

### ***Thank you for your partnership and support!***

We have come to the end of the 2023 academic school year. We hope that your child has learnt something new about his/her strengths, grown wiser in his/her years, and fostered supportive friendships.

Term 4 in the school calendar is a busy term, where assessments of learning and feedback are given through the end-of-year examinations. We strongly encourage all parents to reflect with their child what he/she has achieved this year, and what he/she is looking forward to next year. For students who have done well, we congratulate their achievements and affirm the effort they have put in. This is a good time to think about why they did well, and how to build-on it in 2024; for students who could do better, identifying a few important areas to work on will be very helpful - could it be setting clearer priorities, or perhaps reducing distractions?

The coming year-end holidays are also a time for your child to relax and recharge. Are there any interest areas that took a backseat during the school term? How about spending time together as a family?

Once again, we thank you for your partnership and support this year. Wishing you a joyful and restful break ahead.

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

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A Message from the School Leadership Team

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### **Refreshed School Strategies and Direction**

Our school team has come together over the course of the year to refresh Compassvale Secondary School's direction for the next few years. We want to build on the strengths and successes of the preceding years, to refresh the Compassvale Experience for even greater relevancy in the current climate.

We understand that the interconnected and complex world requires our students to be adaptable and agile. They must also be Confident, Creative, Compassionate and Committed to making a positive difference to the people and world around them. Through a rigorous evidence-informed process of global/local scans, strengths assessment/identification, and consultation on aspirations, we have refreshed the school's mission and strategic direction to chart the way forward.

**School Mission:** *Building a Vibrant and Uplifting Community, where we Learn, Grow and Lead*

**Strategic Directions:** *Learn and Excel, Grow and Serve, Lead and Impact*

From 2024, we will be customising learning to offer a rich and personalised curricular and co-curricular experience for our students, across **Six Integrated Competency and Development Clusters**. These Clusters will offer rigorous subject learning through an interdisciplinary lens. You can find out more about this integrated experience on the school website: <https://www.compassvalesec.moe.edu.sg/>

We will be refreshing our Applied Learning Programme to equip our students with **Aeronautics.Coding.Engineering** competencies, and centre it on the theme of Sustainability (**ALP-ACES**). We will also be strengthening our Learning for Life Programme to give more opportunities for our students to Lead and Impact.

From 2024, we will be introducing a self-directed **Digital and Media Literacy Programme** that will equip all our students with skills in Production and Productivity. This includes everyday skills such as digital note-taking, to capability multiplier skills such as effective presentations, data analysis and coding in spreadsheets, as well as website design and videography. In the current technology-steeped environment, these will be distinguishing capabilities when they graduate from Compassvale.

**More information on the refreshed Compassvale Experience can be found on the school website.**



### Graduation Day

On 25 September, CVSS celebrated and acknowledged the hard work that our Sec 4 & 5 students have put in to be where they are today. Our graduating North Stars also took time to appreciate one another for the valuable memories that makes Secondary School life fun, happy and meaningful.

The entire school community encouraged the hearts of our graduating students through lining around the school's corridors to cheer them on for their national examinations.



CVSS believes in our graduating North Stars -

***We believe they'll move mountains!***

***We believe they're off to great places!***

***Their Mountains are waiting***

***So...we encourage them to get on their way!***

### Purple Parade

On 18 October, CVSS hosted our first ever Purple Parade Mini Carnival with the theme 'A Day in your Shoes' to raise awareness on the lives of persons with disabilities. Our Purple Parade Ambassadors connected with other students on the ground to spread the message of inclusivity through games and conversations.

We hope to continue the culture of celebrating inclusivity, celebrating uniqueness. Because where we come from, everyone matters!



### Inter-Class Games Day

On October 19, our inaugural CVSS event united our school community with diverse activities including chess, sports, e-Sports, dance, and music competitions. A variety of fringe activities, such as an upcycling booth, movie screening, balloon sculpting, claw machine, popcorn stand, photo booth, and archery, added excitement. Thanks to the hard work of our student organising committee, who began preparations in July, the event was a resounding success. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our school leaders, school staff and the parents support group, whose unwavering support and encouragement played a pivotal role in making this event memorable.



### Term-End Programme

Our Sec 1 students stretched their athletic capabilities through exhilarating sports enrichment in a sport of their choice, which includes Inline Skating, Kinball and Archery Tag. They had some art exposure through learning about the tradition of Batik design and had a hand at infusing it into modern fashion wear. On ALP Makers' Day, students pit themselves against one another to create the best glider by applying the theories learnt on aeronautics. To end off the academic year, students across the levels culminated in a fun bonding time with their class and form teachers over food and games.



Sec 1 Archery Tag



Sec 1 Art Enrichment

Our Sec 2 students had the chance to acquire fresh skills and expand their knowledge beyond the traditional classroom setting. They engaged in various activities, such as the Sports Enrichment Programme, where they gained expertise in Inline Skating, Kinball or Archery Tag, and they also gleaned knowledge from their fellow students at the Project Work Learning Festival. Our teachers, the ECG counsellor, and the Sec 3 seniors shared valuable insights about making well-informed decisions regarding their post-secondary goals. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as resounding cheers and laughter reverberated during the Class Bonding Games.



Sec 2 Kinball



Sec 3 Seniors Sharing to Sec 2 students

Sec 3 students embarked on an enriching educational journey exploring diverse industries aligned with their passions, engaging in hands-on activities for practical learning. From Information Technology, Sports, Hospitality to Social Media, they gained real-world insights. Back in school, sharing featured insights from tertiary institutions, SAC members and ECG counsellor, aims to aid students in making informed decisions regarding their post-secondary options. A packed day followed with an Inter-class Tchoukball competition, where students applied skills honed in PE classes, competing to win. They not only vied for victory but also enthusiastically supported classmates and schoolmates, fostering a sense of camaraderie and school spirit.



Sec 3 Inter-Class Tchoukball Competition



Sec 3 Learning Journeys to Industries

### Graduation Night

Amidst the vibrant blooms of Gardens by the Bay, our Graduation Night 2023 unfolded on 14 November, marking a momentous milestone for our graduating class of 2023. The Flower Field Hall and Flower Dome transformed into a mesmerizing backdrop, their lush greenery and blossoming tapestry of flowers echoing the sentiments of the night – a celebration of growth, resilience, and the promise of new beginnings.

As the sun began to set, casting a warm glow over the floral wonderland, our proud graduates, adorned in their resplendent gowns and smart suits, took their seats with their classmates, their faces beaming with anticipation and pride. The air was electric with a palpable sense of achievement, punctuated by laughter and chatter among friends who had now become one CVSS family, forever connected by the shared experiences and bonds forged during their time at the school.



### Our Achievements

#### National Create Your Own Newspaper Competition (全国编采比赛) - Upper Secondary Category: Third Position

Peh En Ning Tressa (3E1)

Teng Yu Xuan (3E2)

Dixie Yeo Qing Ling (3E3)

Tan Jing Ren (3E3)

Leah Hong Sher Chi (Fang Shiqi) (3E4)

#### 'Pena Emasku' 2023 Essay Writing Competition 10th Position and Gold Award

Muhammad Syazwan Bin Mansor (3E4)

#### Gold Awards

Nurfarzana Binte Muhammad Fadzlan (1-1)

Nurzaheffa Farisyah Binte Mohammad Rostam (1-4)

Anaqah Syuhrah Putri Ariansyah (1-5)

Alya Nur Nazeeha Binte Abdul Noorzai (1-8)

Sharifah Nurshifa Binte Sheikh Mohammad Hafiz (1-3)

Nazurah Sajidah Binte Muhammad Najib (3E1)

Nur Zahra Nadiyah Binti Azhari (3E2)

Medina Azahara Binte Abdul Rahim (3E2)

Nur Sarahfina Binte Mohamad Sidek (3E4)

Nur Amirah Fahimah Binte Shariffudin (3N2)

Siti Hajjar Binte Hosni (3N2)

#### N3 Malay Language Scrabble 2023 - 3rd placing for Upper Secondary Category

Fatrisya Adriana Binte Mohamed Yusof (3E1)

Medina Azahara Binte Abdul Rahim (3E2)

Muhammad Syazwan Bin Mansor (3E4)

Siti Hajjar Binte Hosni (3N2)

#### Animation and Game Making (AGM) Competition 2023 - Silver for Game Making Category

Lucas Yeo Wen Xiang ( 3T1 )

#### Historical Scene Investigation Challenge - Silver Award (Team)

Team A [2E4]

1. Jaelyn Coco Yip

2. Ooi Chee Nin

3. Qeisyah Daneen Binte Dinohairry

4. Waldorf Yeo

Team B [2E3]

1. Brizley Carolson Michael Andrea Evelyn

2. Nursyafiqah Ayien Binti Hasrin

3. Ng Kai Jie Bryant

4. Ezekiel Ruazol Gonzales

#### Associate of Academy of Singapore Teachers Award

Ms Fazleen Binte Mahmud

#### Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award (AGAB) 2023 (Role Model Category - Secondary) - Finalist

Dr Fawziyah bte Ali

#### MOE Service Excellence Award (MSEA) – Gold Award

Ms Faridah Bte Kayadi

#### LEAP (Listening Educator for Advancement and Progress) Award 2023 – Certificate of Commendation

Mdm Phua Seok Ming Jasmine

Ms Shirin Binte Shaik Muhyideen

## 2024 Timetable Structure

To better support the implementation of the Full Subject-based Banding policy, the school will be adopting a new timetable structure from 2024 onwards. This adjustment will provide more flexibility and capacity in the overall curriculum for our students to have a richer learning experience. The changes include:

- The timetable will adopt a 35min period structure. Subject lessons would be planned in 35min (1-period), 1h 10min (2-periods), 1h 45min (3-periods) blocks and/or 2h 20min (4-periods).
- We will start later on **Monday mornings**. Students will report to school for morning assembly **by 8.50am**. The morning time will be used by the school for staff professional development to strengthen our teaching and learning competencies
- From **Tuesday to Friday**, students will report at **7.30am as usual**.
- The dismissal time for classes will vary, with most days ending around 2.25 pm, except for students with afternoon lessons or with more subjects.
- One recess and two snack breaks will replace the current arrangement of two recesses. For students with afternoon lessons, an additional lunch break will be included in the timetable. More information on snack breaks can be found below.
- Most CCAs will be on Wednesday and/or Friday. The CCA schedules will be updated and more information will be provided to students at the start of Term 1 in 2024.

## Snack Break Guidelines

Students will have 10-minute in-class snack breaks at 9am and 1.40pm daily. During these snack breaks:

- Only dry finger-food type snacks are allowed to be consumed, e.g. bread, biscuits, etc and plain water.
- Snacks should be brought from home as students will not be allowed to visit the canteen during this time.
- Students are to remain in their own classes for the duration of their snack break.
- Tables and floor to be kept clean after snack time.
- Wrappers and plastic bags to be discarded responsibly at the end of snack break.

## 2024 School Attire

We want to strike a balance between personal standards of grooming and the comfort and well-being of our students. Therefore, from 2024:

- Students should **report to school every day in half-uniform** (PE top with pants for upper secondary boys/shorts for lower secondary boys/skirt for girls) or in full uniform. Other school-sanctioned tops that can be worn include school event organising committee tees (e.g., games day committee, orientation committee, student leadership board tees) and Secondary 1 OAL camp tees.
- Students will change into their PE attire for PE lessons, and change out thereafter.
- Students will be allowed to wear their **CCA T-shirts on their CCA days** in place of their PE top.

## Farewell

The following staff will be leaving CVSS at the end of this year.

We thank them for their contributions, and wish them all the best as they embark on their next journey.

- Ms Zhuang Chuzhen (secondment posting)
- Ms Shirin Shaik (school posting)
- Mr Tan Huay Hong (school posting)
- Mrs Sarah Chia (HQ posting)
- Mr Jon Lim (NIE training)
- Ms Toh Xuan Hui (NIE training)

