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School Motto: Realising the Star Within

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year in 2017! 2016 has been a good year as we strived to build a vibrant learning community in our school through greater student engagement, more diverse school programmes and establishment of our distinctive programmes – Applied Learning Programme in Aeronautics and Learning for Life Programme in Community & Youth Leadership. I am pleased to update you on the following:

School Achievements in Term 4/2016

- Singapore Philatelic Museum ASEAN FourNation Stamp Contest (Youth) – Silver Award
- Republic Polytechnic Renesas Grand Prix Robotics Racing Car Competition – 2nd placing
- Republic Polytechnic Drone Fiesta – 2nd prize (Obstacle Race)
- Zaobao.sg VOX! New Media Workshop - Best in Creativity Award
- Sengkang CC/Sengkang NPC Shoplifting Video Competition – Champions
- Singapore Schools Sports Council Colours Award – Keith Koh (2E3) (Top 4 in Wushu National School Games)
- NPCC – Gold Unit Overall Proficiency Award (2016 Year of Assessment)

2016 GCE ‘O’ and ‘N’ Level Achievements

We have done well in the ‘O’ level exam, especially for the Express course.

	Express	Normal (Academic)
Average aggregate score	L1B5 = 15.4 (Best result in school history)	L1B4 = 20.6
% eligible for Junior College	82.7% (improvement of 8.5% over 2015)	16.9%
% eligible for Polytechnics	100%	75.4%

In the ‘N’ level exam, 83.9% of our NA students are eligible for promotion to Sec 5N while 100% of our Normal Technical students are eligible for admission to ITE. More details on the ‘N’ level exam are available on our school website and more details on the ‘O’ level exam will be uploaded soon.

New School Brochure and Student Companion

We have produced a comprehensive school brochure for our outreach and publicity talks to the P6 pupils/parents last year. The softcopy is available on our school website. We have also updated our Student Handbook with much more school information and renamed it “Student Companion”. You may wish to take a look at them to find out more information about our school.

2017 School Calendar and Tests/Exams Schedule

We have given all students a copy each of our school calendar and tests/exams schedule for the whole year, which are also available on our school website. The tests/exams schedule is to help our students keep their focus to prepare for tests/exams well in advance and do well in them. Please help remind your child/ward of this and monitor their preparation and readiness. Below is a summary of the highlights in Term 1 for your information.

27 Jan	Chinese New Year celebrations (school will end earlier)
22 Feb to 24 Feb	Common Tests for all levels
7 Mar	Sec 1 Home-based Learning (Sec 1 students need not come to school)
8 Mar to 10 Mar	STAR Programme - Sec 1 & 2: Local Learning Journeys; Sec 3: Local Adventure Camp; Sec 4/5: Life Skills and Career Awareness
11 Mar to 19 Mar	Term 1 School Vacation

2017 Sec 1 Intake

We have 8 Sec 1 classes in 2017 as compared to 7 in 2016 – 5 Express, 2 NA and 1 NT classes. We have continued to be a popular school of choice. 94% of our Sec 1 students chose our school as their first 3 choices, with 56% first choice and 30% second choice. Our student profile remains fairly stable - the mean PSLE T-scores of our 2017 Sec 1 intake are 215 (Exp), 178 (NA) and 142 (NT).

New School Programmes in 2017

- Project Work for all Sec 1 (1st Semester) and Sec 2 (2nd Semester) students, focusing on environmental education
- Subject-Based Banding for eligible 2017 Sec 1 cohort onwards (ie. eligible NA/NT students may take up to 3 subjects in EL/MTL/Math/Science at higher Exp/NA level)
- Higher Chinese Language lessons conducted in our school for eligible 2017 Sec 1 cohort onwards
- STAR Programme – Progressive, holistic development programme for all students
- Peer Support Programme – Trained Peer Support Leaders in each class to cultivate positive student-student relationships and strengthen culture of care in the school (pilot project with MOE Guidance Branch)

- Social Skills Training – Explicit skill teaching and reinforcement to develop pro-social and effective learning behaviours as part of school-based CCE curriculum for all Sec 1 and selected classes in other levels, particularly Normal Course students (pilot project with MOE Guidance Branch)

Changes in Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

The school will be phasing out Wushu due to declining interest and Badminton in favour of team sports. In tandem with this, the school will be introducing Softball (Girls) in addition to the boys team and Floorball (Boys and Girls), starting with Sec 1 students. CCA will be held mainly on Wednesdays and Fridays as usual. All students are expected to participate in CCA actively. Parents will be notified if there are any changes in CCA hours or additional activities.

Hosting of Mendaki Tuition Scheme

We have offered our school premises for Mendaki Tuition Scheme every Saturday with effect from 2017. The Mendaki Tuition Scheme is for Muslim students while their Collaborative Tuition Programme is open to students of all races. Students need only pay a small sum for tuition classes in lower secondary EL/ML/Math/Science. We encourage our students to take advantage of the tuition scheme. You may find out more details at <http://mts.mendaki.org.sg/tuition.html>.

Punctuality for School

To instil self-discipline and inculcate responsible habit, with effect from 2017, students who come to school after 8.30am without any valid reasons will be held outside the General Office and will not be allowed to attend lessons until recess time. Students who come to school after 9.30am without any valid reasons will be stopped at the school gate by the security guards and will not be allowed to enter the school compound. Students who have valid reasons to be late should inform their parents/guardians to call the general office for verification. Habitual late-comers (i.e. more than 4 times late per semester) will be disciplined and counselled. Disciplinary measures include detention class after school and/or suspension from class/school. Students who are late more than 8 times in a year may receive a conduct grade no better than “Good”.

School Rules on Handphones

The school has a ‘No Handphone’ policy and students should not bring their handphones to school, unless specially arranged by teachers for specific lessons. Any misuse of handphones in school may lead to confiscation of handphones by any teacher till the end of the day or for a prolonged period of time. Parents who need to contact their children urgently in school may always call the General Office for assistance.

Insurance Coverage for All Students for 2017

We have engaged AB Lim Pte Ltd to provide a basic insurance plan to insure all our students against all school-related accidents. Please refer to the attached leaflet from AB Lim for full details of policy coverage and benefits. International students, PRs and students who engage in higher-risk CCA or school activities are strongly encouraged to purchase additional insurance coverage at their own expenses. Students who sustain physical injury are to complete an incident report form and insurance claim form available from the General Office, and submit the forms, together with original medical receipts, to the office within one week from date of accident. The school will assist to forward claims documents to AB Lim. However, for any claims enquiries, please contact AB Lim at 62722277 directly.

North Star Pledge

Starting from 2017, we have instituted a North Star Pledge for all students: *“I will learn as I am prepared to work hard. I will grow as my teachers care for me. I will succeed as I have high expectations. I will shine as I am a ‘North Star’.* The pledge which encapsulates a positive mind-set would form a firm foundation and elicit a strong commitment for our students towards learning and growing in the school, and celebrating one another’s progress and achievements. I would like to invite you to partner us in encouraging and cheering them on to live up to the pledge that they have made on the first day of school with their peers, led by the student leaders. Students will continue to recite the pledge at least once a term to remind them regularly of their commitment and responsibility as a student.

Parent Engagement

Parents are encouraged to participate in the following programmes to be more involved in your child’s school life:

- Chinese New Year Celebration (Fri 27 Jan morning): Join our staff and PSG members in the celebrations and hosting residents from Brighthill Evergreen Home for the Elderly and nearby HDB flats
- Parent Support Group’s CNY Welcome Brunch for Sec 1 Parents (Sat 11 Feb morning): Parents interested in joining PSG are also invited to come along
- Education and Career Guidance Parents’ Forum for Sec 4/5 parents (Thu 9 Mar morning): Talks/panel discussion by invited speakers from post-secondary institutions and our ECG counsellor

Keep a look out and register for these activities nearing the dates or call the General Office for more information.

As we seek to provide a meaningful and joyful learning experience for all our students, we look forward to working closely with all parents/guardians as partners-in-education. If you have any queries concerning the school or your child/ward, please feel free to call the general office or contact the Form/Co-Form Teachers respectively. Thank you.

Mr Chia Chor Yann, Principal