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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We will be ending off this semester with the roll out of our Personal Digital Learning Programme. Our Sec 1 to 3 students will finally receive their Personal Learning Devices (PLD) on 17 May and we will trial run the first of our Blended Learning days on 27 May. Blended learning coupled with their PLDs in class will enable our students to learn in more engaging and active ways. Lessons can also be better customised to suit the different needs and learning pace of our students. Our students will also learn to partake in discussions actively and develop their critical thinking skills through the affordances of technology. To ensure that our students use their devices responsibly and for productive learning, these PLDs will be installed with Device Management Applications. We also encourage parents and guardians to actively monitor your child's use of these digital devices to ensure that they make the best use of them to deepen their learning and to widen their horizons. We will provide you with more details on how you can choose to control your child's device through the Device Management Application closer to the date.

In the meantime, to ensure that we continue to have a safe and conducive environment for our students to learn in, we have tightened our safe management measures (SMM) in line with the national posture from 8 May. We seek your support and understanding in ensuring that your child adhere to all SMM requirements put in place by our school.

Please read on for some good news of our student achievements and other important announcements.

1. Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following CCAs/ students for their achievement in Semester 1.

Name of CCA / individual student	Achievement
Tan Jun Qi, 4E3	National Police Cadet Corps SPF-NPCC Badge 2021
Shaine Yong, 3E3 and Chua Lik Bin, 2E3	Best Position Paper National Youth Environment Conference
Neo Lance Supatrio 3E3	One of the Top 5 Finalists in the Orator's Trophy organised by ACJC
Singapore Youth Festival 2021 Arts Presentation - Malay Dance	Certificate of Accomplishment
Singapore Youth Festival 2021 Arts Presentation - Band	Certificate of Accomplishment
Singapore Youth Festival 2021 Arts Presentation - Handbell	Certificate of Accomplishment
Singapore Youth Festival 2021 Arts Presentation – International Dance	Certificate of Distinction
Singapore Youth Festival 2021 Arts Presentation - Drama	Certificate of Commendation

2. Alumni Achievements

It is also our pleasure to announce that the following Zhenghua alumni (Class of 2018) from Anderson-Serangoon Junior College have achieved excellent results in the 2020 GCE A-Level Examinations:

- Liu Ruixi, Mizuki
- Goh Bo Jun, Issac

The following Zhenghua alumni (Class of 2018) from Jurong-Pioneer Junior College have achieved at least four distinctions in the 2020 GCE 'A' Level Examinations.

- Teng Chin Chong
- Poh Jun Kang

Another one of our Alumnus Mun Li-Ying Amelia (Class of 2018) was selected for this year's Singapore Polytechnic Scholarship (Engineering). The award recognises students with excellent academic achievements, outstanding leadership qualities and significant accomplishments in co-curricular activities.

Our heartiest congratulations to our alumni! We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

3. Change of self-service payment provider to SingPost (SAM)

With effect from 1 May 2021, SingPost (SAM) will be replacing AXS as the self-service payment provider for MOE and School Bills. Parents may read more about paying bills using SAM on SingPost's website at <https://www.singpost.com/contact-us/support-centre/paying-bills-more> for more information on paying bills using SAM.

4. Implementation of TraceTogether-Only SafeEntry

In tandem with the national roll-out, TraceTogether-only SafeEntry will be implemented in our school from **Monday, 17 May 2021**. Students should have their TT token or app with them throughout the school day to facilitate accurate contact tracing, should the need arise. Parents and visitors must check in using their TT token or app to be allowed entry into schools and must have their TT token or app with them throughout.

The school will implement all the necessary SMMs to ensure the continued safety and well-being of our students. It remains crucial that all students continue to adhere to screening measures and practise good personal hygiene. We strongly urge parents and students to play their part by continuing to be socially responsible. If feeling unwell, students should seek medical attention immediately, and not come to school. Students with adult household members having flu-like symptoms will also be required to stay at home.

5. June Holidays Travel Advisory and Travel Declarations

MOH has advised Singapore residents to defer all travel overseas, unless it is permissible under the prevailing MOH travel advisory.

To ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward only if he/she **intends to travel** for the June holidays. **NIL return is not required.**

To make your travel declaration, go to Parents Gateway under Services > Declare Travels. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by **21 May 2021 (Friday)**. Only one parent is required to declare.

6. Locking of Classrooms

To instill school value of “Responsibility” and ensure greater ownership of the classroom, the school will introduce opening and locking of the classrooms by students in Semester 2. Every morning, members of the Class Committee will be responsible to draw out the keys from Student Councillors at the General Office. At the end of the day, Class Committee members will ensure that the classrooms are clean, fans and lights are switched off, and all windows are closed before locking up the classroom and returning the keys to the General Office. The Sec 3 cohort has already piloted this project in May and we hope to extend it to all other levels in Semester 2.

7. School Rule regarding the use of Mobile Phones

With our students’ PLDs in hand, we no longer need our students to have their mobile phones with them in the classroom. As such, we want to better manage the use of student mobile phones during lesson time and ensure that their mobile phones do not distract them from their studies. With effect from Semester 2, mobile phones are not to be used during curriculum time, except during recess and lunch break. All mobile phones must be switched off and kept in the students’ lockers during curriculum time. Students who use their phones during curriculum time will have their phones confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Recalcitrant students will face stiffer consequences – confiscated mobile phones will only be returned to their parents.

8. Blended Learning Days

Blended Learning serves to nurture our students into self-directed and independent learners and develop them to be passionate and intrinsically motivated youths. The school will start to conduct Blended Learning for Secondary 1 – 3 students as they have received their PLDs.

Blended Learning Days will take place on these dates:

- Term 2 Week 10: Thursday, 27 May
- Term 3 Week 4: Friday, 23 Jul
- Term 3 Week 7: Friday, 13 Aug
- Term 3 Week 9: Friday, 27 Aug

During Blended Learning Days, students will stay at home and are expected to check in their attendance and temperature with their Form Teachers at 7.35 am. They will undergo around 3 – 4 hours of lessons and an additional 1 hour of Student-Initiated Learning (SIL) per day of Blended Learning. SIL will only commence in Term 3 and will be customised according to the different levels:

- Sec 1: Family Matters VIA
- Sec 2: Growth Mindset Hobby Project
- Sec 3: Community Champion VIA

More details about SIL will be disseminated by the Year Heads and Form Teachers in Term 3.

If your child/ward does not have access to internet at home, the computers in the school library and Computer Lab 1 will be available for use.

9. Marking Day and Post-Exam Activities in Term 2

Mid-year Marking Day is on **Tuesday, 18 May**. Students need not report to school on this day. Normal timetable and Post-Exam Activities (PEA) will be from 19 – 25 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 for Sec 2s will resume in Weeks 9 and 10 unless notified otherwise by the CCA teachers-in-charge.

10. Mother-Tongue Language Intensive Programme for Sec 4Exp 5NA Students

The GCE 'O' Level MTL Exam will be conducted on **Monday, 31 May**. The MTL Department will be conducting the MTL Intensive Programme on 21 – 27 May, during curriculum time.

11. Study Camp for Graduating Students

June Study Camp for Sec 4 and 5 students will be conducted from **1 – 11 June** as part of the preparations for the upcoming GCE O-Level Exams. The Study Camp schedule can be found in **Annex B**.

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.

12. Parent-Teacher Meeting II (28 May)

We would like to invite parents to meet your child's/ward's Form Teachers on **Friday, 28 May** between 11.30 am and 5.30 pm for a discussion on your child's/ward's holistic development and progress in Semester 1. In line with SMM, this meeting will be in the form of a phone call or a Zoom video meeting. You will be alerted via Parent Gateway once online registration is open. Do take note that students will be dismissed from school at **10.30 am on 28 May**. More details on the PTM will be provided nearer the period of registration.

13. General Repair and Redecoration

The school will commence the General Repair and Redecoration (GR&R) of our school buildings in June 2021. All the classrooms and staff rooms will be given a fresh coat of paint over the June holidays while the external facade of the school will be painted over the next few months. We hope to complete all GR&R works by the end of the year. The school together with the contractors, will take the necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff. During this period, we seek the support and understanding of our parents as we enhance our school environment.

Here's wishing everyone a safe and smooth-sailing end to the semester and a healthy well-rested June holidays.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Eugene Lin
Principal

Key Events for the rest of Term 2 and in Term 3

Date	Event
13 May	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday (Muslim students will be dismissed at 10.30 am on 12 May)
18 May	Marking Day
21 – 27 May	MTL Intensive Programme (Sec 4E/5N)
24 – 25 May	Post Exam Activities (Sec 1 to 3)
26 May	Vesak Day Public Holiday
27 May	Blended Learning Day Trial (Sec 1 to 3, 4NA/4NT students to stay at home, follow Thursday Timetable)
28 May	Parent-Teacher Meeting II
29 May – 27 Jun	June School Holidays
1 – 11 Jun	June Study Camp (Sec 4E/5N)
5 Jul	Youth Day School Holiday
6 Jul	GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension Exam (Please note that all students not sitting for the GCE O-Level MT Listening Comprehension Exam will be dismissed earlier at 1.00 pm)
8 – 16 Jul	GCE O-Level MTL Oral Exams
12 – 16 Jul	GCE N-Level English Language Oral Exams
20 Jul	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday
21 Jul	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration
22 Jul – 3 Aug	GCE O-Level English Language Oral Exams
23 Jul	Blended Learning Day (Sec 1 to 3 students to stay at home)
26 Jul – 4 Aug	N-Level Prelim Exams
29 Jul – 2 Aug	GCE N-Level MTL Oral Exams
6 Aug	National Day Celebrations in school (Students will be dismissed earlier at 10.00 am after the celebrations)
9 Aug	National Day Public Holiday
10 Aug	Day after National Day (School Holiday)
13 Aug	Blended Learning Day (Sec 1 to 3 students to stay at home)
23 Aug – 1 Sep 13 Sep to 14 Sep	O-Level Prelim Exams
27 Aug	Blended Learning Day (Sec 1 to 3 students to stay at home)
2 Sep	Teachers' Day celebrations in school (Students will be dismissed earlier at 11.00 am after the celebrations)
3 Sep	Teachers' Day School Holiday
4 – 12 Sep	September School Holidays

Post-Exam Activities Semester 1

Classes	24 May 2021 Monday	25 May 2021 Tuesday	27 May 2021 Thursday
1E, 1F, 1G	Aesthetics	Mathematics / Geography Trail@ZSS	Blended Learning
1A, 1B, 1C, 1D	Mathematics / Geography Trail@ZSS	Aesthetics	Blended Learning
2E1, 2E3, 2N2	STEM Day	Sports	Blended Learning
2E2, 2E4, 2N1, 2T1	Sports	STEM Day	Blended Learning
3E	Strengthsfinder Workshop	English Oral	Blended Learning
3NA	English Oral	Strengthsfinder Workshop	Blended Learning
3NT	English Oral	Strengthsfinder Workshop	Blended Learning
4N	Mathematics Programme	English Oral	Blended Learning
4T	English Oral	Industrial Virtual Visit	Blended Learning
Sec 4E5N	MT Intensive	MT Intensive	MT Intensive

June Study Camp Schedule

Study Camp 2021	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1/6/2021	2/6/2021	3/6/2021	4/6/2021	7/6/2021	8/6/2021	9/6/2021	10/6/2021	11/6/2021
0900 - 1200 Hr (with a 30 mins Canteen Break in- between)	FT Time (0900 - 1000 Hr)	Social Studies (4E/5N)	Additional Mathematics (4E/5N)	Sc (Physics) / Sc (Biology) (4E2/4E4/5N/4N SBB) *4E1 Sc (Chem)	Sc (Chemistry) (4E2/4E4/5N/4N SBB)	Mathematics (4E/5N/4N SBB)	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4E2/5N)	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4E2/5N)	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4E2/5N)
	Mathematics (4E/5N/4N SBB)	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4N1/4T1)	Principles of Accounts (4E1/4E2/4E4/5N)	Science (biology) Converters (4E3)	Sc (Chemistry) Converters (4E3)	FT Time (1100 - 1200 Hr)			
			DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4N1(non SBB)/4T1)	Pure Chemistry (4E3)	Pure Physics (4E3)				
				DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4N1(non SBB)/4T1)	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4N1(non SBB)/4T1)				
1200 - 1300 Hr	1 Hour LUNCH BREAK								
1300 - 1530 Hr	English Language (4E/5N/4N SBB)	Elective Geography / Elective History	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4E2, 5N)	1400 Hr to 1630 Hr	Pure Literature (4E1)	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4E2/5N)	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4E2/5N)	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4E2/5N)	1400 Hr to 1630 Hr
	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4N1(non SBB))	Elective Literature (4E)	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4N1)	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4E2/5N)	Pure Geography (4E1/4E3/4E4)				DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4E2/5N)
		DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4N1)		Pure Biology (4E3) *4E1 Sc (physics)/ Sc (Biology)	Elective Literature (5N)				
				DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4N1)	DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4E2)				
					DT / FN / Art (Coursework) (4N1)				