awardee	Class in 2017
LUQMAN NURHAKIM B MOHD RAMLE	4E4
AMANDA KOH KAI TING	4N1
SHAFIQAH BTE KASSIM	4N1
PERRY KOK XING JIE	4N2
CHIN JIE ER	4N2
FARAH NADIA BTE HARON	4T1
IFFAH AFRINA PUTERI ROSLI	4T1
KONG MIN JIE	5N1

5. The Outstanding Contribution Award (OCA) 2017 has been awarded to the following staff and committees to recognise their significant contributions in areas such as student development and school operations.

OCA (Individual): **Mr Muhd Faisal Ramli (AED T&L- PE Department), Mr Muhd Andi Zulkepli (MTL Department) and Mr Toh Boo Ee (Operations Manager)**

OCA (Team): **CCE Committee, Student Leadership Committee, NT Math Team, Science Cluster and STEM Day Team and Chinese New Year Celebrations Working Committee**

ACADEMIC MATTERS

6. Please note that Common Test 1 (CT1) for all Sec 1 – 5 students will be conducted over a period of 3 weeks in view of the Chinese New Year holiday in mid-February. CT1 will be conducted on 8, 9, 12, 13, 22 and 23 February. The detailed CT1 timetable will be issued to your child / ward closer to the start of the test. All common tests (except for a few subjects at Upper Secondary level) will be conducted during curriculum time. Except for the periods used for Common Tests, lessons and CCAs will continue as per normal during this period. Please ensure that your child / ward maintains a regular study schedule in the weeks leading up to the Common Tests.

7. The STAR (Stretch-Train-Affirm-Remediate) Programme for Sec 4 Express and 5NA students will commence in **Term 1 Week 2**. Please refer to the detailed STAR schedule that will be provided to your child at a later date.

CCA MATTERS

8. CCA, an important component in the holistic education of your child/ward, is a platform for the development of character, life skills and 21st century competencies. It is through CCA that they are able to discover and develop their interests and talents. CCA attendance is compulsory, and we seek your understanding that any absence from a training/practice session must be covered with a medical certificate. The schedule for CCA training and practice can be found on the CCA noticeboards in school. Please note that Uniformed Groups' main training days will now be on Thursday afternoons instead of Friday afternoons. The list of CCA teachers-in-charge can be found in **Annex B**.

FINANCE MATTERS

9. All students entering Secondary 1 in January 2018 will be issued with a new Secondary level School Smart Cards (SSC). Secondary 1 students can continue to use their Primary level SSCs for concessionary travel till end of **April 2018** but they would need to purchase the BCP for Secondary School students.

10. Parents of all Sec 2 – 5 students are required to give their authorisation in the updated Edusave Enrichment Programme Standing Order (EPSO) in 2018. The Edusave EPSO is a one-time authorisation obtained from parents/guardians for Edusave withdrawals for local enrichment programmes and overseas Learning Journeys. The authorisation will be in force for all levels and school years as long as the student studies in a government or government-aided school. A separate letter, authorisation form and FAQs are given together with this letter. You can

read through the letter for the details. Please submit the signed authorisation through your child's form teachers by **Monday, 8 January 2018**.

SAFETY AND HEALTH-RELATED MATTERS

11. All students are to enter and leave the school compound only through the **rear gate along Bukit Panjang Ring Road in the morning and after school**. For enhanced security, students are to use the main gate along Senja Road to enter and exit the school compound after 5.00 pm. For students who travel to school by car, parents may drop off your child at the rear gate along **Bukit Panjang Ring Road**. Parents are discouraged from turning into the school to drop your child off except during heavy downpours. The following are the opening hours of the rear gate along Bukit Panjang Ring Road.

	Monday to Thursday	Friday
AM	6.15 am – 8.00 am	
PM	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	12.20 pm – 3.00 pm

If your child intends to cycle to school, please note that he / she will need to submit a Parent Consent Form for cyclists to the General Office by **Week 2 of Term 1**. All student cyclists need to comply with the regulations as stipulated by the Singapore Traffic Police on safe cycling attire and road traffic rules for cyclists. All students cycling to and from school will hence have to put on a helmet for their personal safety.

12. There will be a temperature-taking exercise on **Friday, 5 January 2018**. Sec 1 students will be provided with a new Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT). All other students are to ensure that they have a functioning ODT with them during the exercise.

13. If your child / ward is unwell, please take him / her to see the doctor and keep the school informed of the condition. A medical certificate should be submitted to the Form Teacher upon returning to school.

PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

14. We would like to thank all parents for your continued support over thus far. Your partnership with the school and invaluable feedback has enabled us to make improvements resulting in better outcomes for your child/ward. As such, we hope that you will continue to participate in the activities, workshops and interactions for parents organised by our school. For Term 1, we look forward to interacting with all Sec 1 parents during the Sec 1 LEAPS Talk and Campfire on **12 January 2018**. We will provide you with further details of the rest of our scheduled activities and workshops soon.

KEY EVENTS IN TERM 1

Date	Event
10 – 12 January	Sec 1 Orientation Camp
12 January	Sec 1 Parent-Teacher Meeting, LEAPS Talk for Sec 1 parents and Campfire Night (4.30 pm onwards)
29 January – 2 February	Humanities Week
15 February	Chinese New Year Celebrations (Please note that students will be dismissed at 10.30 am)
16 – 17 February 19 February	Chinese New Year holiday (19 February is a scheduled school holiday for all teaching staff and students)
9 February	Total Defence Day Commemoration
8 - 9 February 12 - 13 February 22 - 23 February	Common Test 1 (Sec 1 – 5)
7 – 10 March	Sabbatical Week
10 March	e-Learning Day for Sec 1 and 2s (Sec 1 and 2 students are to complete assignments online at home or at computers in our computer labs)
11 – 19 March	March School Holidays

Yours sincerely,



Mr Eugene Lin
Principal
Zhenghua Secondary School

2018 FORM TEACHERS

Class	Form Teacher	Form Teacher	Form Teacher
Year Head 1 : Mdm Magdalene Tan Li Ping (Email: tan_li_ping_magdelene@moe.edu.sg)			
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5N2	Mdm Nur Elfianie Abdul Samad nur_elfianie_abdul_samad@moe.edu.sg	Ms Rafiyah Begum rafiyah_begum_sharif_mohd@moe.edu.sg	

2018 CCA TEACHERS-IN-CHARGE

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