



## ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL

20 June 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to furnish you with the following key information for the forthcoming Term 3:

1. Key Events in Term 3
2. Reinforcing Social Skills at Home
3. Updates on Vaping Matters
4. Strengthening School-Home Partnership

### **1. KEY EVENTS IN TERM 3**

#### **1.1 Youth Day Holiday (7 Jul, Mon)**

Youth Day falls on 7 July, Mon, and it will be a school holiday. Lessons will resume on 8 July, Tue.

#### **1.2 87th Prefects Commendation (11 Jul, Fri)**

The Prefects Commendation Service on 11 July, Fri, will witness the commendation of Secondary 3 Senior Prefects assuming the leadership of the 87th Prefectorial Board for 2025-2026 as well as the appointment of Secondary 2 Prefects.

#### **1.3 National Day Holiday on 11 Aug, Mon**

As National Day falls on a Saturday, please note that 11 August, Mon, will be a school holiday. Lessons will resume on 12 August, Tue.

#### **1.4 Early Dismissal for Sec 1, 2, 3, 4N(A) & 4N(T) due to National Examination (8 Jul, Tue)**

In view of the GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Languages Listening Comprehension Examination in the afternoon of 8 July, students from Secondary 1, 2, 3, 4N(A) and 4N(T) will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m. on 8 July, Tue.

#### **1.5 Home-Based Learning Days for Sec 1 to 3 during National Oral Examinations (15 Jul, Tue to 17 Jul, Thu)**

The GCE O-Level and N-Level Oral Examinations for graduating students will be conducted from 14 to 18 July 2025 (viz, three full days on 15 – 17 July and two afternoon sessions on

14 and 18 July). As such, all Secondary 1 to 3 students will attend Home-Based Learning during the three days from 15 to 17 July and will not be required to report to school.

#### 1.6 **Tech Goodness It's Friday (TGIF) in Semester 2**

In view of the three full days of home-based learning from 15 to 17 July, there will only be one TGIF session in Semester 2 — on **4 July, Fri**, Term 3 Week 1. All students are to report to school as usual on odd-week Fridays, from Term 3 Week 2 onwards till Term 4.

#### 1.7 **National Examinations**

Secondary 4 and 5 students will be sitting for the following National Examinations.

Date	Subject	Time
8 July	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension	PM session
14 July	GCE O, N(A) & N(T)-Level Mother Tongue & English Languages Oral Examinations	PM session
15 to 17 July		Full day
18 July		PM session

#### 1.8 **School-Based Assessments**

The dates of our school-based assessments in Term 3 are listed below. Details will be furnished in due course.

Date	Assessment
4 - 28 August	Weighted Assessment 3 (Sec 1 to 3)
31 July to 14 August	4 N(A) and 4 N(T) Preliminary Examinations
13 August to 3 Sept	4 Exp and 5 N(A) Preliminary Examinations

Please also note for **Lower Secondary Geography (Sec 1 & 2)**, Weighted Assessment 4 will be conducted in the first week of Term 4, after the September school holidays, on 15 to 19 September. The students are advised to set aside time during the school holidays to prepare for the assessment.

Date	Assessment
15 to 19 September	Weighted Assessment 4 (Sec 1 & 2, Geography)

Information on the remaining assessments in Term 4 will be provided in the Term 4 Letter to Parents.

**1.9 163rd Founder's Day (29 Aug, Fri)**

The school celebrates its 163rd Founder's Day this year with the theme: "Right Foundations". There will be a combined SAJS-SASS Thanksgiving Service followed by a prize presentation segment. Parents and guardians of prize winners will be invited to attend the event.

**1.10 Teachers' Day, Staff Appreciation Day Celebration and Last Day of Term (4 Sep, Thu)**

Our school will be celebrating Staff Appreciation Day on Thu, 4 September. Fri, 5 September is a scheduled Teachers' Day school holiday and will mark the commencement of the September school holidays until Sun, 14 September. If your son/ward wishes to show his appreciation to his teacher and other staff in school, please note that the most appropriate gift would be a handmade card with an encouraging message.

Students will return to school on **15 September, Mon**, for the commencement of Term 4.

**2. REINFORCING SOCIAL SKILLS AT HOME**

2.1 In conjunction with our on-going effort to nurture positive behaviours, build grit and foster stronger bonds of friendship amongst students, you may wish to reinforce these social skills to enable your son/ward to reflect on himself and regulate his emotions: *Reflecting and Improving*. Your support will go a long way in ensuring our boys apply the skills taught in and beyond school.

2.2 Key steps for 'Reflecting and Improving':

- a) Think about the situation you are in.
- b) Identify your behaviour and feelings.
- c) Consider if your behaviour is appropriate for the situation.
- d) Identify and carry out the behaviours that would be helpful for the situation.

**3. UPDATES ON VAPING MATTERS**

3.1 Our school takes a firm stand against vaping and smoking, which are serious offences that warrant disciplinary actions, including suspension and/or caning for boys. We ask for your strong support in our enforcement of school rules that aim to develop our students' character and discipline and for their holistic well-being.

Material on the negative effects and consequences of vaping has been shared with the students, and with parents via Parents Gateway earlier in February this year. We will continue to share information and advisories regarding the dangers of vaping with you, for your reference so that you may have a serious discussion with your child/ward regarding vaping, which is illegal in Singapore. You may also access resources on Parent Hub at <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>.

#### **4. STRENGTHENING SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP**

- 4.1 We seek the kind understanding of all parents/guardians to contact our teachers via email for non-urgent matters. The teachers' email addresses are available on the school website for ready reference. Please be informed that our teachers are not expected to provide their personal phone number to parents.
- 4.2 Should you need to contact the teachers urgently, please call our school's office at **62851944**. The teachers may be contacted during the weekdays from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. They are also not expected to respond to parents' and students' queries during the weekends except for emergencies. We seek your gracious consideration to allow our teachers personal space and rest time on weekends and weekday evenings.
- 4.3 Further to the above, the teachers may only be able to respond on the next working day if they were not contactable or unable to access their email promptly during the day or if the queries and/or requests were made beyond the stipulated hours.

We look forward to a fruitful partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Lee Han Hwa  
Principal