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TERM 1 LETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Happy New Year! We hope that your child had a good break during the December holidays and is ready for the exciting academic year ahead. This letter serves to update you of the key events and some important dates in Term 1. Should there be any changes to the information provided in this letter, we will keep you updated as and when necessary.

1. Back to School (BTS) Programme

The Back to School (BTS) Programme is organised for all students from **2-7 Jan (Thu-Tue)**, to provide students with a meaningful and purposeful experience that helps them transit back to school routines and rigour after their long year-end vacation.

To welcome our Secondary 1 students and to induct them into our big Hai Sing family, an Orientation Programme has been specially planned. Students will be exposed to various engaging activities and talks, as well as opportunities for them to know more about the wide range of CCAs offered in our school. The highlight of the Sec 1 Orientation Programme will be a campfire put up by our student leaders on the evening of **7 Jan (Tue)** and parents are welcome to join us.

2. Student Profiling Exercise for Secondary 1

A profiling exercise had been scheduled for all Secondary 1 students on **2 Jan (Thu)**. Information from the profiling exercise will allow us to identify students' strengths so that we can design and implement programmes more effectively to cater to our students' needs. Students will also be receiving their profiling report for them share with their parents.

3. 15 Year Old NRIC Registration

The ICA's mobile registration team will visit the school on **13 Jan (Mon)** to perform the NRIC Registration at the school for students who are 15 years old. ICA will be sending notification letters to the affected students through their parents before the appointment date.

4. Temperature Taking Exercise

As part of our emergency preparedness efforts, a temperature taking exercise will be held on **16 Jan (Thu)**. Students are to ensure that they have a working thermometer with them for this important exercise.

5. Visit by Delegation from Sagano High School

A delegation from Sagano High School, our twinning school in Japan, will be visiting our school on **16 Jan (Thu)** for a half-day exchange programme with some of our Sec 2 students.

6. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination for Female Students

As part of the national school-based HPV vaccination programme, the following arrangements have been made, in collaboration with the Health Promotion Board (HPB), to offer HPV vaccination to our female students:





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16 - 17 Jan: Sec 3 & 4 (1st Dose)
20 - 21 Jan: Sec 1 & 2 (1st Dose)
25 & 26 Mar: Sec 3 & 4 (2nd Dose)

7. Annual School-Based Health Screening by HPB

The School Health Services from Health Promotion Board will be visiting the school between **20-31 Jan (Mon-Fri)**, to conduct the yearly age-appropriate health screening for all students from Secondary 1-5.

8. 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 2 and 3 student leaders that will lead the student council for the coming year. The campaign will be held during morning assemblies from **20 Jan (Mon) to 4 Feb (Tue)** culminating in the actual Election Day on **6 Feb (Thu)**.

9. Chinese New Year Celebration

As part of our school's Chinese New Year celebration, there will be a concert and other interactive activities organised for our students on **24 Jan (Fri)**. Students will be dismissed at about 11am that day.

10. Inter-Class Games Days for Secondary 2-5

As part of the school's efforts to promote healthy living through sports participation, as well as to build class spirit, Secondary 2-5 Inter-Class Games Days will be organised on the following Mondays for this term:

3 Feb: Sec 4 & 5
17 Feb: Sec 3
2 Mar: Sec 2

11. Individual Photo-Taking for Secondary 1 and 3 Students

All Secondary 1 and 3 students will have their individual photos taken on **6 Feb (Thu)**. The photo-taking session is compulsory for all students. Students are to bring \$4 for the passport-size photographs, which is to be paid directly to the vendor.

12. Total Defence Day

We will be commemorating Total Defence Day, which falls on 15 Feb (Sat) with a series of activities held during assembly and Form Teacher periods from **10-14 Feb (Mon-Fri)**.

13. Parent-Teacher Dialogues (PTDs)

We believe in working closely with our parents to provide a holistic and quality education for our students. The school will be organising the following Parent-Teacher Dialogues (PTDs) for the different levels:

21 Feb (Fri): Sec 1 & 3
27 Mar (Fri): Sec 2, 4 & 5





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During the session, you will get to meet your child's form and subject teachers, as well as receive updates and useful information, which are relevant to your child's educational level. More information will be provided nearer the dates and we look forward to meeting you at the dialogue session.

14. Student Leadership Camp (SAiL Camp)

As part of our school's Learning for Life Programme (LLP), a student leadership camp, also known as Student Ambassadors in Leadership (SAiL) Camp, will be organised from **16-17 Mar (Mon-Tue)** during the March Holidays. This camp will provide opportunities for our appointed student leaders to discover their personal strengths and develop their resilience and their leadership skills in leading teams to overcome challenges.

15. Term One School-Based Assessments: Weighted Assessment 1 (WA1)

In alignment with MOE's efforts to shift towards a greater focus on students' holistic education and nurture in them the joy of learning, the school will be conducting only one weighted assessment for each level in Term One. The assessments will be held during curriculum hours and details will be shared by your child's subject teachers nearer the assessment dates.

16. Mother Tongue Fortnight Programme

The Mother Tongue Department will be organising the Mother Tongue Fortnight Programme from **9-13 Mar and 23-27 Mar**. 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 different Mother Tongue cultures.

17. Use of Photos and Videos

Photograph(s) or video image(s) of students and parents may be captured during school activities and events (including but not limited to classroom lessons, CCA, school camps, school concerts). The school may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website, social media channels, and other communication channels. Articles containing photographs and videos about school life and activities will generally not include students' personal information. Articles highlighting students' good deeds or achievements, may display the student's name and class and the circumstances of the good deeds/achievements.

18. School & Public Holidays in Term 1:

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| a. Chinese New Year (Public Holiday) | <u>27 Jan (Mon)</u> |
| b. Chinese New Year (School Holiday) | <u>28 Jan (Tue)</u> |
| c. March School Holidays | <u>14 - 22 Mar</u> |

Should you have query with regard to any of the information provided, please feel free to email us at hshs@moe.edu.sg. We wish you and your child all the best for 2020!

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

