



COMPASSVALE SECONDARY SCHOOL 康柏中学

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School Motto: *Realising the Star Within*

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Dear Parents/Guardians

School Reopening Matters and Safe Management Measures

- **Staggered return to school by levels** – As part of MOE's plan to ease into full resumption of physical schooling in Term 3, Sec 3-5 students will return to school from 28 Jun while Sec 1-2 students will be on Home-Based Learning (HBL) initially and return to school from 1 Jul [Details on HBL has been sent to all Sec 1 & 2 parents separately on 23 Jun]. Form teachers will take stock of students' well-being and provide additional support where necessary. Form teachers will also check in with their class using the Back-to-School lesson package provided by MOE to help students reflect on their experiences during the FHBL and June holidays, and transit back to school smoothly.
- **Students with flu-like symptoms should stay away from school and seek medical attention immediately and be tested; Students with household members (6 yrs old and above) who have flu-like symptoms should also stay away from school.** All students are reminded to bring their TraceTogether tokens to school or activate their TT apps on their handphones every day. Form teachers will carry out the checks on first day of school. TT has been used to help quickly identify close contacts of Covid cases and close contacts may be informed directly by MOH Contact Tracing Team. Please inform the school through the Form Teachers as soon as possible for our follow up actions if your child/ward is not attending school for the above reasons.
- **Safe Management Measures (SMM)** [Similar to Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) but with some enhancements]:
 - PE lessons for Week 1 and 2 will be class-based and adhere to safe distancing of at least 2m between individual activities and instructions. Only individual activities will be conducted. Masks are allowed to be removed for physical activities in well-ventilated venues. Students who have gone for a vaccination dose within the past one week will be excused from PE lessons. Students who have had a vaccination dose more than one week ago are to inform the PE teacher immediately if they develop chest pain, shortness of breath on exertion or abnormal heart beats at any point during the lesson.
 - Curricular related school-based programmes will continue, e.g. remedials for graduating cohorts.
 - F2F Centre-based Lessons (including weekend NTIL lessons, MEP, AEP and Third Language) will resume from Week 1 for graduating students. Non-graduating students will have HBL in Week 1 and resume F2F lessons from Week 2.
 - F2F CCA will resume from Week 3, with adherence to national safe management guidelines. E-CCA may be carried out in Week 1 & 2 if necessary.
 - All remaining National School Games fixtures will be cancelled.
 - The following external activities will continue to be suspended: CCAs in public settings, Learning Journeys, MOE OBS Challenge/Outdoor Adventure Learning Cohort Camps, F2F Community-based VIA etc
 - F2F support to high needs students will continue, eg. Gear Up in fixed small groups but without external vendors or volunteers.
- **Covid Vaccination Exercise** - We are pleased that more than 90% of our students have booked their Covid-19 vaccination appointments. If your child/ward has missed the first dose for any reason (e.g. unwell on the vaccination day), please reschedule your appointment. The school will also facilitate a vaccination exercise for those who have difficulties in booking. Details will be given to those involved in due course.

Curricular Matters

- **Updates on School and National Examinations Schedule 2021**
 - We have revised the schedule of our school-based assessment and SEAB (Singapore Examination and Assessment Board) has also given the latest updates on national exams (Annex B and C).
 - There is no change in the weighting distribution for Weighted Assessments (WA) and Mid-Year/Year-End Exams (Annex A)
 - Due to the disruption by Full HBL from 19 May till end of Term 2, Mid-Year Progress Report will now be issued in Term 3 Week 2, after teachers have conducted mark verification of the Mid-Year Exam papers with students.
- **Blended Learning (for all Sec 1-3 students)** – We have added an extra HBL day on 15 Oct to further equip our students with digital literacy skills. The schedule is updated as follows [HBL Day 1 on 14 May is completed]:

HBL Day 2	Term 3 Week 2	Tue 6 July	HBL Day 5	Term 4 Week 1	Mon 13 September
HBL Day 3	Term 3 Week 4	Fri 23 July	HBL Day 6	Term 4 Week 2	Wed 22 September
HBL Day 4	Term 3 Week 9	Thu 26 August	HBL Day 7	Term 4 Week 5	Fri 15 October

Your child will be able to access the Class Learning Plan and details of each HBL Day's lessons or programmes at go.gov.sg/cvssstudentlearninghub from 10pm, the day before each HBL day. As part of the HBL Days, students will

carry out the Student-Initiated Learning (SIL) activities which they have discussed with you and proposed to their teachers in May. A copy of your child's SIL activities will be emailed to you by Fri 2 July.

- **Provision of lockers for all students** – In preparation for Personalised Digital Learning Prog (PDLP) and safe keeping of students' Personal Learning Devices (PLD), we have installed lockers for all students in all form classrooms. Lockers will be allocated by Form teachers and students may use their own locks. Students should use their lockers responsibly and discipline teachers may spot check the contents of the lockers as and when necessary.
- **Safe and Secured Use of Video Conferencing Tools** – Please help remind your child/ward to observe the following rules when using VC tools (eg. Zoom, Google Meet). Students who do not follow the rules will not be admitted and/or will be removed from the meeting/lessons by the teacher.
 - Do NOT share meeting details (VC codes and/or passwords) with others not involved in the meeting/lesson
 - Log in at least 5 mins before meeting/lesson to allow teachers time to verify & admit students. Latecomers may not be allowed to join in the session.
 - Enter student's class and FULL name (eg. 5N3 Amos Hen An Quan)
 - Switch on the camera when entering and leave it on. Students who are unable to do so should alert and ask their teacher for permission as soon as they enter the room.
 - Observe cyber etiquette/rules - Respect others by not using inappropriate language or using/sending inappropriate content.
- **IDA NEU PC Plus Programme/Home Access Scheme** - The NEU PC Plus Programme offers affordable PCs to students from low income families and the Home Access Scheme provides affordable internet connectivity for those who do not have broadband at home. Parents may visit the website <https://www.imda.gov.sg/neupc> and <https://www.digitalaccess.gov.sg> to find out more or download the application form. Hardcopy forms are also available at our General Office.
- **Enhanced ITE Curricular Structure** - Starting from selected courses in AY2022, ITE will introduce a new 3-year course leading directly to a Higher Nitec certification. 'O' level students and students under DPP will continue to obtain a Higher Nitec in 2 yrs, as they will directly enter Year 2 of the enhanced curricular structure.

Admission exercise	Website
Joint Intake Exercise 'N' (JIE 'N')	https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses/full-time-2-year-nitec/for-gce-n-applicants
Joint Intake Exercise 'E' (JIE 'E') <i>N(T) students only</i>	https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses/full-time-3-year-nitec
Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Prog (DPP) <i>N(A) students only</i>	https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec/direct-entry-scheme-to-polytechnic-programme

Highlights of School Programmes/Events in Term 2

- **Sec 2 Cohort NE Learning Journey (Mar/Apr)** - All Sec 2 students participated in an integrated Humanities and CCE Learning Journey to the National Museum of Singapore in March and April, with pre- and post-LJ segments to understand the history and culture of Singapore. The journey ended with a ceremony at the Kranji War Memorial where students had a memorable experience in commemorating the war heroes who had sacrificed their lives in World War II.
- **International Friendship Day (14 Apr)** - In line with the theme "Singapore in the World", our students learnt about Singapore's connectedness within and beyond ASEAN and the importance of international collaboration and cooperation. Sec 2-5 students attended a CCE lesson that including sharing by our International and PR students about their own cultures, an Indian dance performance and friendship craft activities. Sec 1 students attended a carnival organised by the school where they played Matching Flag card and "ASEAN Ping Pong" games, learnt ASEAN languages and danced to the beat of India Waale.
- **Informal visit by Ms Liew Wei Li, Deputy Director-General of Education and Director of Schools Division (16 Apr)** - DyS paid an informal visit to our school to get to know our school better. She visited 3N1 math lesson in our newly created Collaborative ICT Lab, 2N1 music lesson, 3E F&N lesson, and 2T1 Aeronautics ALP lesson in our Applied Learning Centre. She was impressed with our special facilities such as the school library, Electronics Room, gym and pastoral care hub (pastoral staff room, LBS intervention room, After School Centre, ECG Room) and the varied and enriching school programmes.
- **MOE Teachers' Conference and ExCEL Fest 2021 (1-3 Jun)** – This biennial event celebrates the innovations, ideas and resilience in the education fraternity. The Guest-of-Honour was Minister Chan Chun Sing. Our Malay Language teachers (Mr Mohd Shalleh and Ms Noorhidayah) gave a live presentation on "TUTLA – The Ultimate Teaching and Learning Aid" (2020 MOE Silver Innergy Award winner) and put up a poster presentation on "Using Collectibles to Invoke Positively Graduating Students' Affective Domain to Succeed in the National Examinations".

School/Staff/Student Achievements in Term 2

- **meriSTEM@NIE's STEM Education Programme** – Our Science/Humanities department team of Mrs Preeti, Ms Caroline Hew, Mr Patrick Chong, Ms Tay Siew Woon, Ms Sarah Ang and Mdm Mohanajothi came up with a creative Sec 2 Project Work lesson package on sustainable energy in this NIE's programme to enhance the quality of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering,

Math) teaching and learning. Our entry was among the **top 4 entries** (2 from primary schools and 1 one from RI) out of 20 entries. It shows the high quality of our Project Work curriculum.

- **“Becoming a Teacher: Reflection, Inquiry and Identity” published by National Institute of Education** – Ms Sarah Ang contributed a chapter in this publication launched in March this year, based on her good performance in NIE as a trainee teacher in 2018/2019. In her chapter entitled “*Teach Life, Not Work*”, Ms Ang chronicled her learning in NIE and practicum – her inquiry process as a student teacher and how it contributed to the development of her teacher identity. She also wrote about her growth as a beginning teacher in CVSS and how the school community had provided her with strong support and good guidance.
- **Anderson-Serangoon Junior College 22nd International Elementz Fair (Jan-Apr)** – 2 teams of our students achieved the **Bronze awards** in this annual event, which aims to promote the learning of STEM through student-initiated projects to study the impact of science on society. More than 100 teams across secondary schools, JCs and schools from the ASEAN region took part in the fair this year. Team 1 comprising Tan Qi Xuan, Varsha Subin, Tan Tze Yeng Eleanor, Sania Chaurasia and Ang Pei Ting Elizabeth from 3E5 investigated the effect of different moisturising additives in alcohol-based hand sanitizers on skin moisture. Team 2 comprising Chloe Lim Wen Xuan, Lee Zi Ying Amber, Jeannie Tiang Qi Qi, Dior Chai Jia En and Tay Jing Ni from 3E5 conducted an investigation on reducing ocean acidity using food waste.
- **ITE IgnITE 2021 Skills Competition** – Our team of Kevin Chacko Pulparayil 4N1, Irfan Hakim 4N2 and Leong Jun Hoe 4N2 won a **Silver award in the Daedalus Challenge**. This is the first time our school has emerged top 3 in any challenge. Our team had to design a glider and programme its path through an obstacle course using Tinkercad.
- **Singapore Math Kangaroo Contest 2021** – Our school registered 4 students for this Singapore round of the International Mathematical Kangaroo for the first time. Among 306 participants from 18 schools in the Grade 8 contest, Li Ming Sin 2E5 was ranked 33 (Silver Global Rank), Ho Tran Hoai Thuong 2E3 was ranked 49 (Silver Global Rank), Darren Lim Jun Bin 2E4 was ranked 88 (Bronze Global Rank) and Li Junyuan 2E1 was given certificate of participation. The contest involved problem-solving with creativity, different perspectives and logical thinking. It offers similar rigour as our Math curriculum and we may expose more students to this contest in future.
- **2022 MOE CPDD Geography Talent Development Program** - Muhd Huzair Bin Rahim (4E4) who won a silver award in 2021 NUS Geography Challenge has been invited to take part in this annual prog for selected Geography students. 4 participants will be selected to represent Singapore at the International Geography Olympiad in 2022.
- **Temasek Polytechnic Scholarship (Engineering)** – 3 students have been shortlisted for this prestigious scholarship [Ang Wei De Victor, Hadriel Lim Jun Kang, Lim Wei Xun, all 4E3] with a total award value of up to \$9,000, including participation in Temasek Leadership Prog and Overseas Experience Program. They have also won a silver, bronze and commendation award respectively in the TP Engineering Olympiad 2021.
- **SYF Arts Presentation 2021** – The SYP AP is a benchmarking platform that offers opportunities for continuous learning and improvement through adjudicators’ feedback from theatre industry professionals. We have opted for adjudication for all our performing arts CCA to challenge our students to strive for excellence despite the various constraints due to Covid-19 SMM and a short time available for physical practice. We are proud that our Dance and Drama have achieved **Certificates of Distinction** and our Band has achieved **Certificate of Accomplishment**
- **Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition jointly organised by DSO National Laboratories and the Singapore Science Centre, with support from MINDEF (Apr)** - More than 1300 participants from primary school to universities competed for 80+ awards in 4 main categories. Our students garnered a total of 10 awards in 3 categories: *Radio-Controlled Flight (Sec/JCs)*: Fixed-Wing RC - Championship Award, 1st, Best Performance 1st & 3rd, Proof of Flight & Learning Journey Video 3rd; *Unpowered Gliders (Sec)*: Championship Award 3rd, Best Performance 1st, Best Presentation 1st; *First-Person-View Racing* Novice 6th, Advanced 6th; *Autonomous/Semi-Autonomous Drones (ITE, polytechnics and universities)*: Semi-Autonomous Championship Award 3rd. Our award winning students were: Koh Tze Wang, Ki’ern Ong, Alfred Lim & Matthew Tan (4E6), Cheong Hong Wei & Ho Nhat Tien (4E4), Keane Tan, Lim Wei Xun, Kevan Moh, Jonas Kuan & Rayson Tan (4E3), Chua Cheng Ye (2E2), Donovan Nah (2E1) and Caleb Ong (2N2). They have won 1st placing in the Best Performance Award for Unpowered Gliders category consecutively for 3 years. Lianhe ZaoBao has published an article featuring the SAFMC and our team on 19 May in ZaoBao 逗号. The online link is: <https://zbschools.sg/news/school/stories/stories-18662>
- **Boys Brigade Founders Awards** - Aaron Foong Zhanghern (4E5) and Yeo Jing Kai (4E1). Other than the BB Best Boy Award, the BB Founder’s Award is the pinnacle award that a BB Boy can achieve from the Senior Programme (Secondary Schools) at national level. Aaron was also one of the recipients for the BB Best Boy awards last year.
- **North Zone National School Games** – Our badminton ‘B’ Division girls team did well and entered the second round again this year. Singapore Schools Sports Council selected our match against Woodlands Sec to be featured at SportsSg website, which included short interviews with the captains/players. The feature may be accessed at: <https://circle.myactivesg.com/circle-news/articles/nsg-b-div-girls-badminton-compassvale-sec-boost-hopes-of-advancing-to-next-round-after-4-1-win-over-woodlanders?type=sports>

More details of some of the above programmes/achievements may be found on our school website under “highlights”.



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