

COMPASSVALE SECONDARY SCHOOL

2023 Term 2 Letter to Parents



#RealisingThe StarWithin



Sec 1 students working together during the Leadership Challenge Workshop



Sec 2 students in an observance ceremony paying respects to the WWII soldiers



Sec 3 students attending ApLM - Power Boating Module by Singapore Polytechnic



Sec 4 students pit their financial literacy skills against one another

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We are glad that with the relaxation of Covid-19 measures, many face-to-face activities could resume. These are important, as they allow your child to experience school life to its fullest.

At the end of Term 1, your child experienced our signature STAR programme for student development (*Seek Out Our Strengths; Take Charge and Transform; Adjust, Adapt, Aspire; Ready For The World*), with learning experiences designed based on the needs of the different levels. We also held our first in-person Chinese New Year celebration, National Schools Games Athletes Oath Taking Ceremony, Total Defence Day Commemoration, and many other exciting student programmes.

Various announcements were also made by MOE during COS 2023. We will highlight some relevant ones. We would also like to draw your attention to some changes and major events in the school calendar.

We look forward to a great Term 2. Thank you for partnering with us in growing and nurturing your child.

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

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Term 1 STAR Programme Highlights

Sec 1s discovered their personal and interpersonal strengths through a strengths-explorer workshop. They also learnt about developing a growth mindset and exercising leadership through The Leadership Challenge workshop.

Sec 2s explored various places of historical significance like Changi Chapel Museum, National Gallery of Singapore and the Kranji War memorial. An outdoor orienteering day taught them problem-solving and map-reading skills. As stewards of the environment, they also participated in an upcycling project. They also charted their personal goals through an Education and Career Guidance engagement.



Sec 3 students attended various Applied Learning Modules (ApLM) based on their interests, at the Polytechnics, SHATEC or school over 3 days. They gained a better understanding of their interests & passion. Some of the modules include aerospace, engineering, power boating, digital game development, cyber security, forensic science, healthcare, virtual reality, automotive engineering as well as hospitality and culinary.

Sec 4 and 5s developed personal effectiveness and gain valuable skills and confidence through the Lifelong Learning Skills, Personal Effectiveness and Branding Workshop. As part of Education and Career Guidance, they visited the Lifelong Learning Institute, Ngee Ann Polytechnic or Temasek Polytechnic. They also sharpened their financial literacy skills through a workshop.



Term 1 in Review: Our Students' School Experiences



Chinese New Year Celebration

After celebrating Chinese New Year virtually for the past two years, CVSS ushered in the year of the Rabbit with a concert put up by students and staff. We invited guests from Bethesda C.A.R.E. Senior Activity Centre and the Parent Support Group (PSG) to join us in the celebration. There was good energy and vibrancy in the hall as the CVSS family immersed themselves in the festivities.

Total Defence Day Commemoration

In line with the theme 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong', a series of activities were organised to commemorate Total Defence this year. Sec 3 students had the opportunity to visit booths set up by our Uniformed Group CCAs.



International Students' Bonding Programme

As part of the school's efforts to integrate and build mutual understanding between local and international students, the International Students' Bonding Programme was organised to welcome Sec 1 International Students and PRs to enhance their understanding and appreciation of the diverse cultures of Singapore. Students learnt more about the origins of famous local cuisine such as Popiah and Kueh Pie Tee through a hands-on session, and were given an introduction to Singapore's Hawker Culture.

MOE COS 2023 Announcements

MOE has announced plans and updates to support the "Learn for Life" movement. These efforts build on the progress made to nurture skills, passion and growth for different learners across their life-course.

Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB)

From the 2024 Sec 1 cohort, students will start Sec 1 in one of three Posting Groups – PG 1, 2, and 3. PGs are used to facilitate entry and guide the subject levels students offer. More opportunities will be provided for students to take up subjects and programmes that are stream-based today. Compassvale has already implemented Full SBB this year.

Harmonising the N-Level and O-Level Certifications

The 2027 graduating cohort will sit for a common Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate. The existing JC admission criteria will be retained. There is the option of a fifth year to pace learning.

School Calendar Updates

HBL Days for Semester 2 have been rescheduled due to changes in the rollout for e-national examinations by MOE. There will no longer be a 3-day HBL from 25 to 27 July 2023. Please see attached Annex A for our updated Calendar.

In this coming term, students can look forward to enriching opportunities to develop themselves. This includes our Annual Awards Day, Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp, Sec 2 Engagement on Upper Sec Subject Combination and Sec 3 MOE-Outward Bound Singapore Challenge Programme.

Our Form Teachers and co-Form Teachers would also be updating you on your child's progress and development at the Meet-the-Form-Teachers session on 26 May 2023 (Friday). More details will be provided at a later date via PG.



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Follow these channels to be updated regularly with the activities and programmes your child experiences in school!

Achievements

NCC(Air) Distinction Award – Our NCC unit attained the Distinction Award for Unit Recognition 2022

Red Cross Youth Gold Award – Our Red Cross Youth unit attained the Gold Award for Unit Recognition 2022

NPCC Distinction Award - Our NPCC unit attained the Distinction Award for Unit Overall Proficiency Assessment 2022

Boys' Brigade Gold Award - Our Boys' Brigade attained the Gold Award for Company Recognition 2022
(The BB Company also held its first post-Covid camp over the first weekend of the March holidays)

