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Dear Parents/Guardians

2019 Direct School Admission (DSA-JC) Exercise (13 May onwards), ITE Early Admissions Exercise (EAE) (21 May-27 May), Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise (EAE) (27 Jun-3 Jul)

All graduating students have been briefed on the above exercises and were strongly encouraged to apply if they meet the criteria. Parents may find out more details from the JCs' websites, <https://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg> and <https://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/eae#ApplicationProcedure>. EAE is based on aptitudes and interests in specific fields of study and applicants will be assessed through various modes by the polytechnics and ITE. Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer, subjected to meeting the minimum admissions criteria in "O" or "N" level results. We have also arranged for a lecturer from Temasek Poly to conduct an EAE workshop for interested students during the June holidays. Info on DSA/EAE has been communicated to Sec 4/5 parents via Parents' Gateway on 13 May. Students have been advised to consult Ms Wang, our senior ECG counsellor or teachers i/c if they have any queries.

Highlights of School/Departmental Programmes/Events in Term 2

- **MOE-OBS Challenge Programme (1-5 Apr & 8-12 Apr)** – All our Sec 3 students participated in the 5D4N camp in two batches on 1-5 Apr (3T1/3E1/3E2/3E5/3E6 with East Spring Sec, Maris Stella High and Beatty Sec) and 8-12 Apr (3N1/3N2/3E3/3E4 with Dunearn Sec, Mayflower Sec and St Anthony Canossian) with the majority of the students in Pulau Ubin. We are proud that almost all students were well-prepared and completed the programme successfully without any major incidents.
- **Commemoration of International Friendship Day [12 Apr]** – A series of activities with the theme of "Connected Communities" were organised to help students understand the importance of maintaining good relations with our neighbouring countries and celebrate the diversity and vibrancy of different nationalities among us. Activities included sharing by students on transboundary pollution, reading of articles on Singapore's assistance to Johore during the drought and a Singaporean's work in helping the remote communities in the Himalayas, sharing by our international students and exhibition on ASEAN culture and festivals etc.
- **Anniversary & Awards Day (26 Apr)** – Our 19th A&A day was held to recognise the achievements and contributions of our students, staff, stakeholders and partners. The Guest-of-Honour was Professor Christopher Cheng, Chief Executive Officer of Sengkang General Hospital. The school has planned for long term partnership with SKH for value-in-action service learning projects. As a start, our performing arts groups have performed a lunch time concert on 2 May at the hospital and our students have done up a wall mural in one of the hospital wards.
- **Hosting of Boys Brigade Thailand (5 Apr)** – Our Boys Brigade CCA has formed a long term partnership with a BB unit in Chonburi, Thailand recently. 10 BB boys led by 3 teachers i/c and an adult officer went on a 6D5N trip to Chonburi last November and networked with 1st and 2nd Chonburi BB units. They also taught simple English to two classes in a secondary school and spent a day helping some needy families. In return, our BB unit hosted 19 boys from various BB units in Thailand and 7 BBHQ Thailand officers on 5 Apr. Activities include cultural sharing session, archery tag, science lesson and D&T 3-D printing.
- **Sports Carnival (27 May)** - As part of the PE curriculum to promote recreational sport competitions, all Sec 1–3 students participated in anchor games and fringe activities during our annual Sports Carnival. The anchor games which include netball, volleyball and tchoukball were formatted to allow as many students to represent their classes as possible. 16 fringe activities were organised for non-class reps. An ice-cream vendor was invited to set up a stall to add more fun to the carnival.

- **Aeronautics Applied Learning Programme (Sem 2)** – All Sec 2 students attended the STEM-in-Aeronautics intermediate module in Semester 1 which concluded with a learning journey to Temasek Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Air Transport Training College and Singapore Youth Flying Club for different groups of students. The students gained a better understanding of the aeronautics industry, learnt about the various aeronautics courses in the polytechnics and visited airplane hangars, aeronautical engineering workshops and flight simulator laboratories etc.
- **Applied Learning Programme/Project Work Learning Festival (31 May)** - The Learning Festival, themed "Inquire, Inspire, Invent" was held to showcase the best student projects from the Sec 1 Project Work and Sec 2 ALP Stem-in-Aeronautics module completed in Semester 1. The Sec 1s showcased their projects advocating waste minimization through interactive games, digital applications, videos and models while the Sec 2s showcased designs of their envisioned personal aerial vehicles and pit their skills of drone programming against each other through a drone obstacle course competition.
- **Cyber Wellness Carnival (30 May)** – All Sec 1 and 2 students visited Cyber Wellness booths curated by our Cyber Wellness student ambassadors to learn about safe and responsible use of ICT through fun and interactive games. The carnival ended with an insightful talk on the importance of Cyber Security and the careers available in the Cyber Security industry.
- **Sec 1 Home-Based Learning Day (28 May)** - All Sec 1s had their Home-Based Learning Day with the objective to learn independently at home at their own pace. Students completed their assignments on the MOE's Student Learning Space, which included videos and timely feedback on their learning.
- **Sec 1 and 2 Digital Maker Programme with Micro:bits** - To encourage students to explore the possibilities of making and creating with technology, the ICT Committee organised a 4-hour Micro:bits Workshop for all Sec 1 and 2 students. Students learn how to code and programme micro:bits to create a prototype. The Sec 1s created a step tracker and clinometer for outdoor hiking and the Sec 2s created a simple smart lamp which can be switched on/off in response to the surrounding brightness.
- **Mother Tongue Fortnight** – Actor Zong Zi Jie shared with CL students how he learnt the language when he was a student while ML students attended a programme on Appreciation of Poetry Songs conducted by local singer-songwriter Art Fazil.
- **Lowec Sec Humanities Challenge (1 Apr)** - To enhance students' learning through authentic tasks and application of learning across different contexts, students worked in groups to research on ASEAN via websites and complete online activities.
- **Humanities "In Conversation With" Series (15 Apr)** – Selected Sec 3 classes were engaged in a dialogue session with a guest speaker from the CPF Board who shared with students on CPF schemes and services
- **Sec 1 Humanities learning journeys** – All Sec 1 Exp/NA students visited the Botanic Gardens to apply their Geographical Investigation skills through authentic learning experiences. All Sec 1 NT students visited Little India and experienced hands-on activities such as henna painting, sari wearing and traditional games at Kampong Glam.
- **Breakfast with FTs (31 May)** - The semester ended on a high note, where students had an enjoyable time bonding over food and games to build stronger class spirit. In conjunction with the school's "Do Good Feel Good Spread Good" Movement, North Stars pledged to do kind acts during the June holiday. Schools leaders and Key Personnel also visited individual classes to dialogue with them on how the school can inculcate the school values and ethos in them.
- **Sec 1 Green Compass Programme** – All Sec 1 students covered 36 HDB blocks around the school's vicinity in May to distribute NEA leaflets and encourage residents to adopt environmentally friendly habits in their daily lives. Thereafter, a recyclables collection drive was organized to address waste management in our area.
- **Sec 3 Service Learning** – All Sec 3 classes carried out their own Service Learning project with our partners (Bright Hill Evergreen Home, Sunlove Home, Bethesda Care Senior Activity Centre & Sengkang Community Hospital) this May. Students engaged home residents, the elderly and hospital patients actively and warmed their hearts through interactive activities and outdoor trips.

- **SchoolARTS@Sengkang General Hospital** – As part of our efforts to inject vibrancy to Sengkang community through the arts, 3 of our Performing Arts CCAs (Band, Choir and Dance) participated in the SchoolARTS@SKGH initiative. Their performances at the hospital enthralled patients, staff, caregivers and members of the public and went a long way to enliven the atmosphere.
- **Overseas Service Learning Programme (8-15 June)** – 36 student leaders accompanied by 6 teachers embarked on the OSLP to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam during the school holidays. The students spent 4 days with An Khanh Primary School interacting with local pupils through English and Math lessons, art & crafts, outdoor and upcycling activities. They also helped spruce up the school environment by painting the walls and fence, tiling the floor of one classroom and drawing wall murals around the school compound. Our North Stars also learnt much about Vietnam's history, arts and agriculture through a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnel, planting curry leaves, trying their hands on lacquer art and watching a water puppet show etc.
- **Community Youth Leaders (CYL) Club** – This newly launched CCA provides an additional avenue for students to do more than the usual level-wide values-in-action projects and was well received at the Sec 1 CCA recruitment exercise. Through dialogues, workshops, projects and reflection, every club member will get to develop the passion and skills to organise community projects, advocate for social causes and lead their peers to initiate community actions. The club has so far attended a design thinking workshop organised by the Singapore Kindness Movement, distributed goodie bags for the elderly residents in Compassvale Crescent, and carried out befriending activities at B'Care Senior Activity Centre and MINDS (Ang Mo Kio).

Highlights of School/Student/Staff Achievements in Term 2

- **Boys Brigade** – Silver J M Fraser Award for Excellence 2019 (based on 2018 year of assessment)
- **2019 SYF Arts Presentation (Apr)** – Certification of Distinction (Choir), Certificates of Accomplishment (Band, Dance, Drama)
- **20th International Elementz Science Research Conference & Exhibition (8-10 Apr)** – Choi Quan Long, Austin Seah, Isaac Hamid (all from 3E6) clinched a Bronze award in this annual event organised by MOE's North Zone Centre of Excellence for Science @ Anderson Serangoon Junior College. The competition attracted more than 100 scientific investigative projects from local and international secondary schools. Our students investigated the making of new paper from paper and vegetable waste to meet the growing demand for paper while reducing food waste.
- **10th Singapore Polytechnic National Earthquake Competition (8 Apr)** – Our team of Seah Han Rong Austin, Choi Quan Long, Jester Tan Jun Yang and Issac Hamid (all from 3E6), won a Merit award against teams from 23 participating schools in this competition organised by the SP School of Architecture and Built Environment. Students had to build an earthquake resistant three-storey structure using MDF timber strips, supporting a 2.5kg load on each storey.
- **Singapore Philatelic Museum ASEAN FourNation Stamp Exhibition held in Malaysia (22 Apr)** – Our team of Ng Wern Ting Clarisse, Ooi Le You (both from 2E5), Lo Xinyan Emelda and Samantha (both from 2T1) won a Bronze Award for their entry entitled '12 Things You May Not Know about Queen Elizabeth II'. The entry has been shortlisted for SINGPEX2019 which will be held from 31 Jul – 4 Aug, under the competitive exhibit category.
- **Holy Innocents' High School EBS Enterprise Deal Competition (30 May)** – Prize Winner Koh Hui Xin (3T1)

Ex-students

- Loh Yang Xian (2016/4E4) – St Andrew's JC Jacob Ballas Awards – Scholars' Awards (4 "A" level distinctions)
- Leow Zhen Xiang (2015/4G) – Temasek Poly Diploma in Aviation Mgt & Services, Changi Airport Group Course Gold Medal
- Lo Ho Yin (2015/4H) – Temasek Poly Diploma in Computer Engineering, Microchip Technology S'pore Course Gold Medal

- Muhd Solihan B Mohd Salleh (2015/4F) – Temasek Poly Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science, Sunward Pharmaceutical Prize
- Tok Shi Hui (2015/4G) – Nanyang Poly Diploma in Fund Management & Administration, Silverdale Silver Medal
- Tai Kai Shen (2014/4C) – Nanyang Poly Diploma in Medicinal Chemistry, GSK Silver Medal
- Teo Cher Hwei Kalinda (2010/4G) – Nanyang Poly Diploma in Dental Hygiene & Therapy, Q&M Dental Group Silver Medal
- Bryna Chong Wen Ning (2015/4H) – Nanyang Poly Diploma in Visual Communication, Robinsons Bronze Medal
- Tey Kyven (2015/4F) – Singapore Poly Diploma in Engineering Systems with Merit, Siemens Silver Medal
- Christabel Ng Ai Qin (2012/4A), Republic Poly Diploma in Health Mgt & Promotion with Merit (top 10% of course cohort)
- Tang Wai Mun Nicole (2016/4N3) – ITE College West Higher NITEC in Leisure & Travel Operations Course Medal
- Yong Pet Qi (2017/5N3) - ITE College West NITEC in Travel & Tourism Services Course Medal

Parent Engagement

- **Annual Meet-the-Form-Teacher sessions (1 & 4 June)** – We hope you have had a meaningful meeting with your child’s Form/Co-Form teachers to discuss the holistic development of your child in the last semester. Our children succeed when parents and school work hand in hand. Let us continue to collaborate and keep the communication going, beyond these meetings.
- **Annual Race (26 Jul)** - Our annual race will be held at Punggol Waterway Park. If it rains, it will be postponed to 16 Aug. Parents are welcomed to join your child for a run or leisure walk for parent-child bonding.
- **Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day (19 Jul)** - Parents are welcomed to help out at our Racial Harmony Carnival, where the PSG will be manning a booth. Please contact the PSG or Ms Audrey Leong at ext 347, if you wish to participate in this activity.

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