

Welcome to Term 2 of Academic Year 2024

#RealisingTheStarWithin

We ended Term 1 with our Annual Race. It has been a while since the whole school gathered for an out-of-school activity, and we are glad our students and staff had a great time bonding during the run. Check out our school's social media channels to find out more.

A Message from the School Leadership Team

Term 2 holds several highlights for our students, including the Secondary 1 Outdoor Adventure Learning camp, and our signature STAR programme. A group of Secondary 3 students will also be embarking on their Overseas Learning Experience (OLE) to Indonesia this term. Termed “**Perspectives**”, our OLE is specially crafted to comprise learning across domains of STEM, Environment and Culture. We adopt neuroscience-informed learning design methodologies to craft comparative experiences between Singapore and the OLE country. This activates our students’ cognition, to discern and concretise learning areas from both countries. Another group will be embarking on their China OLE in Term 4. We hope to list another country for **Perspectives** in 2025.

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Term 2 is also an important period where students get increasingly familiar with their learning material. We encourage all students to address their learning gaps proactively. One way is to look for their teachers early. To help manage our students’ well-being, we will be standing down CCAs in Weeks 7, 8 and 9.

As always, the school is here to help your child Learn, Grow and Lead. We thank you for your partnership in this process.

The School Leadership Team,
Mr Chua Tung Kian, Mr Sukhdev Singh, Mrs Jacqueline Tang



CNY2024 Celebration with students, staff, parents, and our community.

Sec 1 Orientation

We were thrilled to welcome our new students and their families to our school community with our Sec 1 Orientation programme early in Term 1. The programme was filled with activities that embodied our core values: Confidence, Compassion, Creativity, and Commitment. Students participated in an Amazing Race, fostering **Confidence** and **Collaboration**. Engaging Station Games sparked their **Creativity** and a sense of belonging. **Compassion** flowed from the hearts of all our Orientation Group Leaders who embraced and led our new students into the school community. We ended off the Orientation week pledging our **Commitment** to our new phase of learning as a North Star. We look forward to a year of growth and achievement together!



Term 1 Back-to-School Programme: STAR 2

Our Sec 2s got themselves ready to take on responsibilities this year by learning skills of collaboration and practices of exemplary leadership. Through experiential activities, they improved their interpersonal communication and built stronger class bonds by appreciating the diversity and strengths amongst them. They were equipped with note-taking skills to enable them to be more effective learners.



Sec 2 Team Building Activity

Our Sec 3s started the year understanding their personal strengths, build class cohesion by knowing about the talents of others, gained awareness of the needs of the local community and cultivated learning dispositions through a note-taking workshop.



Sec 3 Strengths Finder

Our Sec 4/5s prepared themselves for their graduating year by participating in learning journeys to various post-secondary institutions as part of our "Ready for the World" programme. They also further built their portfolio in preparation for the various admissions exercise. Not forgetting, building memories through class bonding activities.



Sec 4 Learning Journeys

Term 1 Highlights

National Sports Games Oath-taking Ceremony

As our North Star athletes prepared themselves to give their best at the National School Games (NSG), they recited the Athletes' Oath during one of our morning assemblies.

Throughout the NSG season, they put in their best effort and embodied the NSG motto "Character in Sporting Excellence"!



Chinese New Year Celebration

Our school's Chinese New Year celebration this year was a beautiful demonstration of unity and cultural appreciation, centered around the theme of "Celebrating in Harmony." The Lion Dance Troupe's graceful movements represented togetherness, while students impressed with their creativity in "The Mandarin Orange" challenge, forming intricate Chinese character (福) using oranges. A highlight was the Dragon Dance balloon sculpture, crafted by our dedicated PSG members, symbolizing strength and fortune. The celebration left an indelible mark on our vibrant school community, emphasizing the significance of unity and shared celebration.



Total Defence Day Commemoration

This year, we commemorated 40 years of Total Defence by participating in Exercise SG Ready, a nationwide exercise to enhance Singapore's readiness and resilience for crises and disruptions. It aimed to raise awareness of potential disruptions to our food supply chain due to external factors such as climate change, protectionism, and geopolitical tensions. It also served to highlight our reliance on food imports. Our North Stars went meat-free for one day, showcasing their resilience and adaptability in their eating habits. They tackled the challenge with enthusiasm and learned the importance of everyone's role in Singapore's Total Defence.



Term 1 Highlights

Annual Race

We ended Term 1 on a high with our Annual Race, that we have been eagerly anticipating. Our North Stars trained hard for the race, and classes put together creative costumes for the Novelty Costume segment. With clear skies that morning, our students, staff and parents enjoyed their run along the picturesque Punggol Waterway.



Refreshed Learning Spaces

School Library

In December 2023 last year, the CVSS School Library underwent a facelift to better support our students' learning activities. As part of the strategic reconfiguration of space, bookshelves were moved to the edges of the room, enhancing its overall spaciousness and brightness. We have also invested in new furniture for self-study and collaborative work, and added soft armchairs for those who would like to curl up with a book!

We hope that our North Stars will make good use of the refreshed venue for revision, reading, and other learning activities during their time in school!



Committee of Supply (COS) Debates 2024 Future of Learning: Empowering Contributors to Build a Better Tomorrow

MOE shared at its COS debates on 1 and 4 March 2024 on how we will continue our collective efforts to empower learners to be contributors for both the present and future through:

- Developing our students holistically to maximise their potential, and enabling them to achieve their aspirations and contribute to society;
- Supporting our learners with different learning needs;
- Building effective partnerships and enablers to enrich learning; and
- Instilling a culture of lifelong learning.

As part of the announcements, MOE shared that:

- From 2027, the new Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) will replace both N- and O-Level examinations. All graduating students will sit for the SEC examinations together, at their respective subject levels (i.e., G1, G2, G3) and all will get their results in January the following year.
- Written examinations for English and Mother Tongue Language (MTL) will be conducted ~1 month ahead of other subjects, with only one sitting for MTL
- There are changes to the Polytechnic Year 1 admission criteria. From 2028, one 'Best' [B] subject can be fulfilled at G2 or G3 as part of the aggregate score for admission to Polytechnic Year 1.
- There are enhancements to Edusave Awards. The enhanced Edusave Award for Achievement, Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES) award will also recognise students with exemplary demonstration of 21st Century Competencies, such as adaptive and inventive thinking, communication and collaboration skills.

The above announcements will affect mostly our Sec 1 2024 cohort. Parents/guardians of Sec 1 students will receive a letter from us within this month with further details.

To find out more, you may also visit <https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/cos2024>.



Our Achievements

NCC (Air) Unit Recognition Award - Distinction

Red Cross Youth Unit Excellent Unit Award - Silver

NPCC Unit Proficiency Award - Gold

NUS Geography Challenge 2024

Novelonio Nixie Chloe Calimbas (4E3), Silver Medalist



School Calendar of Major Events/Programmes and HBL Days (Term 2-4)

(Accurate as of Mar 2024. Subjected to changes)

Term	Date	Date	Day	Major School Programmes, Events and HBL Days
TERM 2	3	5 Apr	Fri	HBL Day
	6	23 Apr	Tue	HBL Day
		26 Apr	Fri	Sec 4-5 Annual Awards Day
	7	3 May	Fri	HBL Day
	9	15-17 May	Wed-Fri	Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Learning Programme Sec 2-5 STAR 2
	10	20-21 May	Mon-Tue	Full Day CCA/ <u>Experiences@CVSS</u>
		23 May	<u>Thur</u>	Sec 1-5 STAR2
		24 May	Fri	Sec 1-5 Parent-Teacher Conference Sec 2 Parents Engagement on Subject Combination (Online)
		24-30 May	Fri-Thu	Sec 3 Overseas Learning Experience (Indonesia)
	TERM 3	2	1 Jul	Mon
2 Jul			Tue	HBL Day (Sec 1-2 only)
1-5 Jul			Mon-Fri	Sec 3 OBS
5		23-25 Jul	Tue-Thu	HBL Days (Sec 1-3 only)
6-7		29 Jul- 7 Aug	Mon-Wed	Sec 4 N-Level Preliminary Examinations
7		8 Aug	Thu	National Day Celebrations (Students will be dismissed at 10.30am)
9		19 Aug	Mon	HBL Day (Sec 1-3 only)
		19-28 Aug	Mon-Wed	Sec 4/5 O-Level Preliminary Examinations
10		29 Aug	Thu	Teachers' Day Celebration (Students will be dismissed at 10.30am)
		30 Aug	Fri	<i>School Holiday for Teachers' Day</i>
TERM 4	1	10 Sep	Tue	HBL Day (Sec 1-3 only)
	3-5	26 Sep- 8 Oct	Thu-Tue	Sec 1-3 End-of-Year Examinations
	5	9 Oct	Wed	Marking Day (Students need not report to school)
	6	18 Oct	Fri	Results Management Day (Students need not report to school)
	6-7	16-17, 21-24 Oct	Wed-Thu, Mon-Thu	Sec 1-3 STAR 3 (Last Day of School on 24 Oct, Thu)
	7	25 Oct	Fri	Sec 1-3 Parent Teacher Conference
	7	26 Oct-2 Nov	Sat-Sat	Sec 3 Overseas Learning Experience (China, dates TBC)
	10	16 Nov	Sat	Open House for P6 pupils / parents