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Dear Parents/Guardians

FURTHER UPDATES ON SCHOOL MATTERS FOR TERM 3 & 4, 2020

Enhanced Safe Management Measures (SMM) for Year-end School-based Examinations

MOE has given further guidelines to safeguard the well-being of both students and staff during the conduct of the Prelim and Year-end School-based examinations. **Students who are confirmed COVID-19 cases (currently quarantined in hospital or community isolation facilities) or who are on Home Quarantine Order (HQO) / Stay Home Notice (SHN) / Leave of Absence (LOA), medical leave or are unwell with fever or flu-like symptoms should not sit for any school-based examinations.** Schools may allow students who are on Approved Absence (AA) to sit for school-based examinations, but not other weighted assessments (e.g. tests).

Study Break for Sec 4/5 Students in the lead up to Year-end National Examinations

MOE has strongly encouraged schools to implement a study break in the lead up to the Year-end National Examinations. This is to minimise the risk of school-based transmission and reduce QO/ LOA numbers in the event of a confirmed case. Our school has already scheduled the following study breaks for Sec 4 & 5 students which meet the recommended minimum duration and period by MOE, taking into consideration the impact on student well-being and exam readiness:

Level	Dates of Written National Exam	Duration of Study Break
Sec 4 NA	Mon 14 Sep – Mon 21 Sep Mon 5 Oct – Fri 16 Oct	Fri 11 Sep – Sun 13 Sep (During Sep school holidays) Mon 28 Sep – Sun 4 Oct Students should return to school for revision (following normal school timetable) from Tue 22 Sep to Fri 25 Sep
Sec 4NT	Mon 14 Sep – Wed 23 Sep Mon 5 Oct – Fri 16 Oct	Fri 11 Sep – Sun 13 Sep (During Sep school holidays) Mon 28 Sep – Sun 4 Oct Students should return to school for revision (following normal school timetable) from Tue 24 Sep to Fri 25 Sep
Sec 4E/5N	Mon 19 Oct – Thu 12 Nov	Wed 30 Sep – 18 Oct (Sun)

During the study break, students are **strongly encouraged to remain at home** to reduce the risk of contracting the Covid virus from the community. Consultations with teachers could be done **remotely** if necessary. However, **high need students** who require care giving, more targeted academic, emotional support and a place for self-study may return to school with additional SMMs in place. They could also stay back in school after consultations for self-study and revision after school hours. **These high need students need to obtain prior permission from their subject teachers (for consultations) or form teachers (for self-study), who will keep the school informed.**

Student Progression and Subject Combination Offerings

Please be assured that students who were unable to take part in various Weighted Assessments will not be disadvantaged during the promotion and subject combination option exercise. The school will exercise professional judgement in determining what would be educationally meaningful for the student in terms of student progression and subject combination offerings with special considerations.

National Day Music Video – “Be the Light”

Our Choir CCA was supposed to put up a combined choir performance with 4 other secondary schools and a special school at this year's National Day Parade. Due to Covid-19, it has been reconceptualised into a MOE-Arts Education Branch produced music video featuring the song, *Be The Light* (written and sung by a few Lianhua Primary School's students). The video is intended to showcase students' creative expressions through the past months, their contributions to the community, their resilience in responding to circumstances at home and in school, and convey the messages of Hope and Resilience. Choirs from the NDP performance schools including ours were called on to sing parts of this song, with their images woven into the video. The music video was released on 2 Aug at the closure of SYFgoesOnline and again on 9 Aug over NDP 2020's social media broadcast. You may check it out at the following links:

<https://youtu.be/FyZy5oZ7qLY>

<https://youtu.be/m701HBvj8Qc>

<https://www.facebook.com/6788957003/posts/10159936616642004/>

<https://www.facebook.com/321748501277133/posts/3110054065779882/>

<https://www.facebook.com/89175368528/posts/10158554519538529/>

<https://www.instagram.com/tv/CDWCCQXBOnU/?igshid=p7x98bbwlf4>

School/Staff/Student Achievements

- **2020 National Day Awards** – Commendation Awards (Ms Jacelyn Kee, our VP; Mr Chan Haw Ling, our School Staff Developer and Mdm Wan Fazithahariani, our Senior Teacher/English); Long Service Medals (Mr Chan Haw Ling, Mdm Ellen Wang, SH/Aesthetics, Dr Fawziyah Bte Ali, ML teacher and Mdm Viddyawati Devi, Geography teacher)
- **2020 Singapore Junior Biology & Physics Olympiads** organised by the Singapore Biology & Physics Institutes respectively in June and July respectively – 5 of our students (Eldon Chng, Eugene Koh Wen Siang, Lim Kun Yan Markus, Brian Davidson Fok Zhendao and Vikas Chaudhari, all from 4E3) participated in the Biology Olympiad for the first time and received Certificates of Merit. 2 of our students (Eldon Chng and Tan Xuan Hao, both from 4E3) participated in the Physics Olympiad and Eldon received an “Honourable Mention”. The Olympiads seek to challenge students' critical thinking skills and develop their passion for learning and applying Biology or Physics in real life. Despite disruptions due to Covid, our students persevere in their training for the competitions via virtual means, spending many hours during the circuit breaker period and the May school holidays practising past-Olympiad questions.
- **Red Cross Youth** – RCY Excellent Unit Award – “Gold” (for 15th consecutive year, based on assessment year 2019). 2019 Bloodmobile Organiser (BMO) Merit Award, jointly presented by Singapore Red Cross Society and Health Sciences Authority.
- **Boys Brigade** – JM Fraser Award for Excellence 2020 - “Gold Honour Roll” (based on assessment year 2019). This is our BB unit's first Gold award since it was set up in 2000 when CVSS was founded. The unit has achieved Silver awards consistently for the past 10 over years.
- **NCC (Air)** – NCC Unit Recognition 2019 – “Accomplishment” (based on assessment year 2019). Our unit achieved “Distinction” for 2018 and will continue to work hard to regain the “Distinction”.

Ex-Students

- Joseph Ong (2016 Sec 4E4) – Temasek Poly Diploma in Digital Forensics, ST Electronics (Info-Security) Course Gold Medal, KPMG Project Prize, TP-SCS Skills Mastery Award, IBM S'pore Special Industry Prize, IMDA Excellence Award, Information Systems Audit & Control Association – S'pore Chapter Prize
- Chan Pei Si (2016 Sec 4E3) – Temasek Poly Diploma in Marketing, McGraw-Hill Education Prize
- Chan Zhi Qi (2016 Sec 4E5) – Temasek Poly Diploma in Chemical Engineering, The Polyolefin Company (Singapore) Prize

Minimum Age for Riding of e-Scooters

LTA has been putting in measures to govern the use of active mobility devices since 2018, through the Active Mobility Act. From 1 August 2020, stricter rules are put in place to enhance safety on public paths and LTA has asked schools to help highlight one of these new rules, which may be relevant to students and their families. While the riding of e-scooters has been prohibited on footpaths, they can still be used on cycling paths. From 1 Aug 2020, only those 16 years of age and above can ride an e-scooter on cycling paths. If the rider is under the age of 16, they will need to be supervised by an adult (at least 21 years old). Penalties for first offence include up to a \$1000 fine and/or 3 months jail term. Adults who intend to supervise an individual below the age of 16 to ride an e-scooter must familiarise themselves with the guidelines of a supervisor. You may visit <https://go.gov.sg/amrules> to view the rules.

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