



# ZHENGHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Term 2 has been a very eventful and memorable one. We celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> Awards Day on 12 April with the unveiling and launch of our Heritage walls by Mr Liang Eng Hwa, our Grassroots Adviser. Our past two principals, Mr Lim Kuan Min & Mrs Fiona Tan, and former superintendent, Mrs Chia Ban Tin, were also present to commemorate this joyous occasion with us. We also had the honour of hosting our President, Mdm Halimah Yacob, for a visit to the school on 17 April where she had the opportunity to interact with many of our students and observe some of our unique lessons. You can read more about her visit on our website at: <https://zhenghuasec.moe.edu.sg/presidents-visit-to-zhenghua-secondary-school/>

This term is also the first time that we are doing away with the mid-year examinations for the Sec 1s and Sec 3s. With more emphasis given to formative assessment, we hope that this would provide our students with more time to deepen their understanding of their subjects, and to pursue their interests in the non-academic areas. For the graduating students, CCA has ceased, and they should now focus all their time and effort towards preparing themselves well for the National Exams. For this purpose, we have put in place an intensive study and remedial programme for those taking the Mother-Tongue Language exam on 3 June, as well as an almost two-week long study camp during the first two weeks of the June holidays to prepare our Sec 4s and 5s for the O-level exams. For students preparing for the N-level exams, while there is no mandatory study programme, students should find time to consult their teachers during the first two weeks of the June holidays as well.

In Term 3, we will be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a festive way at our ZEST Carnival and Arts Festival on Sat 6 July. This is a rare opportunity for our students, and alumni to come together to celebrate as a school. There will be fun rides, as well as food, games & craft activities run by our very own students. In the evening, our students will showcase their talents in singing, dancing, and the arts at the night festival. ZEST is open to the public and we would like to encourage all parents and alumni to support our students and come celebrate this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary together with us. Coupons and memorabilia have already gone on sale through our students. You may also purchase these on the day itself. Proceeds from ZEST will be donated to the Community Chest. You can learn more about ZEST on our website: <https://zhenghuasec.moe.edu.sg/zest/>

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents and guardians to help your child make full use of the June school holidays. Spend quality time with them over meals, and activities that the family can take part in together like going for walks, playing sports, or community activities. It is a valuable time too for your child to catch up on many activities and hobbies which could not have been possible during term time. I would also like to remind all students to stay safe during the June holidays – be wary of online crime, stay away from deals that appear too good to be true, and in general avoid getting oneself into trouble with the law. With this, I wish one and all a very safe, fruitful and meaningful June holiday break.

Here are some notable student achievements and upcoming programmes for your perusal.

## ACHIEVEMENTS IN TERM 2

- 1 Our Uniformed Group CCAs continue to excel in their respective areas in 2018. The table below shows the complete set of updated results for all Uniformed Groups CCAs. We would like to thank all teachers-in-charge and students for their hard work and dedication to their CCAs. Well done!

Uniformed Group CCA	Achievement	Competition
Scouts	Gold	Frank Cooper Sands Award 2018
NPCC	Gold	Unit Overall Proficiency Award 2018
Girl Guides	Gold	Puan Noor Aishah Award 2018
Red Cross	Gold	Excellence Unit Award 2018
NCC (Air)	Accomplishment	Unit Recognition Award 2018

Our Performing Arts CCA have done very well during the 2019 Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation. The Performing Arts CCA students have been practising tirelessly since end 2018 under the guidance of their teachers-in-charge and instructors to achieve excellent outcomes during this year's SYF. Well done!

Performing Arts CCA	Achievement	Competition
Band	Accomplishment	Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation 2019
Choir	Accomplishment	
Dance (Malay)	Distinction	
Dance (Contemporary)	Distinction	
Drama	Accomplishment	
Handbells	Accomplishment	

- 2 **SYF 2019 Youth Station Project (Honourable Mention) – Ernst Chua (4N1) and Vincent Oliver Omero (4E1)**

Our heartiest congratulations to our young talents **Ernst Chua (4N1)** and **Vincent Oliver Omero (4E1)** who have achieved a first for Zhenghua, an Honourable Mention for their original song composition in the 2019 SYF Youth Station Project. Our appreciation goes to our Music teacher, Mr Derrick Lim for the support and guidance given to them during the competition. Ernst and Vincent will be showcasing their song in a live performance at the Library@Esplanade on 5 July, from 6 pm to 7.30 pm. Do come down to support them!

- 3 **SPF-NPCC Badge Award 2019 - Lim Xin Hui (4E3) and Toh Suen Yu (4E4)**

We are proud to share that **Lim Xin Hui (4E3)** and **Toh Suen Yu (4E4)** have achieved the SPF-NPCC Badge, a pinnacle award presented to top NPCC cadets in recognition of their good leadership qualities and outstanding achievements. Congratulations Xin Hui and Suen Yu!

- 4 **Alumni Achievements**

It is our pleasure to announce that the following alumni (Class of 2016) have achieved excellent results in the 2018 GCE A-Level Examinations. We wish them the best in their future endeavours!

<b>Alumni</b>	<b>Junior College</b>
Ng Wen Kai	Anglo-Chinese Junior College
Lee Hong Xuan	Anderson-Serangoon Junior College
Tan Jing Jie	Anderson-Serangoon Junior College
John Lim Qi En	Former Jurong Junior College
John Lim Zi Yang	Former Jurong Junior College
Jamie Ong Jing Xuan	Former Pioneer Junior College
Roy Ng Yao Hong	Former Pioneer Junior College

## **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

### **5 Marking Day and Post-Exam Activities in Term 2**

Mid-year **Marking Day** is on **Friday 17 May**. Students need not report to school on this day. Normal time-table and Post-Exam Activities (PEA) will be from 21 – 30 May. The Post-Exam Activities schedule for the respective levels 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 resume in Weeks 9 and 10 unless notified otherwise by the CCA teachers-in-charge.

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

The GCE 'O' Level MTL Exam (including MTL 'B' Syllabus) will be conducted on **3 June**. The MTL Department will be conducting the MTL Intensive Programme on **24 – 30 May**, during curriculum time.

### **7 June Study Camp for Sec 4Exp 5NA Students, 4NA Students taking 'O' Level Maths**

June Study Camp will be conducted from **4 – 14 June** as part of the preparations for the upcoming GCE O-Level Exams. The Study Camp schedule can be found in **Annex A1**.

Please ensure that your child / ward attends lessons during the June Study Camp as scheduled as subject teachers will be doing important revision work, conducting Science Practicals and guiding students for coursework completion. Any absence from the June Study Camp must be supported by a valid medical certificate.

## **PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP**

### **8 Parent-Teacher Meeting II (31 May)**

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents to meet your child's/ward's Form Teachers and/or subject teachers on **31 May from 11.00 am – 6.00 pm** for a discussion on their holistic development and progress during Semester 1. Your child/ward will be informed when online registration can be made through MCOOnline. Do take note that students will be dismissed from school at **10.20 am on 31 May**. More details on the PTM will be provided nearer the period of registration.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Eugene Lin  
Principal

## KEY EVENTS IN JUNE HOLIDAYS AND TERM 3

Date	Event
17 May	Marking Day <b><i>Students need not report to school on this day</i></b>
20 May	Vesak Day public holiday
31 May (last day of Term 2)	Parent-Teacher Meeting II (11.00 am – 6.00 pm) <b><i>Students will be dismissed at 10.20 am on 31 May</i></b>
1 – 30 June	June school holidays
3 June	GCE O-Level Mother-Tongue Language Examinations
5 June	Hari Raya Puasa public holiday
4 – 14 June	June Study Camp for Sec 4Exp5NA and 4NA students taking 'O' Level Maths
10 – 14 June	Student Leaders Overseas Service Learning Trip
1 July	First day of Term 3
6 July	ZEST Carnival and Arts Festival (3.30 – 8.30 pm)
8 July	Youth Day School Holiday
11 – 18 July	GCE N-Level English Language Oral Exams
30 July – 2 Aug	GCE N-Level MTL Oral Exams
9 – 22 July	GCE O-Level MTL Oral Exams
13 – 27 Aug	GCE O-Level English Language Oral Exams
23 July	GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension Exam <b><i>(Please note that all students not sitting for the GCE O-Level MT Listening Comprehension Exam will be dismissed earlier at 1.00 pm)</i></b>
19 July	Racial Harmony Day celebrations
8 Aug	National Day celebrations in school <b><i>(Students will be dismissed earlier at 10.20 am after the celebrations)</i></b>
9 Aug	National Day public holiday
12 Aug	Hari Raya Haji public holiday
29 July – 7 August 29 Aug – 4 Sep, 16 – 20 Sep	<b><u>School Prelim Exams</u></b> N-Level Prelim Exams O-Level Prelim Exams
5 Sep	Teachers' Day celebrations <b><i>(Students will be dismissed earlier at 11.00 am after the celebrations)</i></b>
6 Sep	Teachers' Day School Holiday
7 – 15 Sep	September School Holidays

**Mid-Year Post-Examination Activities 2019 (Secondary 1 Express)**

- 1 Post-examination activities will take place for all students during week 10 of Term 2 (27-30 May). The activities carried out during this period are designed for the holistic development of your child.
- 2 Do note that all the post-examination activities are compulsory and your child will benefit from his/her full and enthusiastic participation. **Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.**
- 3 Below is a summary of the events held during the post-examination period for the students. Afternoon programmes such as CCA will continue unless otherwise notified by the teacher-in-charge.

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dismissal Time</b>
Monday 27 May	History Learning Journey	Singapore River	12.20 pm
Tuesday 28 May	Mathematics and Humanities Trail	Marina Barrage	12.20 pm
Wednesday 29 May	Sports Carnival (Volleyball)	School	12.20 pm
Thursday 30 May	Aesthetics Programme	Haw Par Villa	1.00 pm

As School and Edusave funding is utilized for these programmes, a valid Medical Certificate is required for all absences.

**Mid-Year Post-Examination Activities 2019 (Secondary 1 Normal Academic/Technical)**

- 4 Post-examination activities will take place for all students during week 10 of Term 2 (27-30 May). The activities carried out during this period are designed for the holistic development of your child.
- 5 Do note that all the post-examination activities are compulsory and your child will benefit from his/her full and enthusiastic participation. **Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.**
- 6 Below is a summary of the events held during the post-examination period for the students. Afternoon programmes such as CCA will continue unless otherwise notified by the teacher-in-charge.

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dismissal Time</b>
Monday 27 May	Aesthetics Exposure Programme	Marina Sculpture Walk	1.00 pm
Tuesday 28 May	Mathematics and Humanities Trail	Marina Barrage	12.20 pm
Wednesday 29 May	Sports Carnival (Volleyball)	School	12.20 pm
Thursday 30 May	History Learning Journey	Singapore River	12.20 pm

As School and Edusave funding is utilized for these programmes, a valid Medical Certificate is required for all absences.

**Mid-Year Post-Examination Activities 2019 (Secondary 2 Express)**

- 7 Post-examination activities will take place for all students during week 10 of Term 2 (27-30 May). The activities carried out during this period are designed for the holistic development of your child.
- 8 Do note that all the post-examination activities are compulsory and your child will benefit from his/her full and enthusiastic participation. **Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.**
- 9 Below is a summary of the events held during the post-examination period for the students. Afternoon programmes such as CCA will continue unless otherwise notified by the teacher-in-charge.

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dismissal Time</b>
Monday 27 May	Sports Carnival (Floorball)	School	12.20 pm
Tuesday 28 May	Kayaking	Kallang Water Sports Centre	3.00 pm
Wednesday 29 May	Kayaking	Kallang Water Sports Centre	3.00 pm
Thursday 30 May	STEM Day	School/ Learning Journeys	12.40 pm

As School and Edusave funding is utilized for these programmes, a valid Medical Certificate is required for all absences.

**Mid-Year Post-Examination Activities 2019 (Secondary 2 Normal Academic/Technical)**

- 10 Post-examination activities will take place for all students during week 10 of Term 2 (27-30 May). The activities carried out during this period are designed for the holistic development of your child.
- 11 Do note that all the post-examination activities are compulsory and your child will benefit from his/her full and enthusiastic participation. **Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.**
- 12 Below is a summary of the events held during the post-examination period for the students. Afternoon programmes such as CCA will continue unless otherwise notified by the teacher-in-charge.

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dismissal Time</b>
Monday 27 May	Sports Carnival (Floorball)	School	12.20 pm
Tuesday 28 May	Aesthetics Programme (Ceramics workshop at Dragon Kiln)	Dragon Kiln	12.00 pm
Wednesday 29 May	Geography Water Trail at MacRitchie	MacRitchie	12.20 pm
Thursday 30 May	STEM Day	School/ Learning journeys	12.40 pm

As School and Edusave funding is utilized for these programmes, a valid Medical Certificate is required for all absences.



**Mid-Year Post-Examination Activities 2019 (Secondary 3)**

- 13 Post-examination activities will take place for all students during week 10 of Term 2 (27-30 May). The activities carried out during this period are designed for the holistic development of your child.
- 14 Do note that all the post-examination activities are compulsory and your child will benefit from his/her full and enthusiastic participation. **Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.**
- 15 Below is a summary of the events held during the post-examination period for the students. Afternoon programmes such as CCA will continue unless otherwise notified by the teacher-in-charge.

Day/Date	Programme	Location	Dismissal Time
Monday 27 May	English Oral Examination (All 3Exp, 3NA and 3NT students)	School	Please refer to <b>Annex A1 for reporting and dismissal time</b>
Tuesday 28 May	Sports Carnival (Softball)	School	12.20 pm
Wednesday 29 May	Sexuality Education ZEST Carnival Preparation	School	12.20 pm
Thursday 30 May	Sports Elective Programme	School / Various locations	12.20 pm

A valid Medical Certificate is required for all absences during the post-exam activities period.

**English Language E-Oral Exams and E-Learning on 27 May**

- 1 Your child/ward will be informed of his/her oral exam shift schedule by respective English Language teachers.
  
- 2 The reporting times are shown in the table below. Please note that your child/ward will be dismissed from school once he/she completes the E-Oral exam.

<b>Shift</b>	<b>Reporting time and venue</b>
<b>Shift 1</b> 8.00 am – 10.00 am	Reporting time: 7.30 am at Parade Square Briefing: Rifle Range Testing venue: Hall
<b>Shift 2</b> 10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Reporting time: 10.00 am at Rifle Range Testing venue: Hall
<b>Shift 3</b> 1.00 - 3.00pm	Reporting time: 12.30 pm at Rifle Range Testing venue: Hall

- 3 **E-Learning for all Sec 3 students (8 am – 6 pm)**

Do note that in addition to sitting for their E-Oral exams, all Sec 3Exp, 3NA and 3NT students will be assigned E-Learning tasks to be completed in SLS by 6 pm on 27 May. Computer Lab 2 has been booked for students who do not have computer access at home.

**Mother Tongue Intensive Programme 2019 (Secondary 4E/5N)**

- 16 The Mother Tongue Intensive Programme will be conducted on **24 May** (during curriculum time) and **27 – 30 May** in preparation for the GCE O-Level MT Examinations on 3 June.
- 17 Do note that attendance for this programme is compulsory. **Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.**
- 18 **Students exempted from MT will be taking part in a separate programme.** The details will be informed to your child/ward separately through Year Head 4/5.
- 4 Below is a summary of information for the programme.

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dismissal Time</b>
27 – 30 May	Mother Tongue Intensive Programme	School	2.00 pm

**Mid-Year Post-Examination Activities 2019 (Secondary 4 Normal Academic)**

- 19 Post-examination activities will take place for all students during week 10 of Term 2 (27-30 May). The activities carried out during this period are designed for the holistic development of your child.
- 20 Do note that all the post-examination activities are compulsory and your child will benefit from his/her full and enthusiastic participation. **Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.**
- 21 Below is a summary of the events held during the post-examination period for the students.

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dismissal Time</b>
Monday* 27 May	Academic Support Programme - English Language	School	1.30 pm
Tuesday* 28 May	English Language Oral Exam	School	12.00 pm
Wednesday 29 May	Academic Support Programme -Mathematics	School	12.20 pm
Thursday 30 May	Geography Learning Journey	Changi Jewel	12.20 pm

\* Detailed schedule and shifts for English Language Oral exams will be provided to your child / ward at a later time.

A valid Medical Certificate is required for all absences during post-exam activities period.

**Mid-Year Post-Examination Activities 2019 (Secondary 4 Normal Technical)**

- 22 Post-examination activities will take place for all students during week 10 of Term 2 (27-30 May). The activities carried out during this period are designed for the holistic development of your child.
- 23 Do note that all the post-examination activities are compulsory and your child will benefit from his/her full and enthusiastic participation. **Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.**
- 24 Below is a summary of the events held during the post-examination period for the students.

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dismissal Time</b>
Monday 27 May	Academic Support Programme -Mathematics	School	12.20 pm
Tuesday 28 May	English Oral Exam	School	12.00 pm
Wednesday 29 May	Diamond Programme	Various locations	1.30 pm
Thursday 30 May	Diamond Programme	Various locations	1.30 pm

A valid Medical Certificate is required for all absences during post-exam activities period.