



# ZHENGHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to the new semester. I hope you had a restful break during the June holidays. The semester ahead will be a busy one for our students – filled with many forms of assessments, both summative and formative, and culminating in the final year examination. CCAs for our Sec 1 – 3 s will also take up a good portion of their time. As our students gear up for the upcoming activities and assessments in this semester, it is important that they prioritise their time well, and take good care of themselves. I would like to encourage all parents and guardians to support your child / ward in all positive ways possible, and to praise them for the effort they put in. It is important to guide them in learning from their mistakes. Making mistakes is a part and parcel of the learning process, and these are opportunities for them to grow and improve on themselves throughout the semester ahead.

This will also be a semester filled with several school-wide activities and celebrations: our Urban Challenge, Racial Harmony Day, National Day and Teachers’ Day. We encourage all students to take part fully in all these activities and celebrations as they form an integral part of the Zhenghua experience.

Here’s wishing one and all a very fruitful and fulfilling Term 3 and Semester 2 ahead.

## Achievements in Term 2

2. Here is the updated list of achievements by our Aesthetics CCAs at the 2017 Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation. Congratulations once again, and a heartfelt thank you to our teachers-in-charge for all the hard work in guiding our students during the intense competition period.

CCA	Achievement	Competition
Band	Distinction	SYF Arts Presentation
Malay Dance	Distinction	
Drama	Distinction	
Modern Dance	Accomplishment	
Choir	Accomplishment	
Handbells	Accomplishment	

A group of our Sec 3 students have done the school proud by achieving an Honourable Mention at the 2017 Singapore Mathematics Festival for their project entitled ‘Queue Less, Eat More!’ They were guided by their Mathematics teacher Mr Boo Jia Liang.

Student	Class	Competition
Chua Xin Yun Corlene	3E2	The Singapore Mathematics Festival
Tay Yan Ni	3E4	
Sim Yu Phyllis	3E2	
Thum Weng Chuen	3E4	

3. We are pleased to share the good news that an alumnus of Zhenghua Secondary School, Muhd Hadafi bin Kasman was lauded for his outstanding achievements in the Marine Engineering course at Singapore Polytechnic. Muhd Hadafi was a Silver Medalist in the Diploma in Marine Engineering course and was also awarded the Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers Silver Medal and the Keppel Offshore & Marine Prize.

#### **Safety Matters and Temperature-Taking Exercise**

4. As part of the process of monitoring the health of our students, the school will be conducting a temperature-taking exercise on **Friday 30 June**. We appreciate your support in this by ensuring that your child /ward brings along his/her working thermometer on the day of the temperature-taking exercise.

#### **Key Events In Term 3**

##### **5. Director-General of Education (DGE) Visit (18 August)**

The school is honoured to host a visit by our Director-General of Education, Mr Wong Siew Hoong on Friday, 18 August. DGE will take this opportunity to engage teachers and school staff on education policies and initiatives, and interact with our students to understand their educational experiences.

##### **6. Student Peer Supporters**

To better support our students' social and emotional well-being, we will be starting a pilot programme to train selected Sec 1 - 3 students as Peer supporters in Term 3. This is a programme where student peer supporters will be trained to:

- observe and identify signs of distress in peers
- listen actively to peers' words or feelings
- refer peers to teachers and counsellors in a sensitive manner

Student peer supporters will be mentored and supported by a team of teachers. We will provide more details to the parents of students selected as peer supporters in a separate letter.

##### **7. Youth Day, Racial Harmony Day, National Day Celebrations, Teachers' Day Celebration**

We celebrate Youth Day this year on **Monday 3 July**. Please note that this is a school holiday. Racial Harmony Day will be commemorated on 21 July, in conjunction with Hari Raya celebrations. Students and staff are encouraged to dress in ethnic costumes on this day to celebrate the diversity of cultures in Singapore.

The school will be celebrating National Day on **Tuesday 8 August**. The programme will include a parade segment to start off the celebrations, followed by a mini carnival helmed by our CCA groups where students will get the chance to play traditional games at the various CCA stalls. The carnival will be followed by a school concert. Students will be dismissed by 10.30 am on 8 August. Please note that 10 August is a school holiday.

##### **8. Assessments in Term 3**

The GCE 'O' Level MT Listening Comprehension Exam will be conducted on **Tuesday 18 July**. The GCE 'O' and 'N' Oral Exams for both Mother Tongue and English Language will be conducted at various periods in Term 3. Please refer to the calendar in the table on page 3 for the specific dates for all assessments, including Sec 1-3 Common Test 2 and the GCE 'O' and 'N' level preliminary examinations.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Eugene Lin  
Principal

### KEY EVENTS IN TERM 3

Date	Event
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 <b><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></b>
21 July	Racial Harmony Day cum Hari Raya Celebrations
24 July – 31 July	GCE 'O' Level Higher MTL Oral Exams
28 July	Urban Challenge (in school)
1 – 4 August	GCE 'N' Level MTL Oral Exams
8 August	National Day celebrations in school <b><i>(Students will be dismissed earlier at 10.30 am after the celebrations)</i></b>
9 – 10 August	National Day Public and School Holidays
2 – 17 August 1 – 7 August, 23 – 29 August	<b><u>School Prelim Exams</u></b> GCE 'N' Prelim Exams GCE 'O' Prelim Exams
11 – 18 August	Sec 1 – 3 Common Test 2
7 – 13 July	GCE 'N' Level English Oral Exams
14 – 28 August	GCE 'O' Level English Oral Exams
30 August	Teachers' Day celebrations <b><i>(Students will be dismissed earlier at 11.30 am after the celebrations)</i></b>
31 August	Teachers' Day School Holiday
1 September	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday
2 – 10 September	September School Holidays