



ZHENGHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Happy New Year! To our Sec 2s – Sec 5s, welcome back to school, I hope you have made use of the Nov-Dec school break to find time to pursue your dreams. To our new Sec 1 cohort, a very warm welcome to Zhenghua, have a very fruitful orientation, make many new friends and may you have a very exciting secondary school life ahead.

It has been an exciting and memorable 2016. 2016 saw the return of our School Sports Day, and the start of our very own in-school Urban Challenge. We concretised our Applied Learning Programme in Game-Based Design & Simulation, and Robotics, and further deepened our Learning for Life Programme in Outdoor Education. We concluded the year on a high note with our first ever school musical which showcased the aesthetics talents of more than a hundred of our students in various performing arts roles. On the academic front, our students continued to achieve high performance standards. In the 2016 GCE N-Level examinations, our school obtained one of the best ever N-Level results: 92% of our Sec 4 Normal (Academic) students were eligible for Sec 5, as compared to the national figure of 75%. 27% 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 19% 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.

We have reviewed and re-envisioned the way forward for our school. From 2017, our desired student outcome of “Every Student, a Principled and Future-Ready Leader” will now be our school vision. Through our school mission of preparing every student to better meet the challenges of the future by building the student's emotional, ethical, intellectual, physical and social capacity, we will strive as a school to achieve the school vision – to develop students into leaders ready to overcome the challenges of the future and who are grounded 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, and to live up to our school values. Know that the school will put in every effort to help our students succeed. 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 2017 Form Teachers are provided in Annex A and on our website for your reference.

Here's wishing one and all a very fruitful and successful 2017 ahead!

CHANGES IN 2017

1. School Hours and Recess Duration

The school will be implementing major changes in curriculum time in the coming year. Please note that Monday is no longer a late-start day and your child/ward is required to report to school by 7.30 am from Monday-Friday. Recess duration is now increased to 40 minutes from 30 minutes previously. Classes will end at 2.10 pm on Mon-Thu, and at 12.10 pm on Fri, except 3E4 and 4E4 at 2.30 pm and the 1T1 students taking N(A) Mother-Tongue Language and/or N(A) Science. Your child will be able to share with you the detailed timetable.

2. Subject-Based Banding

Our school is among 58 schools who will be implementing Subject-Based Banding (SBB) in 2017. SBB is an MOE initiative introduced in 2014 to allow for greater flexibility in subject offerings at lower secondary levels, to better cater to the strengths of N(A) and N(T) students in English Language, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue Language. Students who have performed well in these subjects at the PSLE may offer the respective subjects at a higher level starting from Secondary 1. SBB (Sec) allows students to stretch themselves and acquire deeper competencies in the subjects they are strong in.

3. School polo-T shirt

The school will be introducing an optional polo t-shirt from 2017. This polo-T can be worn from Tuesday – Friday. Made of a cooler Dri-fit material, we hope that the polo-T can be a more comfortable alternative to the school shirt/blouse during the hotter months. The polo-T is however, not meant to replace the school PE T-shirt. Students are still expected to change into PE attire during PE lessons.

4. Official School Day

The school song will now be sung every Monday morning at morning assembly. Mondays will be known as our official school day and students will need to put on their formal shirt/blouse on Mondays.

5. Form Teacher Interaction Time

From 11 Jan onwards, on Wednesday mornings 7.35 – 7.50 am, Form Teachers will use this time to engage their form classes in various bite-size activities to improve class bonding and motivation, and to build better teacher-student relationships. Students are to report directly to their classrooms on Wednesdays instead of the Parade Square.

6. SINDA

Our school will be a SINDA STEP Programme Centre starting from February 2017. Classes by SINDA will be held weekly on Tuesdays – Thursdays, 7.00 – 9.00 pm. More information on this programme can be found at: <http://www.sinda.org.sg/students/step/>

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

7. A total of 22 students from the 2016 graduating cohort were accorded the Edusave Character Award (ECHA), an award given to recognise students for demonstrating exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. Congratulations to the following ECHA winners!

Name	Class in 2016
Elijah Tan Ying En	4E2
Toh Yong Hern Justin	4E2
Lim Jun Hao	4E2
Ang Yi Qing	4E3
Tan Jun Yong	4E3
Tan Zhi Long	4E3

Delvin Low	4E4
Qian Cheng	4E4
Irna Syaquinah	4N1
Mandy Ng	4N1
Nur Adrieyana	4N1
Nur Nerly Natasha	4N1
Yeo Shi Xuan	4N1
Chong Ning Yun Merryl	4N2
Hanson Ying Chin Leong	4N2
Lu Yuanqi	4N2
Nelly Marsya Putri	4N2
Gary Goh Jun Hao	4T1
Yasmin Bte Samad	5N1
Cheryl Eng Yi Ying	5N2
Kelvin Chua	5N2
Thon Hui Min	5N2

8. Our Scouts have done the school proud by clinching the Gold Award in the recent National Patrol Camp (NPC) 2016 competition. Their outstanding performance during the competition also earned them the most prestigious Chief Commissioner's Challenge Shield for being the best Patrol among 47 schools that participated. The Scouts members and teachers in-charge have worked very hard putting in intensive preparations even during weekends from July 2016. The following are the students who participated in the National Patrol Competition.

Name of Scouts members	Class in 2016
Gary Goh Jun Hao	4T1
Au Jun Yi	3E3
Ong Hong Kai	3E3
Chea Ming Wei	3E4
Ezio Lue Ng	2E2
Jerome Goh Yue En	1E1
Lim Wei Feng	1E2
Vincent Tan Zhi Yu	1E4
Alvin Cheong Jun Ye (Reserve)	3E3
Tan Wei Cheng (Reserve)	3E4

9. Once again, our students have performed well in the annual Hwa Chong Institution Projects Day 2016, a Science Research competition. The four students, **Goh Bo Jun Isaac (2E2), Thum Weng Chuen (2E2), Yip Wei Yang (2E2) and Esther Goh Siew Hwee (2E3)** were awarded a Distinction Award for their research project on 'Adsorption of iron (III) and zinc ions by Zn²⁺ ions by encapsulated magnetite'. Well done!

10. The Outstanding Contribution Award (OCA) 2016 has been awarded to the following staff, department and committees to recognise the significant contributions and value-adding to school processes in various areas such as student development, academic and school administration.

OCA (Individual): **Mr Richmond Ang Dy, Ms Tan Pei Wen, Mdm Lee Weiqi**

OCA (Team): **PE Department, Timetabling Committee, ALP Committee, and EAS (Admin)**

ACADEMIC MATTERS

11. Common Tests for all Sec 1 – 5 students will be conducted from 20 - 27 February. The detailed timetable will be issued to your child / ward closer to the start of the tests. All common tests (except for a few subjects at Upper Secondary level) will be conducted during curriculum time. Please ensure that your child / ward maintains a regular study schedule.

12. The STAR (Stretch-Train-Affirm-Remediate) Programme for Sec 4Exp5NA will commence in **Term 1 Week 2**. STAR Programme for Sec 2 – 5 will commence in **Term 1 Week 5**. Please refer to the detailed STAR schedule that will be provided to your child at a later date.

CCA MATTERS

13. 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 schedules for CCA training and practice can be found on the CCA noticeboards in school. The list of CCA teachers-in-charge can be found in **Annex B**.

FINANCE MATTERS

14. All students entering Secondary 1 in January 2017 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 2017 but they would need to purchase the BCP for Secondary School students.

15. The roll-out of the Edusave Enrichment Programme Standing Order (EPSO) for secondary schools will start in January 2017. The Edusave EPSO is a one-time authorisation obtained from parents/guardians for Edusave withdrawals for local enrichment programmes. 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, 9 January 2017**.

SAFETY AND HEALTH-RELATED MATTERS

16. All students are to enter and leave the school compound only through the **rear gate along Bukit Panjang Ring Road** before 7.35 am and immediately after dismissal until 5.00 pm. For enhanced security, students are to use the main gate 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**. Please refrain from making illegal U-turns as this would pose a danger to other pedestrians and vehicles. Parents are discouraged from turning into the school to drop your child off except during heavy downpours.

17. If your child intends to cycle to school, please note that he / she will need to submit a Parent's 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.

18. There will be a temperature-taking exercise on **Friday, 6 January 2017**. 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.

19. 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

20. We thank all parents for your continued support over the past years. Your partnership with the school and invaluable feedback has enabled us to improve school processes and programmes 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 6 January 2017. We will provide you with further details of the rest of our scheduled activities and workshops soon.

KEY EVENTS IN TERM 1

Date	Event
4 – 6 January	Sec 1 Orientation and Leadership Camp
6 January	Sec 1 LEAPS Talk for Parents and Campfire Night (4.30 pm onwards)
9 – 11 January	Sec 1 CCA Trials and Roadshow (during curriculum time)
6 – 10 February	English Language Week
13 – 17 February	Humanities Week
6 – 17 January	Mother Tongue Language Fortnight
27 January	Chinese New Year Celebrations (Please note that students will be dismissed at 10.30 am)
28 – 30 January 31 January	Chinese New Year holidays. (31 January is a scheduled school holiday for all teaching staff and students)
17 February	Total Defence Day Commemoration
20 – 27 February	Common Test 1 (Sec 1-5)
6 – 10 March	Sabbatical Week
11 - 19 March	March School Holidays

Yours sincerely,



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Zhenghua Secondary School

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