



## COMPASSVALE SECONDARY SCHOOL 康柏中学

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School Motto: Realising the Star Within

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I am pleased to update our school matters for Term 2 & 3, 2018 as follows.

### Major school events/programmes in Term 3

Date	Major Programmes/Events	School	Major Internal/National Exams
25 Jun	ASPIRE Prog for Sec 4/5		
27 & 28 Jun			Sec 4 NT/NA EL Prelim Oral Exam
28 Jun	Temperature-taking Exercise		
30 Jun	CVSS Alumni Homecoming Day		
2 Jul	School Holiday for Youth Day		
3 Jul			GCE CLB/MLB/TLB Oral Exams
4-16 Jul			GCE O Level MT Oral Exams
5-12 Jul			GCE N Level EL Oral Exams
9 Jul			Submission of GCE (NA) F&N Coursework
17 Jul			GCE O Level & Syll B MT Listening Comprehension
19 Jul	Hosting of China Xinggang School		
13 Jul	Annual Cross-Country Run		
23-26 Jul			Sec 4E5N EL Prelim Oral & Sec 4E Prelim Pure Science Prac Exam
25-27 Jul			Common Tests II
27 Jul	Back up date for Cross Country		
30 Jul			Submission of GCE (NA) Art Coursework
31 Jul-3 Aug			GCE N Level MT Oral Exams
2 Aug			Sec 4E5N Prelim Combined Science Practical Exams
3, 6-7 Aug			Sec 4E5N Prelim Exams - EL & Humanities
6 Aug	Hosting of China Changshu Sch		
8 Aug	National Day Celebration		
10 Aug	School Holiday for National Day		
13-28 Aug			GCE O Level EL Oral Exams
13-21 Aug			Sec 4N Prelim Exams
13 Aug			Submission of GCE (NA) D&T Coursework
17-19 Aug	Sec 2 Outdoor Education Camp		
27-29 Aug	MTL Fortnight Progs		
27 Aug			Lower Sec CLB Listening Comprehension Exam
28 Aug			Sec 3 CLB Listening Compre & Submission of GCE (O) D&T Coursework
27-29 Aug			Sec 4E/5NA Prelim Exams - Math/D&T/F&N/Art/Pure Science
30 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebration		
31 Aug	School Holiday for Teachers' Day		Submission GCE (O) F&N Coursework

\*Please visit our school website for the full year school calendar

**Change of School Hours** - With effect from Term 3 this year, first period lesson will start at **7.50am** instead of 7.45am and school hours will end **5 minutes later** accordingly [No change in CCA/ASSP timing]. This is to cater sufficient time for flag-raising ceremony, daily announcements, movement time to classrooms, daily classroom cleaning, weekly structured reading time and the occasional NE commemoration/UG days, school leaders' engagement and affirmation of student/staff achievements etc.

**School Rules on Late-coming** - With effect from Term 3 this year, students who come to school after **8.00am** without any valid reasons will be stopped at the school gate by the security guards and will not be allowed to enter the school. Those who have valid reasons should inform their form teachers in advance or ask their parents/guardians to call the general office for verification.

**Discontinuation of Issuing of Term 3 Progress Report** - The school will stop issuing Term 3 Progress Report as CA2 may continue into Term 4 for some subjects, Common test II results is good enough to indicate how students have progressed thus far in Term 3 and time spent by teachers in generating/administering the progress reports could be better spent in teaching/coaching.

**2018 Direct School Admission (DSA-Sec) Exercise** - Our school will be taking part in the annual DSA-Sec exercise for Sec 1 intake from this year onwards. P6 pupils who have talent and passion in aeronautics may apply to our school from 7 May to 3 July. Details on the application process and selection criteria are available on our school website.

**2018 Direct School Admission (DSA-JC) Exercise, ITE Early Admissions Exercise, Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise**  
2018 DSA-JC Exercise has commenced on 7 May 2018 (Monday). Interested 4E5N students may visit the respective JCs' websites to find out more details about the application process and selection criteria. The ITE Early Admissions Exercise 2019 has been conducted from 21 to 25 May. All Sec 4NT students have been briefed on this aptitude-based admissions exercise. More details can be found at <https://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/eae#ApplicationProcedure>. Poly EAE is for students who have aptitudes and interests in specific fields of study and applicants will be assessed through various modes by the polytechnics. Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer subject to meeting the minimum polytechnic admissions criteria in 'O' level results. Application period is from 21-27 June. More details can be found at [eae.polytechnic.edu.sg](http://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg).

## Highlights of School Programmes/Events in Term 2

- **Anniversary & Awards Day (20 Apr)** – Our 18<sup>th</sup> A&A day was held to recognise the achievements and contributions of our students, staff, stakeholders and partners. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr Lim Yeow Khee, *BBM*, President of Singapore Aerospace Engineers. Mr Lim, who is also an adjunct associate professor at the NTU School of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering gave an inspiring speech, relating his life-long pursuit of his passion in aeronautics to how our students can similarly learn and prepare themselves to be “World Ready Youths”.
- **Visit of MOE political office holder (23 Apr)** – Dr Janil Puthuchery, former Senior Minister of State, MOE visited our school on 23 Apr and had an engaging dialogue with Sec 2N2 and 4E5, touching on any topics that our students were concerned about. Our students shared about their usual challenges in school, educational/career aspirations and national issues etc. Our students gained good insights on current issues from the national perspective and benefitted much from Dr Puthuchery’s wise advice.
- **Aeronautics Applied Learning Programme (ALP)** - All Sec 2 students completed their STEM-in-Aeronautics module in Sem 1 with learning journeys to Temasek/Republic Poly, ITE or Youth Flying Club. The students got to know more about the aeronautics industry/courses through visits to airplane hangars, aeronautical engineering workshops and flight simulator laboratories.
- **Applied Learning Programme/Project Work Learning Festival (25 May)** - The learning festival, themed "Inquire, Inspire, Invent" showcases the best student projects from Sec 1 Project Work and Sec 2 ALP. Sec 1 students showcased their projects advocating waste minimization through interactive games, videos and models while Sec 2 students showcased designs of personal aerial vehicles and competed on their skills of drone programming in a drone obstacle course competition.
- **IMDA Lab on Wheels (17 & 18 May)** - The IMDA Lab on Wheels bus visited our school and all students had the opportunity to try and experiment with the various cool new tech exhibits on board such as Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Mixed Reality, Social Robotics & AI, Internet of Things, Electronics. IMDA is having a tech carnival called Tech Saturday Upsized on 2 & 3 June.
- **Cyber Wellness Day (24 May)** - All Sec 1-3 students attended a talk on cyber safety and career opportunities in cyber & digital security by speakers from McAfee and Temasek Polytechnic. A variety of interactive and experiential activities were designed by our Cyber Wellness Student Ambassadors which addresses pressing issues like gaming addiction, scams and cyber bullying. A ‘Pledge an Act’ booth was set up to promote safe and responsible use of infocomm technology among students.
- **Mother Tongue Fortnight** – As part of MT Fortnight, Noontalk Artiste Aloysius Pang was invited to share on how he learnt the Chinese language when he was a student. Selected Sec 3/4 EXP students went on a Learning Journey to Mediacorp. In addition, a special programme on Kampung Life - Gotong Royong Concept was organised for all ML students.
- **Commemoration of International Friendship Day [5 Apr]** – Our international students presented the unique customs and practices of their countries at an assembly programme and Sec 1 students enjoyed a carnival with booths featuring games and customs from countries in Asia.
- **Community involvement** – As part of our Learning for Life Programme on Community & Youth Leadership, our school has supported many Sengkang Central CC’s community events such as canned food collection drive for needy residents (19 May, 100 members from all 5 UG CCA groups), Large Visual Art Installation – A Ray of Sunshine project (end May, art students), Durian Festival (29 Jul, Selena Dai from Sec 2E5 won the Mascot Design Competition) and Ramadan Porridge Distribution (end May, ML students). We have also extended the Sec 3 service learning projects to Sec 4/5 instead of the usual flag days.
- **Visit of Rivervale Primary School P6 pupils (24 May)** – Our school hosted a visit by 80 P6 pupils from RPS to provide an opportunity for the pupils to experience secondary school life and motivate them to do well in PSLE. 21 RPS pupils were posted to our school in the 2018 Sec 1 intake and we welcome the “Riverlites” to join our school in 2019.

## Highlights of Student Achievements in Term 2

- A\*STAR Science Award (Upper Sec) – Hannah Chiang Siew Hua and Lim Jun Hao Darius [The award comprises a 3-day Research Exposure Programme, talks and seminars organised by A\*STAR and visiting Scientists and \$500 allowance]
- North Zone Secondary Schools Chinese Speech Competition – Tan Hong Ming (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Darren Yeo (Consolation Prize)
- Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition – Championship Award (1<sup>st</sup> placing) for Unpowered Gliders category (170 participating teams from schools), Championship Award (3<sup>rd</sup> placing) for Fixed-Wing Radio Controlled Flight (103 participating teams from schools/JCs/Polys/ITE), Best Performance Awards, Most Creative Awards, Best Aesthetics Award.
- Red Cross Youth – Singapore Red Cross BMO Merit Award for 2017 National Blood Programme; Mavis Chan Jing Wen (Director’s Award) [Pinnacle award for Red Cross Youth cadets, total 40 awardees for 2017]
- NPCC – Abdul Fattah Lee (SPF-NPCC Badge) [Pinnacle award for NPCC cadets, total 146 awardees from all NPCC units]
- Boys Brigade – Andrew Lau De En (2018 BBHQ BB Best Boy Award) [49 recipients among 300 eligible BB boys nationwide], Ng Wai Meng (2018 BBHQ BB Founder’s Award) [100 recipients among 1000+ BB in the Seniors Programme nationwide]
- Girl Guides North Division Day - Fusion Dance 3<sup>rd</sup>, Chan Yu Rou and Shermay Lo (Merit Award for Patch Design Competition)
- Netball – Chan Pei Qing and Jolie Tan (Netball Singapore 2018 North Zone Under-14 Age Group Development Squad), Nicole Tan, Melannie See and Gracia Khoo (Netball Singapore 2018 North Zone Under-17 Age Group Development Squad)
- MOE Youth Dance Camp – Lim Xin Hui, Koh Jia Ying [participants may be selected for SYF 2018 Celebrations Festival Concert]
- SYF 2018 Celebrations Festival Concert – Kareen Low [flute performance]
- 2019 Singapore Bicentennial Youth Ambassadors – Tan Zhi Hui Jensen, Goh Ruo Xuan Tessa

## Parent Engagement

- **Sec 1 Green Compass Programme** – We would like to express our appreciation to the 8 parents who participated in the leaflet distribution on 21 May and another 6 parents who participated in the actual recyclables collection on 23 May with the students.
- **Annual Cross Country Run (13 Jul)** - Our annual cross country run will be held at Punggol Waterway Park for the first time. If it rains, it will be postponed to 27 July. Parents are welcomed to join your child for a run or leisure walk for parent-child bonding.
- **Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day (19 Jul)** - Parents are welcomed to help out in the Racial Harmony Carnival on that day. Please keep a look out for the activities on our school website nearer the date.
- **2018 Polytechnics Early Admission Exercise (EAE) Parents' Seminar** – Interested parents may visit the respective websites to register for the seminars.  
Nanyang Polytechnic EAE Parents’ Seminar: 26 May (Sat), 9,00 am. <http://www.nyp.edu.sg/eae/eae-parents-seminar.html>  
Republic Polytechnic EAE Parents’ Seminar: 1 June (Fri), 7.30pm. <https://www.rp.edu.sg/parents/eae-parents-talk>  
Singapore Polytechnic EAE Parents’ Seminar: 9 June (Sat), 9,00 am. <https://www.sp.edu.sg/pforum/>