



# ZHENGHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have come to the end of Term 3. Besides the Common Test and Preliminary Examinations, it was an eventful term for students and teachers alike. Our Urban Challenge took on a different format from the in-school obstacle course of the past two years. We celebrated National Day with the traditional march past which required many days of practice drills from the coordinated effort of all five Uniformed Groups. We will also end the term by showing appreciation to the many teachers who have worked hard in guiding our students through the year.

Term 4 will be filled with examinations, and I would like to encourage all parents to give your utmost support to your children to help them put in their best effort. Supervise their health and well-being too so that they will be in their best form over the many weeks of intensive examinations. We will end the school year on 16 Nov with our very own school musical entitled Tapestry – When New Meets Old. This musical will be a prelude to our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in 2019. It will showcase all our performing arts, and it is completely written and produced by our very own teachers. Do come and give us your support.

Here are some notable staff and student achievements this past term, as well as an update on past key events and upcoming matters in Term 4.

## ACHIEVEMENTS IN TERM 3

### 1 STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

We are happy to share the achievements of two of our teachers.

Mdm Tan Fong Yee (Senior Teacher / Chinese Language) has been awarded the Distinguished Chinese Language Teacher Award 2018 in recognition for her exemplary efforts towards the teaching of Chinese Language and culture. The award is co-organised by Lianhe Zaobao, and various organisations such as Singapore Centre for Chinese Language, and the Singapore Chinese Teachers' Union.

Ms Sherlyn Goh (HOD/PE and CCA) is a recipient for this year's National Day Awards. Ms Goh has been awarded the Commendation Medal for her dedicated service and outstanding contributions in education.

### 2 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

The following students and CCA groups have done the school proud with their achievements.

Students	Class	Achievement	Competition
Thum Weng Chuen	4E4	Honourable Mention	Singapore Junior Physics Olympiad
Tan Tze An Sean	2E4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Position (Team – 4 <sup>th</sup> Position)	National Environment Quiz
Chua Wei Wen	4E1	Chief Commissioners Award	The Chief Commissioner's Award is conferred by the Scouts Association to the most outstanding and distinctive scouts in recognition of their excellent performance, dedication and services. The award is a pinnacle achievement for the recipients.
Ezio Lue Ng	4E2		
Goh Bo Jun Isaac	4E4		
Josh Ong	4E2		
Thaddeus Chua	4E2		

CCA	Achievement	Competition
Choir	Silver Award	Singapore International Choral Festival (SICF)
ODAC	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Position	National Orienteering Race C Division - Girls

### KEY EVENTS IN TERM 3

#### 3 **Urban Challenge (20 July)**

Urban Challenge, which was held at Woodlands Waterfront Park this year, took on a different format from last two years'. Students were challenged to complete a run amidst the hilly terrain. Though the race covered a relatively short distance, the hilly terrain proved challenging for some students. This year's Urban Challenge was a refreshing change from the previous two years of obstacle races.

#### 4 **Racial Harmony Day (13 July)**

The school celebrated Racial Harmony Day on 13 July, where once again we celebrated the rich diversity of Singapore culture and heritage. The highlight of the day was the drama performance held during assembly, where issues of racial harmony were portrayed through an engaging skit. A few students were also invited up on stage to perform in the skit.

#### 5 **Gratitude Week (30 July – 3 Aug)**

This is the second year that the school celebrated Gratitude Week. During this week, all students and staff were encouraged to express their gratitude in various ways, with the goal of strengthening bonds with one another. Students and staff took part in activities such as reflection lessons and posting gratitude notes on an online Gratitude Board.

### ACADEMIC MATTERS IN TERM 4

#### 6 **GCE N-Level Examinations, GCE O-Level Examinations, Sec 1-3 End of Year Examinations**

The dates for the National Exams can be found in the table of Key Events in Term 4. The Sec 1-3 End-of-Year Examination time-table is in **Annex A**. The syllabus coverage for the end-of-year exams will also be distributed together with this letter.

Please note that there will be no early dismissal for Sec 1-3 students on days of the GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension examinations. As the GCE N-Level examinations are conducted in two phases, parents of Sec 4NA and 4NT students are to refer to the attached **lesson arrangements schedule** for revision lessons for their child/ward. 4NA and 4NT students are expected to report to school as per normal from 20 - 27 September as revision lessons will be conducted for the remaining subjects that they will be sitting for.

#### 7 **Night Study Programme for Sec 4/5 Graduating Students**

The Night Study Programme for Sec 4/5 graduating students will take place from Monday, 10 September to Thursday, 4 October, weekday evenings from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. The programme aims to cultivate discipline and good self-study habits in our graduating students during their last lap of revision. The Night Study Programme is conducted on a voluntary basis, and students who wish to take part are required to sign up for it through Year Head (Upper Sec) Mr Lim Cheng Yong. Once again, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Parent Support Group for funding and catering for some of the snacks and refreshments for our Night Study Programme.

## KEY EVENTS IN TERM 4

Date	Event
10 - 20 Sept; 1 – 12 October	GCE N-Level Written Examinations
27 September	4NA/4NT Graduation Ceremony (within curriculum time)
5 October	4Exp/5NA Graduation Ceremony (within curriculum time)
1 – 12 October	Sec 1 – 3 End-of-Year Examinations
4, 9, 11, 17 October	GCE O-Level Science Practical Exams
15 October	Marking Day – <b>Sec 1-3 students need not report to school on this day</b>
16 - 18 October	Checking scripts for Sec 1-3 students. Normal curriculum hours.
23 October	Promotion Day - <b>Sec 1-3 students need not report to school on this day</b>
6 November	Deepavali Holiday
19 – 25 October	Post-Exam Activities
22 October – 16 November	GCE O-Level Written Examinations
26 October	Last day of school for Sec 1-3 students. <b>Students will be dismissed at 10.20 am.</b> Parent-Teacher Meeting will be held from 11 am onwards
29 October – 2 November	Sec 3Exp Extended Curriculum and Lower Sec SBB Bridging Lessons <b>(Special time table will be released to students at a later date)</b>
13 November	Release of 2018 Sec 3 Subject Selection Exercise results
15 November (12 noon)	Deadline for submission of appeals for 2018 Subject Selection Exercise
21 November	Release of appeals results for 2018 Subject Selection Exercise
16 November	Tapestry School Musical 7.30 pm at Nanyang Girls' High School Auditorium
21 November	Graduation Night for Sec 4Exp/4NA/4NT/5NA students
24 November	School Open House
Wednesday 2 January 2019	First day of Term 1 2019

Yours sincerely,



Mr Eugene Lin  
Principal

Dear Parents / Guardians,

**Lesson Arrangements for 4NANT Students (20 – 27 September 2018)**

The following are the revision lesson arrangements and Study Break period for your child/ward after the completion of the earlier papers for the GCE N-Level examination. Your child/ward is required to report to school during the revision period as there will be intensive preparation for the subsequent papers which they will sit for from 1 October 2018 onwards.

Classes	Date	Lesson Arrangement
4N1 4N2 4T1	10 – 19 Sep 2018	<b><u>N-Level Exams on-going</u></b> No lessons. <b>Students need not report to school on the days that they do not have any paper.</b>  For afternoon papers, students are to report at least <u>30 minutes</u> before the start of the paper.
	20 – 27 Sep 2018	Lessons resume. Students are to report to school as per normal for revision of remaining subjects. <b>Any absence from school must be covered with an MC or parents' letter.</b>
	27 September	Lessons followed by <b>Graduation Ceremony at 1.10 pm</b> . There will be a simple reception for all 4NA and 4NT students after the Graduation Ceremony.
	28 September	Study Break. <b>Students need not report to school.</b>
	1 – 12 Oct 2018	<b>N-Level Exams resume.</b>

We wish your child/ward success for the GCE N-Level examinations.