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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to term 4. This is a crucial term for the graduating cohort as they intensify their preparation for the GCE 'O' and 'N' level examinations. It is also an important term for the Sec 1-3 students as they will be taking their end-of year examination. Hence, we would like to encourage all parents/guardians to supervise your child's/ward's school work and revision at home. The end-of-year written examination will take place from 4 Oct to 14 Oct 2021. Students have already received their timetable and a copy of it and the topics to be covered for each level/stream can be found on <https://ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/school-information/exam-matters/>.

While academic performance is important, it is paramount that you look into the mental well-being of your child/ward. Do connect with the Form and Subject teachers should you have any concerns about the learning and well-being of your child/ward. If need be, you may also request through the form teacher to talk to our Senior School Counsellor, Mr Sim. CCAs will stand down from 18 September to 15 October 2021 for students to focus their time and energy on academic work.

The Sec 1 to 3 students received their Personal Learning Devices (PLDs) on 1 September 2021 and we hope these PLDs will bring about greater engagement and deeper learning in them. Students are required to bring their fully charged PLDs to school every school day. The school has put in place routines to instil responsible and safe use of these devices. We would like to thank all parents/guardians who gave us feedback on the routines as your feedback helped us to refine our guidelines. We have also connected the PLDs with online platforms like SLS, iCON and Google Classroom that can be used for learning and revision. Do partner the school in monitoring your child's/ward's screen time and online activities.

In terms 1-3, the school had Home-Based Learning (HBL) for students on Wednesdays of even weeks. In term 4, HBL will cease and there will be curriculum redistribution for students to have more face to face interaction with their Form and Subject teachers. Do take note of the following changes:

Affected Wednesdays (No HBL)	Curriculum Redistribution
Wednesday (22th Sept 2021)	Follow Even Thursday Timetable
Wednesday (6th October 2021)	Follow Even Tuesday Timetable
Wednesday(20 th October 2021)	Follow Even Friday Timetable

Our Proud Moments

We would like to congratulate the following staff for being awarded the National Day Award 2021:

- Mrs Tan-Ong Li Pei (HOD/Math) was awarded the National Day Commendation Medal.
- Mr Daniel Chung (VP) and Mdm Sapura Binte Mohamed Noor (School Laboratory Technician) were awarded the National Day Long Service Award for 25 years of dedicated Public Service.

Senior Gessian Pong Jia Qing Joshua (class of 2020) was awarded the Lee Kuan Yew Award for All Round Excellence (Sec), given to students who had excelled in both academic and non-academic spheres and who exemplify the qualities articulated in the desired outcomes of education. When in GESS, Joshua was a leader in Boys' Brigade, was active in ViA and achieved good academic results.

Another senior Gessian, Tan Shi Wei Cody, was awarded the Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award. When in ITE, he was on the Director's List for all terms from 2019 to 2020, and graduated with a perfect Grade Point Average of 4.0. He is currently pursuing a Diploma in Applied AI and Analytics at Singapore Polytechnic.

Study Break For Sec 4Exp/5NA

The school will implement a study break from **11 Oct to 15 Oct** for 4Exp/5NA students to give them time to focus on their revision. During the study break, students are strongly encouraged to remain at home unless they are involved in Science Practical papers, Listening Comprehension exam or consultations with teachers. We strongly urge you to ensure your child/ward stays home as much as possible during this period of time to minimize the possible exposure to Covid-19. All students who have contracted the virus, or who are placed on Quarantine Order (QO) will not be allowed to sit for any paper in the national examinations. Those placed on a Leave of Absence (LoA) or Approved Absence (AA), and those with MC will have to fulfil specific conditions involving ART and/or PCR swab tests before they are allowed to take the written papers.

GESS E Open House

Do take note that similar to last year, we will have a virtual Open House this year on 20 Nov 2021 (Saturday). Though there will be no face to face interaction with students, parents and the public, there will be live video sessions with school leaders and staff. More details will be provided by mid-Oct 2021.

Year-End-Holidays

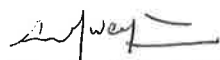
For the safety of your child/ward and family, kindly continue to observe the safety measures such as the wearing of masks and avoiding crowded places during the holiday period. If your child/ward is unwell, he/she should see a doctor and rest at home. Do encourage your child/ward to continue reading especially current news during the holidays.

Term 4 Key Events

Kindly refer to **Annex A** for information on the key events for Term 4. We will also be uploading on the school website the CCA schedules for the Nov-Dec holidays. Please note that our school will keep **28 Nov to 27 Dec** free from school activities, including CCA training, so that our Gessians may enjoy a well-deserved holiday break with their family and friends.

Onward!

Yours Sincerely,



Ms Tan Hwee Pin
Principal

Annex A

Term 4 Key Events

Dates	Event	Remark (if any)
18 Sep – 15 Oct	CCA stand-down	
13 Sep – 23 Sep & 4 Oct – 13 Oct	GCE N(T) & GCE N(A) Written Exams	
24 Sep	Graduation Day for 4Exp, 5NA, 4NT and 4NA	All Sec 4 & 5 students will attend the Graduation Day programme.
4 Oct – 14 Oct	End -of -Year Exams For Sec 1 to Sec 3 (all streams)	Students may leave school at the end of their last paper for each day. Students who do NOT have a paper on any particular day will not need to be present in school.
4 Oct – 14 Oct	GCE O-Level Science Practical Exam 4 Oct: Physics Practical Exam 7 Oct : Science (Phy/Chem, Bio/Chem) Practical Exam 12 Oct : Biology Practical Exam 14 Oct : Chemistry Practical Exam	
15 Oct	Marking Day	Sec 1-3 Students do not need to attend school.
15 Oct	GCE O-Level EL Listening Comprehension Exam & Malay Special Programme	
18 Oct – 15 Nov	GCE O-Level Written Exams	
22 Oct	Promotion Meeting	Students do not need to attend school.
25 – 27 Oct	Sec 1 – 3 Post-Exam Activities	More information regarding the Post-Exam Activities will be given to students closer to the date.
28 Oct	Last School Day for Sec 1 – 3 classes	
29 Oct	Parent-Teacher Conference	Form teachers will have virtual meetings with all parents/guardians. More details will be provided nearer to the date.
1 Nov – 8 Nov	Bridging Lessons	The following students will attend the Bridging Lessons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected students who qualify for lateral transfer to a more demanding stream • Sec 2 NA students who opt to do A Math in 2021 • 2NT & 2NA students who are offered subjects at more demanding stream when they move to Sec 3.
9 Nov – 12 Nov	Bridging Programme for Subject Based Banded Students	Sec 1 N(A) students who are eligible and who choose to take on subjects from a more demanding stream.
2 Nov	Sec 2 Streaming Announcement Sec 2NT: 8 – 9am Sec 2NA: 8 – 9am Sec 2EX: 8 – 9.30am	Results of Sec 2 streaming exercise will be released. All Sec 2 students will report to school at 8 am to receive their streaming results. Students should be in proper attire.
20 Nov	GESS E Open House	More details will be sent to all parents/guardians by mid-Oct 2021

