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Dear Parents/Guardian of Secondary 4/5 students,

The school will reopen for Term 2 on Monday 22 March 2021. In this Term 2 letter, I will provide updates on programmes which may be of interest to you as well as the activities in the school calendar that may involve your child/ward.

### **1 School Activities in Term 2**

#### **Sec 4/5 Class-bonding Activity (Thursday, 1 April 2021)**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and current safe management measures, we are unable to carry out the signature CTSS Night Hike with our Sec 4/5 classes as a cohort. To give our graduating students an opportunity for forge stronger bonds and create memories together as a class, we have set aside Thursday, 1 April 2021 for them to participate in activities designed by their peers. There will be no lessons on that day. Each class will be accompanied by their CCE teachers and the activities will take place outside of school. Parental consent will sought through Parents Gateway nearing the date.

#### **41<sup>st</sup> Speech and Prize-Giving Day (Friday, 16 April 2021)**

The school is celebrating our 41<sup>st</sup> Speech and Prize-Giving Day on Friday, 16 April 2021 at 3.30pm. Due to the current Covid-19 situation and as part of our safe management measures, the school will only be inviting our present Sec 4/5 Prize-winners and 2020 prize-winners to attend the ceremony held in our school library. As such, there will be no Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) in the afternoon on 16 April 2021. Students will be dismissed from school according to their timetable and staggered dismissal timings.

Our Sec 2 and 3 Prize-Giving Ceremony will be held during the morning assembly on Tuesday, 27 April 2021. Parents/guardians can still join in the celebration as both ceremonies will be broadcasted on Youtube Live on the actual days. Please look out for details via Parents Gateway in April.

#### **Sec 4 & 5 National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test (originally on Wednesday, 21 April 2021)**

NAPFA is a scheme which aims to promote and assess health-related and performance-related fitness. It encourages students to keep fit through regular physical exercise. NAPFA test for Sec 4 & 5 students was originally scheduled for the afternoon of 21 Apr 2021. It will now be conducted as part of the Physical Health and Fitness component during PE lessons between weeks 3 and 5.

#### **Sec 4/5 English and Mother Tongue Languages Oral Exam**

The English and Mother Tongue Languages Oral Exam will be held between Monday, 26 April and Friday, 30 April 2021, after school. Students' results for the Mother Tongue Languages oral exam will be included in the mid-year exam while their results for English Language oral exam will be counted towards their Preliminary Examination performance.

### **Sec 4/5 Mid-Year Examination (Tuesday, 4 May to Friday, 14 May 2021)**

The Sec 4/5 Mid-Year Examination will be from Tuesday, 4 May 2021 to Friday, 14 May 2021. Students do not need to report on Monday, 17 May 2021 as it is Marking Day. The school will update all students and parents/guardians of the detailed examination schedule by 1 April 2021.

### **Sec 4/5 Inter-Class Games (Tuesday 18 May & Thursday 20 May 2021)**

The Sec 4/5 Inter-Class Games will be cancelled due to current safe management measures.

### **Support for Sec 4/5 offering 'O' Level Mother Tongue Languages (Monday, 24 May to Friday, 28 May 2021)**

The GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue and Mother Tongue 'B' Syllabus Written Examination will be held on 31 May and 1 June 2021 respectively. To support our students' preparation for the examination, the Mother Tongue Language department will have additional lessons during curriculum time with students who are taking the above papers, from Monday, 24 May to Friday, 28 May 2021. Subject teachers will communicate the arrangements with students accordingly.

### **Leadership Handover Ceremony (Tuesday, 25 May 2021)**

The Leadership Handover Ceremony will be held virtually during the Assembly period to give due recognition to our Secondary 4/5 Student Leaders for their faithful service to the school in their various capacities, and to witness these leaders' passing of the baton to our next generation of student leaders who are currently in Sec 3. We look forward to celebrating the achievements and growth of our Clementeens.

### **Home-based Learning (HBL) Day for Sec 4N(A)\* (Friday 28 May 2021)**

\*Sec 4N(A) students who do not offer 'O' Level Mother Tongue Language will have HBL on Friday, 28 May 2021. HBL is an opportunity for your child/ward to experience a different way of learning and aids in developing his/her self-directed and collaborative learning competencies. HBL is also part of our emergency readiness efforts to ensure that Clementeens can continue to learn in the event of school closure.

Please note that your child/ward need not report to school on Fri 28 May. He/She will be expected to be completing his/her online tasks and assignments via e-Learning portals. The HBL instructions will be shared with your child/ward in his/her respective Google Classrooms during this period.

## **2 Strengthening Home-School Partnerships**

### **Mid-Year Parent-Staff Interaction (PSI) (Thursday, 27 May / Friday, 28 May 2021)**

Our Mid-Year Parent-Staff Interaction will be held via either phone call or Zoom (a video conference platform) this year. An announcement will be put up on Parents Gateway to invite you to register your mode of communication with the CCA Parent and/or Subject Teachers in May 2021. You will choose to meet the CCA Parent and/or Subject Teacher on *either* Thursday, 27 May *or* Friday, 28 May 2021.

## **3 Safe Management Measures amidst Covid-19 pandemic**

We appreciate your support and understanding throughout the first school term as the school seeks to safeguard the health and well-being of all students and staff. While the community cases in Singapore remains low, we will not let our guard down. We would like to remind our stakeholders of the following:

- a. If your child/ward is unwell with flu-like symptoms or has a fever of 38°C and above, do see a doctor as soon as possible for medical advice. Please do not send your child/ward to school. Do

inform the school by calling our general line (tel: 6777 7362). We would need your child/ward's full name, level of study and CCA group.

- b. Please inform the school if any member of your household or your child/ward is issued Home Quarantine Order (HQO) or Stay Home Notice (SHN). The school will issue a Leave of Absence (LOA) to your child/ward, who should not come to school.
- c. Please inform the school if there is an adult member of your household who is unwell with flu-like symptoms and keep your child/ward at home. Your child/ward will be placed on Approved Absence (AA) for the period of duration of the medical leave of the one who is unwell.

#### **4 Conclusion**

As your Sec 4/5 child/ward goes through learning in school in this milestone year, he/she will also benefit from a conducive and supportive home environment. I would like to take this chance to encourage you to talk to your child/ward on his/her experiences in school and help him/her focus on the positive areas. This could be especially important as your child/ward may experience stressful moments. In the learning process, your child/ward will inevitably encounter challenges and frustrations. Do reassure him/her that getting things wrong is part of learning and support him/her to persevere (which is one of our school values) through challenging situations. With your partnership, we can look forward to our Clementeens thriving in CTSS.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

*(This is an electronic letter. No signature is required.)*