



ZHENGHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have come to the end to Term 2 due to the bringing forward of the mid-year school holidays as announced by MOE. 4 May thus marks the end of almost four weeks of Full Home-Based Learning for our students. I would like to thank all parents and guardians for the support you gave to your child/ward to ensure that learning continues during this time. Many of you had to even juggle working from home and helping your children with their home-based learning. It has been a challenging time for all of us, as such a prolonged time of learning from home is a new experience for both teachers and students.

While it has been a tough time for all of us, I am glad to hear that almost all of our students have been on task, logging in daily diligently, and most managed to complete their home-based learning. Many in fact shared with their teachers that they miss coming to school. Some find learning at home more taxing than when they are in school and are naturally anxious about their progress. Others relished the chance to learn at their own pace, and found it refreshing to be able to customise the learning to his or her own needs. It also gave our teachers many opportunities to try out various online ICT tools to engage our students and to assess their learning, allowing teachers to reach out to every student even while everyone was staying at home.

As you would have heard from the news, the mid-year June school holiday has been brought forward to start on 5 May. As this is still during the Circuit Breaker period, students should continue to stay home and avoid going out as far as possible. I would like to encourage all students to use this 4 week stay home holiday wisely, to learn new skills, pick up good habits, help out in the household, and most importantly to stay healthy in body and in mind. I look forward to seeing all students energised and raring to go once school resumes on 2 June.

COVID-19 UPDATES – REVISED ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020

- 1 Due to the extended Circuit Breaker period, the Mid-Year School Holidays will be from **5 May (Tue)** to **1 Jun (Mon)**.

Term 3 will hence start on **2 Jun (Tue)**. Term 3 will last for 14 weeks, ending on **6 Sep (Fri)**. Schools will also have an additional Mid-Term Break from **20 July to 26 July**.

	Start Date	End Date
Full Home-Based Learning	7 Apr (Tue)	4 May (Mon)
Mid-Year School Holidays	5 May (Tue)	1 Jun (Mon)
Term 3	2 Jun (Tue)	6 Sep (Sun)
Mid-Term 3 Break	20 Jul (Mon)	26 Jul (Sun)
September Holidays	7 Sep (Mon)	13 Sep (Sun)

REVISED DATES FOR MID-YEAR GCE O-LEVEL MTL EXAMINATIONS

- 2 The following is the revised schedule for the O-Level MTL examinations, for written, oral and Listening Comprehension examinations:

Subject Examined	Original Date	Rescheduled Date
O-level Mother Tongue Language (MTL)	1 June 2020	18 June 2020 (Thurs), 2 pm
O-level Mother Tongue Language B (MTL B)	2 June 2020	19 June 2020 (Fri), 2.30 pm
O-Level MTL and MTL B Listening Comprehension	21 Jul 2020	27 Jul 2020 (Mon), 2.30 pm
O-level Higher Mother Tongue Language Oral Exam	<u>27</u> July – 3 Aug 2020	<u>28</u> July – 4 Aug 2020

MTL Intensive Programme will be held tentatively in the last week of the May holidays (27 – 29 May). Your child/ward will be informed of the confirmed schedule nearer to the date.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

- 3 June Study Camp is typically held during the June holidays to provide academic support for our graduating students. Due to the revised academic calendar, there will be a change to when and how Study Camp will be conducted this year. Your child/ward will be informed of the new schedule for Study Camp in Term 3.

Mid-Year exams were suspended for all levels this year. Your child's/ward's academic progress and skills attainment in various subjects will be assessed through Weighted Assessments (WA) in Term 3 instead. Due to the shortened Term 2, and a lengthened Term 3, changes will be made to the weightings of WA2, WA3, and the year-end semestral assessment. The details of the changes will be provided in our letter to parents in early June (Term 3 Week 1).

PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

- 4 **Parent-Teacher Meeting II (Friday 3 July – tentative date)**

As the COVID-19 situation is still evolving, the second Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) II is tentatively scheduled on the afternoon of **Friday 3 July**. If the situation allows, we will also have the Sec 2 and Sec 4/5 parent talks that evening.

Confirmation and details on PTM II will be provided by Term 3 Week 1.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN TERM 2

- 5 **CCA Achievement**

Here are the achievements by our CCA. 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 2019

6 Alumni Achievements

It is our pleasure to announce that the following Zhenghua alumni (Class of 2017) from Jurong-Pioneer Junior College have achieved excellent results in the 2019 GCE A-Level Examinations.

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

Alumni	Class of 2017
Chew En Rui Samuel	4E4
Teo Hao Wei	4E2
Lee You Huan	4E4
Alyssa Chan Jer Yinn	4E4
Tan Teck Kai Glendon	4E4
Gordon Tan Au Aun	4E4
Keane Lam Jing Kai	4E4
Ong Hong Xian, Royston	4E3
Lim Si Ya	4E4
Lim Shu Ying	4E4
Roanne Hoh Minxuan	4E3
Tan Shi Qing Zoey	4E3

Yours sincerely,



Mr Eugene Lin
Principal

KEY EVENTS IN TERM 3

Date	Event
2 June	First day of Term 3 (<i>New</i>)
18 June	GCE O-Level MTL Written Exams (2 pm)
19 June	GCE O-Level MTL 'B' Written Exams (2.30 pm)
3 July	Parent-Teacher Meeting II (<i>Tentative date</i>)
6 July	Youth Day School Holiday
7 – 17 July	GCE O-Level MTL Oral Exams
13 - 17 July	GCE N-Level English Language Oral Exams
20 – 26 July	Mid-Term 3 Break (<i>New</i>)
3 – 5 Aug	GCE N-Level MTL Oral Exams
12 – 26 Aug	GCE O-Level English Language Oral Exams
27 July	GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension Exam <i>(Please note that all students who are not sitting for the GCE O-Level MT Listening Comprehension Exam will be dismissed earlier at 1.00 pm)</i>
27 July – 6 August	<u>School Prelim Exams</u> N-Level Prelim Exams
31 July	Hari Raya Haji public holiday
7 Aug	National Day celebrations in school <i>(Students will be dismissed earlier at 10.30 am after the celebrations)</i>
9 Aug	National Day public holiday
24 Aug – 2 Sep, 14 – 15 Sep	<u>School Prelim Exams</u> O-Level Prelim Exams
3 Sep	Teachers' Day celebrations <i>(Students will be dismissed earlier at 11.00 am after the celebrations)</i>
4 Sep	Teachers' Day School Holiday
5 - 13 Sep	September School Holidays