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# ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL

23 June 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

We hope you and your boys had a restful mid-year break and have been keeping safe and well. Please find below the following key information for the new academic term:

1. Key events in term 3;
2. Schedule for Tech Goodness It's Friday (TGIF) (Blended Learning);
3. School attire and policy on student's absence from school and late-coming;
4. Reinforcing social skills and social responsibilities at home; and
5. Acknowledgement of contributions.

## 1. KEY EVENTS IN TERM 3

### 1.1. Woodsville House Roof Repair Works (Jun - Nov 2023)

The rectification works for the roof of the school's Woodsville House have commenced during the Jun school holidays and are expected to be completed at end-Nov 2023. During this period, construction access to the house will be via a dedicated entrance only and the surrounding areas will be cordoned and hoarded off, to ensure the safety of all students and staff. In view of this, there may be some inconvenience caused due to the access being blocked by the hoarding. Please refer to the following photos of the completed hoardings. Access to the school via the upper court will be through the highlighted yellow arrows only. Prefects will be at hand to guide the boys on the first day of term 3.



1.2. Morning Assembly in Term 3

Morning assembly will take place in the school hall on all days except Fridays due to the rectification works for our Woodsville House thereby making the courtyard out-of-bounds. On Mondays and Tuesdays, Sec 1 and 3 boys will report to the school hall. Sec 2, 4 and 5s will go to the school hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays. On even week Fridays, all students will be in their classrooms for morning assembly.

	<b>Monday &amp; Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>Even week Friday</b>
<b>Sec 1 and 3</b>	<i>School Hall</i>	<i>Classrooms</i>	<i>Classrooms</i>
<b>Sec 2, 4 and 5</b>	<i>Classrooms</i>	<i>School Hall</i>	<i>Classrooms</i>

1.3. Hari Raya Haji Holiday (29 Jun, Thu)

Hari Raya Haji public holiday falls on 29 Jun, Thu. This will be followed by Tech Goodness It's Friday (TGIF) on 30 Jun, Fri.

1.4. Youth Day Holiday (3 Jul, Mon)

Youth Day falls on 2 Jul, Sun and Mon, 3 Jul will be a school holiday. Lessons will resume on 4 Jul, Tue.

1.5. Early Dismissal for Secondary 1-3 Students for National Examination (4 Jul, Tue)

In view of the GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Languages Listening Comprehension Examination in the afternoon, students from Secondary 1-3 will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m. on 4 Jul, Tue.

1.6. Student Health Screening (4 Jul, Tue – 13 Jul, Thu)

Health Promotion Board (HPB) will be conducting the annual school health visit to our school from 4 Jul to 13 Jul. During this visit, age-appropriate health screening and/or immunisation will be provided for your child/ward. More details will be provided via Parents Gateway.

1.7. Values-In-Action (VIA) Day (7 Aug, Mon)

As part of VIA, our lower secondary boys will be hosting 90 elderly visitors from Calvary Community Care (C3). The secondary 1 level will be conducting a Green Carnival to spread the message of *reduce, reuse and recycle* through fun and meaningful games. Secondary 2 boys will be showcasing their student-initiated learning and urban farming projects to the elderly. We hope that this intergenerational interaction between the young and the old would foster good communication skills and self-initiative in the boys as they apply their values, knowledge and skills in a meaningful way.

1.8. 85th Prefects' Commendation (8 Aug, Tue)

The Prefects' Commendation Service on 8 Aug, Tue, will witness the commendation of Secondary 3 Prefects assuming the leadership of the 85<sup>th</sup> Prefectorial Board for 2023-2024 as well as the appointment of School Prefects from the Secondary 2 junior prefects.

1.9. National Day Holidays (9 Aug, Wed - 10 Aug, Thu)

National Day falls on 9 Aug, Wed and 10 Aug, Thu is a school holiday. This will be followed by Tech Goodness It's Friday (TGIF) on 11 Aug, Fri.

1.10. 161st Founder's Day (25 Aug, Fri)

The school celebrates its 161<sup>st</sup> Founder's Day this year with the theme: "Being the Salt and Light of the World". 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.

1.11. Staff Appreciation Day Celebrations and Last Day of Term 3 (31 Aug, Thu)

Our school will be celebrating Staff Appreciation Day on 31 Aug, Thu. Fri, 1 Sep is a scheduled Teachers' Day school holiday and will mark the commencement of the September school holidays until 10 Sep, Sun. 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.

1.12. End-of-Term Service (31 Aug, Thu)

The End-of-Term Service will be held at 10.30 a.m. on the last day of Term 3 following the Staff Appreciation Day Celebrations. Students will be dismissed by 11 a.m. More details will be given via Parents Gateway.

1.13. School-based Assessments

To guide your son/ward in achieving his learning outcomes, please note the dates of the following school assessments:

Assessment Type	Level	Dates
WA 3	Sec 1 to Sec 3	17 Jul, Mon – 21 Jul, Fri 31 Jul, Mon – 4 Aug, Fri 14 Aug, Mon – 18 Aug Fri
Preliminary Exams	Sec 4 N(A) & Sec 4 N(T)	24 Jul, Mon - 4 Aug, Fri
Preliminary Exams	Sec 4 Exp & Sec 5 N(A)	7 Aug, Mon, 14 Aug, Mon - 30 Aug, Wed.
EOY Internal MTL Oral Exams	Sec 1 & Sec 2 (All TGs)	14 Aug, Mon - 18 Aug, Fri
EOY Internal EL Oral Exams	Sec 3 Exp	21 Aug, Mon and 24 Aug, Thu.
EOY Internal MTL Oral Exams	Sec 3 (All TGs)	18 Sept, Mon - 22 Sept, Fri

Details will be provided in due course.

1.14. Structured Remedial Programme

Structured Remedial for graduating students will start in Term 3, week 1, to prepare them for the upcoming national examinations. Remedial lessons for Sec 1 to 3 students will be given based on subject teachers' recommendations and will commence in Term 3, week 2.

1.15. National Examinations

Sec 4 and 5 students will be sitting for the following National Examinations :

Subject	National Exam	Exam code	Assessment	Dates
Mother Tongue	O-Level	CL - 1153 ML - 1151 TL - 1152	'B' Syllabus Listening Comprehension	4 Jul, Tue
			'B' Syllabus Oral Examination	6 Jul, Thu
		CL - 1160 ML - 1148 TL - 1157	Oral Examination	7 Jul, Wed - 17 Jul, Mon
	N(A)-Level	CL - 1196 ML - 1197 TL - 1198	Oral Examination	25 Jul, Tue - 27 Jul, Thu
	N(T)-Level	CL - 1202 ML - 1203 TL - 1204		
Design & Technology	N-Level	7055	Coursework Submission	11 Jul 2023, 5pm
	O-Level	7059	Coursework Submission	25 Jul 2023, 5pm
Art	N-Level	6125	Coursework Submission	1 Aug 2023, 5pm
	O-Level	6123	Coursework Submission	18 Sep 2023, 5pm
Music	N(T)-Level	6129	Coursework Submission	5 Aug 2023, 5pm
	N(T)-Level	6129	Live Recording Exam	14 Aug 2023 (starting from 8am)
	O-Level & Higher Music	6085 & 6086	Submission of Paper 3 Performance E-Music Scores and Reflection Notes	28 Jul 2023, 5pm
	O-Level & Higher Music	6085 & 6086	Submission of Paper 2 Coursework Substantive	30 Aug 2023, 5pm

			Documents & Reflection Notes	
	O-Level & Higher Music	6085 & 6086	Submission of Coursework Paper 2 Illustrative Documents	23 Sep 2023, 5pm
Electronics	O-Level	6063	Submission of coursework paper 2 (Prototype)	11 Aug 2023, 5pm
English	N(A)-Level	1190	Oral Examinations	11 Jul, Tue - 17 Jul, Mon
	N(T)-Level	1195		
	O-Level	1184 / 1128		25 Jul, Tue - 3 Aug, Thu

## 2. SCHEDULE FOR HOME-BASED LEARNING TECH GOODNESS IT'S FRIDAY (TGIF)

2.1 Please refer to the table below for the TGIF schedule in Term 3 :

Week	Date
1	<b>Fri, 30 Jun</b> <i>*Graduating students who have coursework subjects might need to report to school should the teachers require them to.</i>
3	<b>Fri, 14 July</b> <i>*Graduating students scheduled for the National Oral Exams will have to report to school by 1 p.m.</i>
5	<b>Fri, 28 July</b> <i>*Graduating students scheduled for the National Oral Exams will have to report to school by 1 p.m.</i>
7	<b>Fri, 11 Aug</b>
9	<b>Fri, 25 Aug</b> <i>* 161<sup>st</sup> Founder's Day Programme</i>

### **3. SCHOOL ATTIRE & POLICY ON STUDENT'S ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL AND LATE-COMING**

3.1 In view of the warmer weather conditions, the school will continue to allow all students to report to school in the PE T-shirts and school shorts/pants (Not PE shorts). Please note that for the National Examinations, students will be required to be in their full school uniform unless otherwise stipulated.

3.2 The school takes a serious view of students' attendance, as absence from school is a key contributing factor to under-performance. Your son/ward's absence from school must be supported with a medical certificate, which is provided upon immediate return to school. Please note that excuse letters from parents/guardians are discouraged and will only be valid if it is for genuine medical reasons or due to extenuating circumstances.

3.3 If there is no submission of medical certificate or letter within one week from the day of absence, the student's absence will be marked as "No Valid Reason – Truancy" for the day of absence. Please note that such absences will affect a student's conduct grade.

3.4 Students who arrive late to school are to report to the Time-Out Room to get a late slip. Latecomers will be required to serve up to 2 hours of after-school detention, on the day of late-coming itself. Such after-school detention for late-coming may be rescheduled to another day, only if there is a valid reason to do so.

### **4 REINFORCING SOCIAL SKILLS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AT HOME**

4.1 As part of 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 that will 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.

4.2 Key steps for 'Reflecting & Improving' are as follows:

- 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 other behaviours that would be more helpful for the situation.

4.3 We urge all parents to have their sons visit a doctor and recuperate at home if they are displaying flu-like symptoms like cough and / or cold, even if they do not have a fever.

### **5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

5.1 Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the following students for presenting during morning assembly and raising our awareness on various issues.

No	Name	Topic Presented	Class
1	AARON SOH WEILUN	Help Seeking	4U

2	REUEL LEE KAI EN		4E
3	EUXAVIER LOW SHANE HNG	Simple acts of kindness	3U
4	ETHAN LOKE		3R
5	JOHN CH'NG SHENG KAI	Everyone can be a befriender	3I
6	VIVAAN NISHAD S/O BINOD KUMAR		3I
7	KIERAN LIM LE EN	Time for work and Time for play	5W
8	PRABAKARAN ENNIYADHARRSHAN		5W
9	LIM WEIJIAN EMMANUEL	Active Listening	4Em
10	SYED RUFAYD SAKAF S/O SYED FAZAL SAKAF		4Em
11	TAJ REYHAAN SANDHU	Unity in Diversity	4W
12	MUHAMMAD ZIESHAN BIN MUHAMMAD RAZALI		4W

We look forward to a fruitful Term 3 with you and our boys. Up and On!

Yours sincerely

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Principal