



# ZHENGHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I would like to wish all Chinese parents, guardians and families a very happy lunar new year. May the new lunar year bring you and your family lots of good health, peace and fulfilment.

I am also happy to announce that our 2017 batch of graduating students have performed well at the O-Level examinations. Of the Sec 4 Express students, 13 of them attained 5 distinctions or more; more than a quarter obtained a place in the JCs, and around two-thirds have clinched a place in one of the five polytechnics. Of the Sec 5 Normal (Academic) students, two of them obtained a place in the JCs, and around three-quarters of them have obtained a place in the polytechnics. We will continue to help all our future batches of students flourish and we look forward to your continued support and partnership in bringing out the best in them.

Let me now share with you other student and staff achievements, the various programmes that we have organised these past months, and the upcoming events in the school.

## SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

1 Congratulations to the following CCAs and individual students for their achievements in Term 1!

CCA Group / Individual Student	Achievement
Scouts	Frank Cooper Sands Award – <b>Gold</b>
Girl Guides	Puan Noor Aishah Award – <b>Gold</b>
NPCC	Unit Overall Proficiency Award – <b>Gold</b>
Infocomm Club	Singapore Digital Media Awards 2017
<u>Video Competition Team</u> Phone Myat Mo (4E2) Glenn Ang (4E3) Dion Lim (4E2) Poh Jun Kang (4E3) Ryan Lim (4E3)	Video Competition - <b>Silver</b> Photo Essay Competition – <b>Silver</b>
<u>Photo Essay Team</u> Darwin Ho (4E4) Muhd Firdaus bin Mohd (4N2) Eron Yeo (4T1)	
Chew Ding Yao (4E4)	Global Village Children and Youth Bilingual Speech Competition 2018 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place

2 Congratulations to the following staff members for obtaining the MOE Service Excellence Silver Award: Ms Srirangini (AED Counselling), Ms Alicia Chia (AED LBS), Mdm Chia Mei Fong (Lab TSO), Mdm Sim Joo Lan Eve (CSO).

## SCHOOL EVENTS IN TERM 1

### 3 Humanities Week (29 Jan – 2 Feb)

The Humanities Week is a platform to engage and foster in students a love for the Humanities. Through these activities, students had a better understanding of the relevance and importance of the Humanities in building a better world for tomorrow. Among the many activities held included the ZSS Eraser Challenge, a nod to the nostalgic eraser games of yesteryear which was popular before the advent of the mobile phone. Students competed to answer questions about Singapore's history and the history of various countries, and taking turns to win one another's erasers. The week also saw Secondary 3 students battling it out in the annual inter-class Humanities Quiz. The quiz included questions on geography, history, and current affairs. There was also a showcase of Humanities projects throughout the week.

### 4 Sabbaticals Week (7 – 9 March)

The Sabbaticals Week, a key Zhenghua Secondary School programme, will be held from 7-9 March. The activities, such as camps, workshops, symposiums and Learning Journeys during Sabbaticals Week focus on holistic development and attainment of life skills. It is through such a platform that we aim to instil 21st Century Competencies and life skills such as collaboration and relationship management. The Sec 3 students will be embarking on their challenging three-day, two-night Sec 3 Expedition. For the graduating students, they will go through a Career Symposium and Post-Secondary Education Institutions Fair. This is the second year that the school is organising this fair, an event that brings professionals and practitioners from different industries and institutions of higher learning to share with our students on the various career opportunities and help them better decide on their post-secondary pathways.

5 All Sabbatical activities are compulsory and full participation is expected from your child / ward. All afternoon programmes (i.e. CCA, remedial lessons, peer tutoring) are suspended from 6 – 9 March. Please refer to **Annex A** for the detailed programmes for your child / ward and the dismissal times during the Sabbaticals. ***Please note that your child / ward will be dismissed earlier at 12.10 pm on Tuesday, 6 March.***

### E-Learning Day for Sec 1 and 2 Students (9 March)

5 **Sec 1 and Sec 2 students will embark on their E-Learning Day on Friday, 9 March.** This year's E-learning will focus on the use of ICT to facilitate **Self Directed learning (SDL)**. Your child will remain at home and actively engage in the e-assignments posted by the respective subject teachers through the various ICT platforms.

6 The e-learning assignments that the students have been assigned to do will be counted **as part of their Continual Assessment (CA)**. If your child / ward does not have access to the internet at home, the computers in the school library and Computer Lab 1 will be available for use. For any technical support on the MOnline portal, you may call the technical help desk at 6777 5198.

7 To allow the subject teachers to scaffold this SDL process, your child is therefore required to complete the assigned tasks on E-learning day from **8 am to 12 pm** and a survey posted on Monline portal.

Class/stream	E-learning assignment
Sec 1E and 1NA	<b><u>(English Language)</u></b> Students will work on their descriptive writing by creating an E-story book using the <b>online platform Storybird</b> .  <b><u>(Science)</u></b> Students will research on their favourite scientist online. Students will summarise the contributions and works of their chosen scientist by creating a Fakebook at <b>Classtools.net online platform</b> . They will

	submit their URL link of the completed Fakebook of their favourite scientist via <b>Google Form</b> .
<b>Sec 1NT</b>	<p><b>(English Language)</b> Students will work on their descriptive writing by creating an E-story book using the <b>online platform Storybird</b>.</p> <p><b>(Science)</b> Students will access the learning package on water pollution on <b>Google classroom</b> where they will watch a video to discuss the different sources of air pollution and the effectiveness of using bicycles in Singapore to reduce air pollution. Students will also submit a reflection of the topic via Google classroom.</p>
<b>All Sec 2s</b>	<p><b>(Mother Tongue)</b> Students will access the MOnline portal to obtain a link which will direct them to a class specific Padlet Page. Students will then record their own oral presentation and upload onto the assigned Padlet Page with reference to the tips and examples on how to improve their reading posted.</p> <p><b>(Math)</b> Students will access the <b>Ace-Learning Portal</b> to watch a video via ShowMe app. They will learn the concept of Pythagoras' Theorem and complete questions as practice. At the end of the session students will be required to complete an online quiz via the Ace-Learning Portal.</p>

## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS IN TERM 2

### Awards Day (13 April)

8 The school will be holding our 18<sup>th</sup> Awards Day on Friday **13 April** 2018. The theme of this year's Awards Day is "**Dare to Dream**". Awards Day is a time when we celebrate the many achievements of our present and ex-students.

### Sports Day (20 April)

9 Sports Day will be held on Friday 20 April at Choa Chu Kang Stadium. Your child is expected to report directly to the stadium by 7.30 am and the event is estimated to end by 12.30 pm. We invite all interested parents to participate in the PSG race organised by the Parent Support Group. Do look out for the invitation to participate in this race which will be sent through PSG representatives of each class.

### Mid-Year Examinations (27 April –11 May) and Marking Day (14 May)

10 The Mid-Year Examinations (MYE) will be held from 27 April – 11 May. The exam timetable and list of topics tested for MYE will be provided to your child/ward in Term 2. **Marking Day** will be on Monday 14 May. Students do not report to school on Marking Day.

## PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

### Parent-Teacher Meeting and Parent Talks on Friday 23 March

#### 11 Parent-Teacher Meeting for Sec 1-5 (1.00 – 6.00 pm)

We thank you for your continuing support over the past term. The school will be holding the first **Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)** of the year on **Friday, 23 March 2018**. Online registration to book an appointment time to meet your child's form teachers will start from Term 1 Week 10. More details will be provided nearer the date.

#### 12 Sec 3 Subject Placement Talk for Sec 2 Students and Parents

The Sec 3 Subject Placement Talk for all Sec 2 parents and students will also be held on **Friday, 23 March** from **6.30 – 7.30 pm**. Parents of Sec 2 students will be briefed on the Sec 3 subject combinations for 2019, including post-secondary choice of courses for your child in the junior colleges, polytechnics and ITE. Parents of Sec 2 students are strongly encouraged to attend this talk.

#### 13 Post-Secondary Education Pathways Talk for Sec 4 and 5 Students and Parents

Mr Lim Cheng Yong, Year Head (Upper Sec) will be conducting a briefing on the various post-secondary pathways for parents of graduating students on **Friday, 23 March** from **6.30 – 7.30 pm**. This briefing will be useful as you help your child make an informed decision with regard to his/her post-secondary education. You can also use this platform to get updated information on the most current courses and options in the junior colleges and polytechnics.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Eugene Lin  
Principal

## KEY EVENTS IN TERM 2

Date	Event
Friday 23 March	<p><b>Parent-Teacher Meeting I</b> (Sec 1 – 5): 1.00 – 6.00 pm</p> <p><b>Parent Talks</b>  <b>Sec 3 Subject Placement Talk</b> : Parents of Sec 2 students (6.30 – 7.30 pm)  <b>Sec 4/5 Post-Secondary Education Pathways</b> : Parents of Sec 4/5 students (6.30 – 7.30 pm)</p>
26 – 29 March	English Language and Literature Week
Friday 30 March	Good Friday holiday
Friday 6 April	Student Leaders Investiture
Friday 13 April	Awards Day (6.00 – 8.30 pm)
Thursday 20 April	<p>Sports Day at Choa Chu Kang Stadium (7.30 am – 12.30 pm)</p> <p><b><i>Students are to report to Choa Chu Kang Stadium at 7.30 am and will be dismissed from the stadium at the end of Sports Day.</i></b>  <b><i>(Address: 1 Choa Chu Kang Street 53, Singapore 689236)</i></b></p>
Thursday 27 April – Friday 11 May	Mid-Year Examinations
Tuesday 1 May	Labour Day holiday
Monday 14 May	<b>Marking Day</b> – students do not report to school
Tuesday 15 May – Thursday 18 May	<p>Script Checking during curriculum time (15 – 17 May) and normal lessons resume on 18 May.</p> <p><b><i>(Note: Students from Sec 3T1 will undergo the Barista Programme instead of normal lessons on 18 May and 21 May)</i></b></p>
Tuesday 22 May – Thursday 24 May	<p>MT Intensive Programme for Sec 4Exp5NA students (7.30 am – 12.30 pm)</p> <p><b><i>(Note: MT Intensive Programme on Friday 18 May and Monday 21 May will be conducted during curriculum time)</i></b></p>
Monday 21 May – Thursday 24 May	Post-Exam Activities
Friday 25 May	Parent-Teacher Meeting II (Sec 1 – 5): 11 am onwards
Friday 25 May	ZEST Arts Festival (6 – 8 pm)
Saturday 26 May – Sunday 24 June	June holidays
Monday 28 May, Wednesday 30 May	GCE 'O' Level Mother-Tongue Language Examinations
Tuesday 29 May	Vesak Day holiday
Thursday 31 May – Friday 8 June	June Study Camp for Sec 4Exp5NA students

**Sabbaticals Week 2018 (Secondary 1)**

Day / Date	Programme	Reporting Time	Dismissal Time
Monday 5 March	Lessons as usual.	7.30 am	2.40 pm
Tuesday 6 March	Lessons as usual until <b>12.10 pm</b> . Students will be dismissed at <b>12.10 pm</b> .	7.30 am	12.10 pm
Wednesday 7 March	Sec 1 Transition Workshop	7.30 am	1.00 pm
Thursday 8 March	Sec 1 Transition Workshop	7.30 am	1.00 pm
Friday 9 March	E-Learning Day <i>Students are to remain at home to complete their online assignments. Details of the E-Learning tasks can be found on <b>pages 2-3</b> of this letter.</i>	NA	NA

**Sabbaticals Week 2018 (Secondary 2)**

Day / Date	Programme	Reporting Time	Dismissal Time
Monday 5 March	Lessons as usual.	7.30 am	2.40 pm
Tuesday 6 March	<p>Lessons as usual until <b>12.10 pm</b>. Students will be dismissed at <b>12.10 pm</b> to have their lunch and to do preparation for class Values in Action (ViA) programmes.</p> <p>All Sec 2 students will be participating in ViA programmes from 1.30 pm onwards. For details on ViA programmes and dismissal times, please refer to individual class ViA schedules. Students will be dismissed directly from venue of ViA.</p>	7.30 am	Refer to class ViA schedule
Wednesday 7 March	<p>Career Guidance Exploration Workshops 2E1 – 2E4 (Venue: School) 2N1 – 2N2 (Venue: Lifelong Learning Institute) Team Building Workshop 2T1 (Venue: School)</p>	7.30 am	1.20 pm
Thursday 8 March	<p>Career Awareness Learning Journeys (2Exp2NA) Team Building Learning Journey to Chinatown, Little India and Kampong Glam (2NT)</p>	7.30 am	1.20 pm
Friday 9 March	<p>E-Learning Day <i>Students are to remain at home to complete their online assignments. Details of the E-Learning tasks can be found on <b>pages 2-3</b> of this letter.</i></p>	NA	NA

**Sabbaticals Week 2017 (Secondary 3)**

Day / Date	Programme	Reporting Time	Dismissal Time
Monday 5 March	Lessons as usual.	7.30 am	2.40 pm
Tuesday 6 March	Lessons as usual until <b>12.10 pm</b> . Students will be dismissed at <b>12.10 pm</b> to facilitate their preparation for Sec 3 Expedition Camp.	7.30 am	12.10 pm
Wednesday 7 March –  Friday 9 March	<b>3-day 2-night Sec 3 Expedition Camp*</b>	7.30 am	Estimated dismissal time from school at 12.20 pm

**\*Note:**

***As the use of mobile phones are not allowed for your child/ward during the Sec 3 Expedition Camp, for emergencies, please contact the following numbers:***

***During office hours – 6763 9455***

***After office hours – 9784 6173 or 98160032***



**Sabbaticals Week 2017 (Secondary 4 and 5)**

<b>Day / Date</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Reporting Time</b>	<b>Dismissal Time</b>
Monday 5 March	Lessons as usual.	7.30 am	2.40 pm
Tuesday 6 March	Lessons as usual until <b>12.10 pm</b> . Students will be dismissed at <b>12.10 pm</b> .	7.30 am	12.10 pm
Wednesday 7 March	Education and Career Symposium (Day 1)	7.30 am	1.00 pm
Thursday 8 March	Education and Career Symposium (Day 2)	7.30 am	1.00 pm
Friday 9 March	Transition Skills Workshop	7.30 am	12.20 pm