



12 September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

[Secondary 1] Term 4 Letter

The school welcomes your child/ward back for Term 4. We hope you and your family have enjoyed the short respite during the one-week September holiday and have spent quality time bonding with one another. As we move into the final term of 2023, we seek your continued partnership in ensuring that your child/ward puts his/her best in learning, participates fully in school life, and prepares well for his/her progression to the next level of education.

Home-Based Learning (HBL)

HBL is an essential part of school life that develops motivation and self-directed learning in our students. The last HBL Day for the year is on 18 September. Do ensure that your child/ward is meaningfully and actively engaged in learning at home. The HBL Timetable will be made available on a HBL Microsite on the school website the day before.

End-of-Year (EOY) Examination

The EOY Examination for Secondary 1 students will be held from 29 September to 12 October 2023. Students will be dismissed after they have finished their paper for the day and are not required to report to school on day(s) when they do not have to sit for a paper. As the EOY Examination constitutes 45% of the year's overall results, do guide your child/ward to start his/her revision soon and remind him/her of the importance of goal-setting, consistent hard work and resilience.

The last day for CCA was on 25 August. Your child/ward should be home punctually after school hours, unless he/she needs to attend remedial lessons conducted by the subject teachers, which should be noted in your child/ward's Student Organiser.

All students had been briefed about the examination guidelines on 16 August 2023. Class Mentors (CMs) will be conducting another briefing to remind students of the importance of following the examination guidelines. The school emphasises academic integrity as a core value. Any breach of integrity related to the examination such as cheating, may result in the student receiving a zero mark for the exam paper and he/she will be liable for further disciplinary actions.

Absence from any paper in the EOY Examination must be covered by a Medical Certificate (MC) or the student may receive a zero mark as integrity and responsibility are critical to school values that we want to inculcate in all Orchidians.

Marking Day and Promotion Exercise Day

All students do not have to report to school on Friday, 13 October (Marking Day). They are to return to school on 16 October 2023 (Monday) and lessons will follow the normal class



timetable. Students also do not need to be in school on 23 October (Monday) as it is Promotion Exercise Day for staff only.

Secondary 1 Post-Examination Activities

As part of holistic education in OPSS, we have planned a series of post-examination activities for our students from 19 October to 26 October. Secondary 1 students will also be participating in Learning Journeys on 20 and 25 October. More details of the Learning Journeys will be shared at a later date.

Secondary 1 4Day-3Night Residential Camp at Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre (OALC)

Our Secondary 1 cohort will be attending the 4Day-3Night residential camp from 30 October to 2 November at Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre (CCOALC). We thank all parents/guardians for joining us at our virtual engagement session earlier last term and for giving consent for your child/ward to participate in this meaningful and very exciting programme that will create a lifetime of memories for your child/ward.

Last Day of School and Parent-Teacher Meeting

The last day of the school year is on Thursday, 26 October. Students will also be receiving their Report Books at the end of this school day. The Parent-Teacher Meeting will be held the following day on Friday, 27 October. More details will be made known at a later date.

Students' Health and Well-Being

We thank all parents/guardians for working closely with us to ensure that our school remains a safe and conducive place for teaching and learning throughout this year. Should your child/ward be unwell with flu-like symptoms, we strongly encourage that he/she seeks medical help and stays at home to rest.

As we approach the close of the school year, we thank you for your continued support in the education of your children. We look forward to a fulfilling final term of learning, and seek your understanding and partnership on this journey. Finally, we would like to wish you and your family a fulfilling year-end holiday in advance.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Mr Daniel Chung
Principal