



28 Jun 2021

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to start off the term by shouting out a big 'THANK YOU' for your efforts in working with the school during Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) which saw us shifting into full Home-Based Learning (HBL) from 19 May 2021 till end of term 2 on 28 May 2021 and taking extra measures in the event of contact tracing with the introduction of TraceTogether (TT) Tokens/Apps to be brought to school daily. Amidst the sharp increase in the number of community cases and spikes in unlinked cases in Singapore, our school has managed to safeguard the well-being of all students and staff, and remained open before full HBL and through the school holidays to allow our graduating cohort to come back to school for the Mother Tongue national examinations, Ready to Shine programme and intensive O/N-Level coursework. We will continue to take the necessary safe management measures to keep our students and staff safe moving into semester 2.

2. Here are some accolades to share for the new term (*Annex A* provides additional details, if any, of these achievements):

Domain	Achievement
Academic	<p>Post-Sec Accolades: Poly/ITE Diploma</p> <p>Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award 2021, ITE College East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vernice Tan Si Ying (4T1, 2018) <p>Outstanding Polytechnic Graduates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gerwyn Teo Wenqian (4A1, 2017), Singapore Polytechnic - Heng Jing Xun (4A3, 2017), Ngee Ann Polytechnic - Lee Jia Ethel (4N2, 2016), Ngee Ann Polytechnic - Poh Kai Wen Ryan (4A1, 2017), Ngee Ann Polytechnic - Siah Yee Long (4A3, 2017), Ngee Ann Polytechnic <p>42nd International C. B. Paul Science Quiz 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neale Kok Yi Xuan, 4A7 (Silver Award) - Rajasekaran Rudhresh, 4A7 (Honourable Mention) <p>Singapore Secondary Schools Debating Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Division III Overall Runners-up - Wei Sheng, 3A5 (Overall Best Speaker, Division III)
CCA (PAGs)	<p>SYF Arts Presentation 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Malay Dance – Distinction - Drama Team B – Distinction - Drama Team A – Accomplishment - Modern Dance Team A and B – Accomplishment - Chinese Orchestra Team A and B – Accomplishment - Concert Band Team A and B – Accomplishment
CCA (UGs)	<p>Pinnacle Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCC Outstanding Cadet Award (OCA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NCC (Land Boys) – MSG Loke Kai Jun, 4A2 – MSG Zhang Zheng Yu Xavier, 4A4 ○ NCC (Sea) – MSG Phoebe Natalie Fong Jing En, 4A5 – MSG Ziv Koh, 4A7 • NPCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Singapore Police Force (SPF) NPCC Badge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SSGT Nur Syazwani Binte Mohammed Zaini, 4A6

3. In an earlier Parent Gateway (PG) announcement dated 2 Jun, in advocating a Vaccinated School (one where perhaps the provision of student holistic education could normalise towards Pre-COVID-19 situation with near zero transmission), I had communicated my advice on the COVID-19 Vaccination Exercise and had encouraged students to be vaccinated. I am pleased to share that to date, more than 95% of our students will be having or have had at least the 1st dose administered. Further facilitation to get our students vaccinated would be arranged for registered students to a designated MOE Vaccination Centre by the school between Tue, 6 Jul to Fri, 9 Jul (1st dose) and between Mon, 2 Aug to Fri, 6 Aug (2nd dose). While we understand that being vaccinated does not lead to immunity, but it would further safeguard the safety of our students as they go about their programmes and activities in or out of school.

4. For greater protection, we would advise students to use masks with better filtration capabilities (e.g. surgical masks). To ensure that staff or students with possible risks of infection stay at home, school's Approved Absence (AA) and Leave of Absence (LOA) policies have been updated. Please refer to the attached document for details.

5. We look forward to welcoming all our students back in school!

Yours faithfully

Mr Phua Huat Chuan
Principal

(This letter has been posted electronically on Parents Gateway. No signature is required.)

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Details of Achievements

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Academic	<p>The school have received accolades from ITE College East and the polytechnics of ex-BBSSians who have done well.</p> <p>ITE College East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vernice Tan Si Ying (4T1, 2018), Beauty & Wellness Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award¹ 2021 - Bronze Medal WorldSkills Singapore Competition 2020 <p>Singapore Polytechnic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerwyn Teo Wenqian (4A1, 2017), Diploma in Business Administration (with Merit²) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Institutional Medallist - Toh Chin Chye Gold Medal - Expeditors Singapore Gold Medal - Alfred Robbert Edis Prize - FedEx Express/JA International Trade Challenge - Diploma Plus³ – Certificate in Humanitarian Affairs • Adam Isaac Apetroaie Bin Azman (4S1, 2019), SP Engineering Scholarship⁴ 2021 <p>Ngee Ann Polytechnic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee Jia Ethel (4N2, 2016), Diploma in Sustainable Urban Design & Engineering (with Merit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keppel Land Gold Medal & Prize - ACES Prize - Mapletree Prize - Singapore Structural Steel Society Prize - UOL Prize • Siah Yee Long (4A3, 2017), Diploma in Aerospace Electronics (with Merit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ST Engineering Aerospace Gold Medal & Prize - Rockwell Collins Prize - Thales Prize - Diploma Plus - Certificate in Advanced Engineering Mathematics • Heng Jing Xun (4A3, 2017), Diploma in Aerospace Electronics (with Merit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flexlink Engineers Prize - Diploma Plus - Certificate In Advanced Engineering Mathematic • Poh Kai Wen Ryan (4A1, 2017), Diploma in Aerospace Technology (with Merit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diploma Plus - Certificate In Advanced Engineering Mathematics • Ang Miao Fong (4S1, 2017), Diploma in Accountancy (with Merit) • Wee Jie Basil (4A3, 2017), Diploma in Product Design & Innovation (with Merit) • Nurhidayah Bte Malik Foo (5N1, 2017), Diploma in Health Sciences (Nursing) (with Merit) • Low Ern Chi, Claudia (4A3, 2017), Diploma in Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering (with Merit) • Mak Sin Hua (4S1, 2017), Diploma in Electronic & Computer Engineering (with Merit) <p>Republic Polytechnic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goh Soon Nan Sammy (4T1, 2011), Diploma in Design for User Experience (with Merit) • Yong Yu Hao, Ryan (4S2, 2017), Diploma in Information Technology (with Merit)

¹ This award is presented to students and trainees who have performed consistently well in their courses and have displayed outstanding conduct and attitude to be role models for their peers. It aims to inspire students and trainees to display exemplary behaviour in training and develop high moral values as well as show care and concern for others. Each year, a maximum of 10 awards are given to full-time, *Nitec* and *Higher Nitec* students. This award comprises a cash quantum of \$400, a trophy and a certificate.

² Diploma with Merit is awarded to students who are in the top 10% for each graduating course cohort.

³ The Diploma Plus Programme is offered to eligible students to broaden their learning and develop specialised skills and knowledge. This certified programme aims to equip them with valuable workplace knowledge and skills or advanced knowledge to better prepare them for their future university studies.

⁴ The Scholarship award recognises students with excellent academic achievements, outstanding leadership qualities and significant accomplishments in co-curricular activities.

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	<p>42nd International C. B. Paul Science Quiz 2021 Four 4A7 students participated in the International 42nd C.B. Paul Science Quiz. The online quiz is organised by ACJC Maths and Science Council in collaboration with NTU and NUS to provide a platform for students to develop their aptitude and potential in the pure and applied sciences through critical thinking. Our students participated in the Category 2 (Upper Secondary) which comprised of knowledge in five fields: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science. Of the four students, Neale Kok Yi Xuan clinched a Silver Award and Rajasekaran Rudhresh an Honourable Mention. Our Science Talent Group will be participating in this quiz annually to stretch them. Neale has written a short reflection on her experience participating in the competition. It is heartening to see the connections made to HOM.</p> <p><i>“Leading up to the CB Paul competition, I was oblivious to the difficulty of the competition as well as the competency of my competitors. As a result, I was inadequately prepared. However, I persisted and gave it my best. The quiz comprised of many challenging questions that may be out of syllabus of the O-Level curriculum, but I remained open to continuous learning as I attempted the questions diligently. Drawing on the HOM dispositions ‘Metacognition’ and ‘Applying past knowledge to new situations’, I used prior knowledge to tackle new unfamiliar problems and reflected deeply about my thinking. I am grateful to be able to attain the silver award for the CB Paul science quiz.” (Neale 4A7)</i></p> <p>Singapore Secondary Schools Debating Championships 5 members of our BBSS Debating team competed in the weekend bouts of the Singapore Secondary Schools Debating Championships. They returned to school on Saturday mornings to compete online against other debating teams from schools across the island. The team comprised of Kolanchiappan Poojashri, Ruvaiza Siddiqa, and Swetha Syam Lal from 4A7, Faleesya Nadyne from 3A6 and Ooi Wei Sheng from 3A5. Over the course of 6 tension-filled rounds, the BBSS team fought tooth and nail and emerged Division III Overall Runners-up! In addition, the following were achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wei Sheng - Overall Best Speaker of the Division III series - Pooja and Swetha were the overall 4th and 8th Best Speakers in the series. <p>This is the first time since 2014 that our BBSS debaters have made it to the grand finals of the most prestigious high school debating competition in Singapore. Our students managed to capture 3 of the top 10 Best Speaker positions. What makes this achievement even more amazing is that 2 of the 5 team members were relative newcomers to the sport of debating. With this, the team will be looking to build upon this achievement and aim for greater success in 2022 and beyond.</p>
CCA (PAGs)	<p>SYF Arts Presentation 2021 The SYF Arts Presentation (AP) is a benchmarking platform that offers opportunities for continuous learning and improvement through feedback from industry professionals. Presentations are open to the public, and admission is free. Besides receiving written feedback for improvement by adjudicators, participating schools are conferred Certificates of Distinction, Accomplishment and Commendation. In 2016, the SYF AP categories for Band, Chinese Orchestra and Drama were broadened to include the ensemble sub-categories as well as a wider variety of dramatic forms. Through the hard work and consistent efforts of our students, coaches, instructors and teachers, the following were achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Malay Dance – Distinction - Drama Team B – Distinction - Drama Team A – Accomplishment - Modern Dance Team A and B – Accomplishment - Chinese Orchestra Team A and B – Accomplishment - Concert Band Team A and B – Accomplishment
CCA (UGs)	<p>National Cadet Corps (NCC) This year, both NCC (Sea) and NCC (Land) Unit has the unique distinction of having 2 cadets win the Outstanding Cadet Award (OCA) for 2021. This award is a recognition by NCC HQ for outstanding contribution to the Unit, and to the Corps. OCA nominees had to</p>

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	<p>undergo physical tests as well as an interview and assessment by the HQ NCC judging panel before they were given this award. These year's recipients are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NCC (Land Boys) – MSG Loke Kai Jun, 4A2 – MSG Zhang Zheng Yu Xavier, 4A4 - NCC (Sea) – MSG Phoebe Natalie Fong Jing En, 4A5 – MSG Ziv Koh, 4A7 <p>National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC) The National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC) SPF-NPCC Badge is the pinnacle award that recognise the outstanding achievements and leadership capabilities of the cadets. Our school recipient this year is SSGT Nur Syazwani Binte Mohammed Zaini, 4A6</p>

1. Major School Events/Activities (28 Jun, Term 3)

DATE	EVENT
SCHOOL HOLIDAY (MON, 5 JUL) – YOUTH DAY	
Tue, 6 Jul to Fri, 9 Jul	School Facilitated Vaccination Exercise (1 st Dose) [date/time to be confirmed]
Fri, 9 Jul	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day
PUBLIC HOLIDAY (TUE, 20 JUL) – HARI RAYA HAJI	
Wed, 21 Jul	Racial Harmony Day
Fri, 23 Jul	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day
Wed, 28 Jul to Thu, 5 Aug	N-Preliminary Examinations
Mon, 2 Aug to Fri, 6 Aug	School Facilitated Vaccination Exercise (2 nd Dose) [date/time to be confirmed]
Fri, 6 Aug	National Day and Art Carnival Celebrations
PUBLIC HOLIDAY (MON, 9 AUG) – NATIONAL DAY	
SCHOOL HOLIDAY (TUE, 10 AUG) – DAY AFTER NATIONAL DAY	
Fri, 13 Aug to Tue, 17 Aug	Sec 4 Exp/5NA Science Practical Examinations
Wed, 18 Aug to Wed, 1 Sep	O-Level Preliminary Examinations
Fri, 20 Aug	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day
Thu, 2 Sep	Teachers' Day Celebrations
SCHOOL HOLIDAY (FRI, 3 SEP) – TEACHERS' DAY	
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (SAT, 4 SEP TO SUN, 12 SEP)	
12 Sep	Blood Donation Drive

2. National Examinations Schedule (6 Jul to 2 Sep, Term 3)

Date	Time	Nat Exam	Subject Code	Paper	Subject Name	MOA ⁵	Duration	Remarks
6 Jul	1430h -	O-Level	1151	3	Malay B	LC ⁶	30 min	Broadcast starts at 1500h
			1152	3	Tamil B			
			1160	3	Chinese			
	1630h -		1148	3	Malay			Broadcast starts at 1700h
			1153	3	Chinese B			
			1157	3	Tamil			
7 Jul	1430h -	O-Level	1151	3	Malay B	Oral	15 min	
8 to 15 Jul	1430h -		1152	3	Tamil B			
			1153	3	Chinese B			
			1148	3	Malay			
			1157	3	Tamil			
			1160	3	Chinese			
12 to 16 Jul	1430h -	N-Level	1190	4	EL Syllabus A	20 min		
1195		4	EL Syllabus T					
22 Jul to 3 Aug	1430h -	O-Level	1128	4	English Language			
29 Jul to 2 Aug		N-Level	1196	3	Chinese	15 min		
			1197	3	Malay			
			1198	3	Tamil			
			1202	2	Basic Chinese			
			1203	2	Basic Malay			
			1204	2	Basic Tamil			
4 Aug		O-Level	1133	3	Malay (SP)			
11 to 13 Aug			1166	3	Chinese (SP)			
			1117	3	Higher Malay			
11 to 17 Aug			1147	3	Higher Tamil			
			1116	3	Higher Chinese			

⁵ Mode of Assessment⁶ Listening Comprehension



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Updates to Schools' Leave of Absence and Approved Absence Policies

In line with the national posture, schools will reopen gradually from Term 3, 28 June 2021.

2. To keep our students and schools safe, MOE has enhanced its Leave of Absence (LOA) and Approved Absence (AA) policies to ensure that students or staff with possible risk of infection stay away from school.
3. As part of MOE's screening measures, these students should not go to school:
 - a. If students or individuals (6 years old and above) in their household are unwell with flu-like symptoms.
 - b. If students or their household members are required to undergo mandatory testing due to a COVID-19 cluster.
 - c. If students are placed on AA, LOA, Stay Home Notice, or under a Quarantine Order.

Details of the enhancements are shown in [Annex A](#).

4. If your child/ward belongs to any of the above categories, alert the school so that schools can provide the appropriate guidance.
5. Students should practise good personal hygiene both in school and at home. Students and their household members should seek medical attention immediately if they are unwell with flu-like symptoms (even mild symptoms) and should undergo a COVID-19 swab test. MOE strongly urges all parents to comply with our screening policy to keep their children at home and inform the school immediately if there are household members who have flu-like symptoms, or are awaiting results of a mandatory swab test.
6. With your strong partnership, MOE is confident that our schools will remain safe places for our children to learn and develop holistically.

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Annex A: Enhancements to Schools' Leave of Absence (LOA) and Approved Absence (AA) Policies

Category	Description
Leave of Absence (Quarantine Order)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For students staying in the same household as <u>individuals on QO</u> serving QO at their place of residence, for the duration of their QO. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. LOA (QO) will not be issued to students if their household member on QO is not serving their QO at their place of residence. b. For students staying in the same household as individuals who are awaiting transportation to GQF, until the PUQ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. moves out to serve the QO at the GQF; <u>and</u> ii. tests negative for COVID-19 entry swab test.
Approved Absence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. For students staying in the same household as <u>individuals (6 years and above) with flu-like symptoms</u>. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. They will be placed on AA and be required to stay at home until the unwell household member's COVID-19 test result (Antigen Rapid Test (ART) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test)* is reported to be negative. 3. For students, if <u>they or their household members</u> have to undergo <u>mandatory testing</u> due to a COVID-19 cluster. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. They will be placed on AA and required to stay at home until the individual's COVID-19 test result (ART or PCR)* is reported to be negative. b. This does not include students with household members who are healthcare workers and other sectors who undergo rostered routine testing. 4. For students who have been on MC due to flu-like symptoms and are unable to produce evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result (ART or PCR)* by the end of their MC. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. They will be placed on AA for a further 5 days after the date of expiry of their MC.

**Parents may refer to the following link <<http://flu.gowhere.gov.sg/>> for a list and map of clinics and medical groups that provide PCR tests for adults and children.*



BACK TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 3

1 SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES COMING TO & LEAVING SCHOOL (I.E. COMMUTING)



✓ Check if unwell or if any household member is unwell with flu-like symptoms before making your way to school.



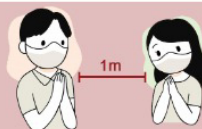
✓ Notify your FTs when you are unwell. Stay home and see the doctor.



✓ Mask must be worn at all times.

✓ Walk to / from home / MRT station where possible

✓ Use of less crowded options (e.g. other bus services, LRT)



✓ Maintain safe distance of 1 m apart from others as much as possible.

✓ Avoid talking in buses, trains or crowded places.



✓ Do not gather and loiter outside school before and after school hours.



✓ **Tip #1:** Label your name on all your ziplock bags.

✓ **Tip #2:** Use a big ziplock bag to avoid having to fold your face mask.



THINGS TO PREPARE AND BRING: 2

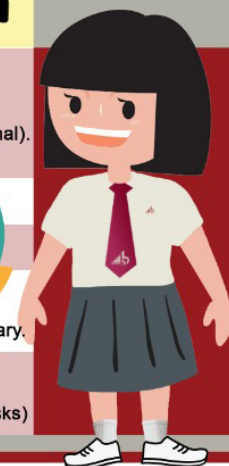
1. Surgical masks or reusable masks with good filtration efficiency
Total: 2 to 3 masks + 1 plastic bag (ziplock recommended)
a. 1 mask to wear (compulsory)
b. 1 plastic / ziplock bag to store 1 to 2 spare masks (optional).
You can change your mask in the afternoon if it is wet.

2. Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT)

3. Hand sanitiser (recommended)

4. A clean rag - To wipe down your own table and chair (disinfectant will be provided) + a disposable bag to bring rag home to air / clean where necessary.

5. A small face / hand towel
a. for personal hygiene
b. to be kept in 1 plastic / ziplock bag (separate from masks)



Always bring your TraceTogether (TT) Token or activate TT App in your mobile phone daily.

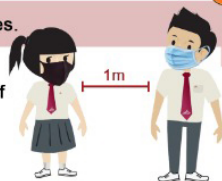
3 WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE AT SCHOOL



1. Visual screening at school gate:
a. Declare status of self and household members, if any (unwell / HQO / SHN / LOA).
b. If look unwell, you will be escorted to Temperature Measurement Station (TMS).

2. Wear **Mask** at all times.

3. Maintain safe distance of 1 m apart from others as much as possible.



4. Proceed to form classroom immediately.

5. Never talk without your mask on.

6. Always sit at your assigned seats at the different venues you go.



7. Using your own rag and school provided disinfectant:

a. Wipe-down your assigned seat and table in your classroom after flag-raising ceremony and before you leave the school for the day. Hang your used rag under your desk to dry.
b. Wipe-down your desk and chair each time you move from venue to venue.
c. Wipe-down equipment used by you after using them. (e.g. PE equipment)



8. Wash your hands

a. Before eating, during recess and lunch time.
b. After eating, clearing your utensils and cleaning your seat / table.
c. Anytime you used common facilities (e.g. piano) shared by others. If unable, use sanitisers.

