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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We celebrated the academic, leadership and CCA achievements of our students and graduands at our 18th Awards Day on 9 April. Entitled "Our Dreams, Our Future", we had the rare privilege of having Mr Andrew Purcell, Operations Manager from Google, as our Guest of Honour. Through a video message, he urged our students to continue pursuing their passions and not be daunted by obstacles and challenges they may face. The many awards we gave out that day are a testament to that bright future that our students will be co-creating for themselves and for Singapore.

At our annual Sports Day on 13 April, we witnessed the display of our students' sporting talents at Choa Chu Kang Stadium. We also had the privilege of having many of our parents from our PSG take part with our staff in the relay race that day. What an exciting race it was as we saw students cheering their hearts out for their teachers and the parents alike. Our Houses gave their very best too through the various races, and in the cheering competitions. Hawk House emerged overall champion for 2017, while Eagle House was awarded the champion trophy for the cheering competition.

We are now in the midst of the mid-year examinations, and I hope that every student is putting in his or her very best towards the first major examination of the year. Regardless of their eventual results, what's most important is that they put in the requisite effort and learn from their mistakes. It is also important that they sleep and eat well so that they have the energy to perform at their very best. Do ensure that your child / ward is well-rested during this stressful period and do continue to provide them with the moral support and encouragement.

Read on to find out more about our students' achievements in Term 2 and the various upcoming events and programmes in Term 3. I wish one and all a very restful June holiday break too in advance.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN TERM 2

1 Our Uniformed Groups and Aesthetics CCAs continue to perform extremely well at the national level. The awards are a testament to the hard work and dedication of the students and teachers-in-charge of the CCAs. Congratulations to the following CCA groups!

CCA	Achievement	Competition
Scouts	Gold	Frank Cooper Sands Award 2016; Honours Pennant 2016 for sustained 5-year achievement of Frank Cooper Sands Award
NPCC	Gold	Unit Overall Proficiency Award 2016
Red Cross	Gold	Excellence Unit Award 2016
NCC (Air)	Gold	Best Unit Competition 2016
Girl Guides	Silver	Puan Noor Aishah Award

CCA	Achievement	Competition
Band	Distinction	Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation
Malay Dance	Distinction	
Drama	Distinction	
Choir	Accomplishment	
Handbells	Accomplishment	

In addition, two of our students from NPCC, **Anissa Idris-Lim (4E4)** and **Nur Liyana Afiqah (4E1)** have achieved the SPF-NPCC Badge, a pinnacle award given to outstanding cadets who display great leadership qualities. They were selected from a total of 461 nominations from 129 schools with NPCC units. Well done, Anissa and Nur Liyana!

2 **National School Games Artistic Gymnastics Championship 2017**

Balancing rigorous training outside school and a normal school CCA and academic load is no easy feat. Through their hard work, dedication and passion in Gymnastics, two of our students **Mikha'il Illya' Grant (3N2)** and **Mohammad Mikhail Haziq (3E2)** have achieved the Bronze Award at the National School Games Artistic Gymnastics Championship 2017.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

3 **Assessments in Term 2, Marking Day and Post-Exam Activities**

Monday 15 May has been designated as **Marking Day**, and students need not report to school on this day. School will continue as per normal from 16 May onwards with script-checking and Post-Exam Activities (PEA). The Post-Exam Activities schedule can be found in **Annex A**. The programmes and activities are compulsory and full participation is expected from your child / ward. Please note that CCAs will continue in Weeks 9 and 10 unless notified otherwise by the CCA teacher-in-charge.

4 **Mother-Tongue Language Intensive Programme for Sec 4Exp5NA Students**

The GCE 'O' Level MTL Exam (including MTL 'B' Syllabus) will be conducted from **29 – 30 May**. To better prepare our graduating students for this, the MTL Department will be conducting the MTL Intensive Programme from **19 – 25 May**, during curriculum time.

5 **June Study Camp for Sec 4Exp5NA Students, 4NA Students taking 'O' Level Maths and Combined Science**

Another key programme to support our students in their preparations for the GCE 'O' Level Exams is the June Study Camp. The Study Camp will be conducted from **31 May – 9 June**. The Study Camp schedule can be found in **Annex B**.

Please ensure that your child / ward attends lessons during the camp as scheduled as subject teachers will be doing important revision work and guiding the students for the coursework completion. Any absence from the June Study Camp must be due to valid reasons.

PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

6 Parent-Teacher Meeting II (26 May)

We warmly invite parents to meet your child / ward's Form Teachers and/or subject teachers on **26 May from 10.30 am – 5.30 pm**. As the semester draws to a close, do take this opportunity to engage them in a discussion on your child / ward's progress, celebrate all that has gone well for him / her and to work towards improvement in the months to come. Online registration will be available **17 – 24 May** on MOnline. Students will be dismissed from school at 9.50am. More details will be provided nearer the period of registration.

KEY EVENTS IN JUNE HOLIDAYS AND TERM 3

Date	Event
27 May – 26 June	June school holidays
29 - 30 May	GCE 'O' Level Mother-Tongue Language Examinations
31 May – 9 June	June Study Camp for Sec 4Exp5NA and 4NA students taking 'O' Level Maths and Combined Science
26 June	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday
Tuesday 27 June	First day of Term 3
3 July	Youth Day School Holiday
10 – 17 July	GCE 'O' Level MTL Oral Exams
18 July	GCE 'O' Level MTL Listening Comprehension Exam <i>(Please note that all students not sitting for the GCE 'O' MTL Listening Comprehension Exam will be dismissed earlier at 1.10 pm)</i>
21 July	Racial Harmony Day cum Hari Raya Celebrations
24 – 31 July	GCE 'O' Level Higher MTL Oral Exams
28 July	Urban Challenge
1 – 4 August	GCE 'N' Level MTL Oral Exams
8 August	National Day celebrations in school <i>(Students will be dismissed earlier at 10.30 am after the celebrations)</i>
9 – 10 August	National Day Public and School Holidays
2 – 17 August 1 – 7 August, 23 – 29 August	<u>School Prelim Exams</u> GCE 'N' Prelim Exams GCE 'O' Prelim Exams
11 – 18 August	Sec 1 – 3 Common Test 2
14 – 28 August	GCE 'O' Level English Oral Exams
30 August	Teachers' Day celebrations <i>(Students will be dismissed earlier at 11.30 am after the celebrations)</i>
31 August	Teachers' Day School Holiday
1 September	Hari Raya Haji
2 – 10 September	September School Holidays

Yours sincerely,



Mr Eugene Lin
Principal

Post-Exam Activities

Post-examination activities will take place for all students during Week 10 of Term 2. The programmes and activities are compulsory and full participation is expected from your child / ward. Below shows the summary of the activities held during the post-exam period.

Day / Date	Programmes / Activities	Venue	Reporting Time*	Dismissal Time*
Monday 15 May	Marking Day – Pupils need not come to school	NA	NA	NA
Tuesday 16 May – Thursday 18 May	Checking of Mid- Year Exam scripts	School	7.30 am	Normal school dismissal time
Tuesday 23 May	Completion of School Graduation Certificate and various surveys	School	7.30 am	12.10 pm
Wednesday 24 May	English Language Oral Examination Preparation Workshop	School	7.30 am	12.10 pm
Thursday 25 May	Geography Field Trip	Little India	7.30 am	12.10pm
Friday 26 May	Last day of Term 2. Students will be dismissed at 9.50 am. Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) will be held from 10.30 am – 5.00 pm. More information on PTM will be given at a later date.	School	7.30 am	9..50 am

*** Students are to report to school for all activities and will be dismissed from school unless otherwise indicated.**