



ZHENGHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are almost coming to the end of the academic year. The end-of-year examinations are now in full swing and will continue for the Sec 1 – 3 from 6 Oct onwards after the completion of the English Language and Mother-Tongue Language papers last week. Please note that there will be no school on **Marking Day (Monday 17 Oct)** and **Promotion Exercise Day (Tuesday 25 Oct)**. The last day of school for Sec 1 – 3 students is **Friday 28 Oct**. The last Parent-Teacher Meeting of the year will be held on the last day of school from 11 am onwards. Do make an appointment with your child / ward's teacher(s) if you need to meet them to discuss any issues pertaining to your child / ward. At the same time, continue encouraging and praising your child / ward for the efforts put into their exams and school work, and get him / her to learn from any mistakes made. Some further tips on promoting resilience-fostering interactions at home can be found on page 3.

Post-Exam activities will be carried out in the week after the end of the exams. The details of the post-exam activities that your child / ward will be participating in can be found in **Annex A**. Sec 3 Express students will continue with the Sec 3 Extended Curriculum from 21 Oct – 27 Oct. The Extended Curriculum timetable can be found in **Annex B**.

School reopens next year on Tuesday 3 January 2017. We have a suggested walking trail on page 4 that you may wish to explore with your child / ward over the school holidays. I hope you have a wonderful time during this Nov-Dec school vacation re-connecting with your children. Here's wishing you and your child / ward all the best for Term 4, and a restful break ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Eugene Lin
Principal

Calendar For Term 4

Date	Event
Wednesday 19 October	GCE 'O' Level Science Practical Examination
20 October – 19 November	GCE 'O' Level Written Examination
6 – 14 October	End-of-Year Examinations for Sec 1-3 students
Monday 17 October	Marking Day – <i>Students do not report to school</i>
18 – 19 October	Script Checking – <i>Normal curriculum time</i>
Thursday 20 October – Thursday 27 October	Post-Exam Activities for Sec 1-2, Sec 3NA, Sec 3NT.
Tuesday 25 October	Promotion Day – <i>Students do not report to school</i>
Friday 21 October – Thursday 27 October	Sec 3 Express Extended Curriculum <i>Please note that there are enrichment activities and Learning Journeys conducted for Sec 3 Express students after the official dismissal time of 12.15 pm (3E1-3E3) and 12.45 pm for 3E4 students. Details of the different activities will be forwarded to you by the respective teachers-in-charge.</i>
Friday 28 October	Last day of school for Sec 1-3 students. <i>Students will be dismissed at 10.15 am.</i> Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) will be held from 11 am onwards.
Monday 31 October	School holiday in lieu of Deepavali on 29 October
Tuesday 1 November – Friday 4 November	Outward Bound School Camp for selected Sec 3 student leaders
Friday 11 November	School Musical Performance <i>(7 pm at Xinmin Secondary School Reflections Theatre)</i>
Wednesday 16 November	Release of 2017 Sec 3 Subject Selection Exercise results
Friday 18 November	Deadline for 2017 Sec 3 Subject Selection Exercise appeal
Saturday 19 November	School Open House

Partnering Parents for Character Development - Resilience

Dear Parents,

In this issue, we will be sharing tips and information developed by MOE's Student Development Division on the qualities of a resilient child and how to promote resilience-fostering interactions at home.

Resilience is about having the ability to thrive despite facing challenges. The good news is that resilience, like other skills, can be acquired and nurtured.

Qualities and characteristics of a resilient child

- Hopeful and determined
- Has a sense of humour
- Believes that failure is not permanent
- Opens to setbacks and learns from them
- Adapts positively despite setbacks
- Perseveres in face of challenges

Resilience-Fostering Interactions

Give your children *S.P.A.C.E* to grow

Support

- Provide positive feedback
- Be willing to listen

Problem Solve

- Reflect on setbacks together
- Guide your child to develop alternative plans

Affirm

- Affirm strengths and efforts
- Use of effective praise

Cheer

- Cheer your child on for every effort
- Celebrate all successes, even small ones

Empower

- Let your child make decisions
- Encourage your child to voice his/her ideas, and carry out plans made

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Resilience Boosters by MOE's Student Development Division

Walking Trail for the Term: The Singapore Botanic Gardens



The recommended trail for this term is the **Singapore Botanic Gardens**. The Botanic Gardens is a 150 year-old gem that has a rich history and an extensive botany collection of worldwide significance.

Brief History

The first botanical gardens was set up by Sir Stamford Raffles in 1822 on Government Hill at Fort Canning. Sir Stamford Raffles was the founder of Singapore and a keen naturalist. It closed in 1829. In 1859, a new garden was developed at its present Tanglin site by an Agri-Horticultural Society, and later handed over to the government in 1874.

UNESCO World Heritage Site

On 4 July 2015, the Botanic Gardens received inscription as a UNESCO World Heritage Site at the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC).

Opening Hours:

5am to 12 midnight daily

Admission:

Free (except for the National Orchid Garden)

Visitor Services & General Enquiries:

Opening hours: 8am to 5.30pm daily

Counter locations: Botany Centre, Visitor Centre and Jacob Ballas Children's Garden

More information on the different walking trails can be found on the following webpage:

<https://www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/singapore-botanic-gardens>