



2 Jan 2018

Principal's Letter for January & February 2018

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you had a good break during the December holidays and are ready for the exciting academic year ahead. Below are some important information about key events taking place in January and February for you to take note of. If there are any updates, we will update you accordingly.

Information that concerns Sec 3, 4 & 5

1. School Holidays in Terms 1 & 2

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| a. Chinese New Year | Fri 16 Feb- Sat 17 Feb |
| b. Chinese New Year Holiday-in-lieu | Mon 19 Feb |
| c. March School Holidays | Sat 10 Mar- Sun 18 Mar |

2. Temperature Taking Exercise (Fri 5 Jan)

As part of our emergency preparedness routines, a temperature taking exercise will held on Fri 5 Jan 2018. Please remind your child to bring along his or her thermometer for this important exercise.

3. Sec 4 & 5 Mission Seminar (3 - 5 Jan)

The school is organizing a mission seminar for Sec 4 & 5 students from Wed 3 Jan to Fri 5 Jan. The purpose of this seminar is to motivate our students and help them discover their sense of purpose as they embark on the most important year of their secondary education. This seminar will be held during curriculum time.

4. Visit by Delegation from Sagano High School (Fri 19 Jan)

A delegation comprising teachers and students from Sagano High School, our twinning school in Japan, will visit Hai Sing on Fri 19 Jan for a half-day session of interaction and exchange. Sec 2 students from some of our classes will be paired with their Japanese counterparts and participate in dialogue sessions, lessons, and other interactive activities. The school will send a delegation in a reciprocating trip in June 2018 to Kyoto, Japan.

5. Student Council Exco Election

As part of our annual hand-over of duties from the incumbent Student Council Exco, an election will be held to form the new team from our Sec 3 student leaders that will lead the student council for the coming year. The campaign will be held during morning assembly from Mon 29 Jan to Wed 7 Feb, culminating in the actual Election Day on Fri 9 Feb.

6. Inter-house Games (31 Jan)

Inter-house Games for Sec 4 & 5 will be held on Wed 31 Jan and the inter-house games for Sec 3 will be held on Wed 28 Feb. Fully organized by our own teachers, the games aim to build team spirit of students from the same house, as well as to promote our students' love and interest in sports.

7. Mother Tongue Fortnight Programme (1-15 Feb)

The Mother Tongue department will be organising the Mother Tongue Fortnight Programme from Thu 1 Feb to Thu 15 Feb. During this fortnight, your child can look forward to various activities to stimulate





their interest in learning Mother Tongue languages, as well as to get to know more about the Chinese and Malay cultures.

8. Chinese New Year Celebrations (Thu 15 Feb)

This year, Chinese New Year Eve falls on Thu 15 Feb. There will be a concert as well as other activities to celebrate Chinese New Year on that day. Students will be dismissed after the celebrations which will end at about 1030 am. Please take note that Monday 19 Feb is a holiday-in-lieu for Chinese New Year.

9. Sec 1-3 Common Test (20-26 Feb)

The Sec 1-3 Common Test will be held from Tue 20-Mon 26 Feb. The common test will be held during curriculum hours and will take place during the first few periods immediately after morning flag-raising. Normal lessons will resume after recess. The detailed Common Test schedule will be distributed to your child nearer the test.

10. Individual Student Photo-taking (Tue 30 Jan)

All our students will have their individual photos taken on Tue 30 Jan. The photo-taking session is compulsory for all students. Please bring \$3 for the passport-size photographs, which is to be paid directly to the vendor.

11. Sec 2 & 3 Parent-Teacher Dialogue Session (Fri 9 Mar)

We look forward to meeting the parents of Sec 2 & 3 students on Fri 9 Mar 2018. During this session, you will get to meet your child's form and subject teachers. Also, we will be providing some useful information pertaining to curriculum matters, such as streaming (for Sec 2 parents) and national examination matters (for Sec 3 parents). More information will be given nearer the event.

12. CCA stand down for Sec 4 & 5 (Fri 9 Mar)

CCA will stand down from Fri 9 Mar onwards for Sec 4 & 5 students. This is to enable our graduating students to focus on preparations for their final national exams.

13. Sec 4 & 5 Parent-Teacher Dialogue Session (Fri 2 Mar)

We look forward to meeting parents of Sec 4 & 5 students on Fri 2 Mar 2018. During this session, you will get to meet your child's form and subject teachers. We will also be providing some useful information pertaining to post-national examination matters. More information will be given nearer the event.

14. Should you have any query with regard to any of the information provided, please feel free to email us at hshs@moe.edu.sg. We will respond to you as soon as we can. On behalf of the school, I wish you and your child all the best for the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

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