



## GAN ENG SENG SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Term 3. We do hope that you and your child/ward have had some quality time with each other during the June break. Term 3 is an eventful term with school events such as Racial Harmony and National Day celebrations and assessments like WAs and preliminary examinations. Continue to motivate your child/ward to do his/her best in school, to stay active, healthy and safe.

### 1. Our Proud Moments

We are indeed proud to share with you that our Performing Arts CCAs have achieved commendable outcomes in the SYF Arts Presentations despite the many challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Our Dance Ensemble achieved a Distinction. Drama Club sent two teams and one of the teams achieved a Distinction while the other achieved a Commendation. Our Military Band sent two teams too and both achieved Accomplishment.

We are also happy to announce that the Table Tennis 'B' Division team clinched 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the NSG South Zone Table Tennis Championship 2021. Our Cross Country School Team 'B' Division girls emerged 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up in the Virtual Inter-School Challenge 2021. 6 students achieved the SJB Chief Commissioner Badge.

For Boys' Brigade, 2021 is a record breaking year with 10 boys achieving the Founder's Award. Ganesh S (4D) was given the BB Best Boy Award. This is also the first year we have a Primer, Hareesh S (graduated from GESS in 2019) achieving the President's Award.

Do look out for our dancers and BB boys at the National Day Celebrations 2021.

### 2. Safe Management Measures

As we are in Phase 3 (Heightened Alert) for the Covid-19 pandemic, we have tightened our Safe Management Measures (SMM) to ensure that GESS remains safe and conducive for learning.

#### i) Staggered Reporting Time

Do take note of the following reporting time for the respective levels so as to ease human traffic flow and prevent intermingling of students as they arrive in school:

Levels	Staggered Timing
Sec 3, 4 & 5	7.30 am (Tue-Fri) 8.30 am (Mon only)
Sec 1 & 2	7.45 am (Tue-Fri) 8.45 am (Mon only)



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## ii) Safety Our Personal Responsibility

Kindly remind your child of the following:

- To come to school directly and to go home straight after school. He/She should refrain from gathering at Tiong Bahru Plaza or loitering in crowded areas or void decks.
- If he/she is unwell with flu-like symptoms, he/she should see a doctor and stay home.
- To carry TT token and ODT at all times and ensure that they are in working condition.
- To observe social distancing at all times.
- To wear their mask at all times.
- To ensure good personal hygiene such as washing their hands frequently.

## iii) Vaccination

Thank you for supporting the national drive to vaccinate students above 12 years old. If your child's vaccination appointment falls during school hours, please inform the form teacher. If your child is unwell due to the vaccination, do also inform the form teacher.

Students who have been vaccinated will be excused from PE lessons for a week after their vaccination. Your child should inform the PE teacher before the PE lesson starts. If you have signed your child up for vaccination via the school-facilitated exercise, we will inform you of the details when we receive them. Should you wish to withdraw your child from the exercise after the details have been given to you, do inform the form teacher. You may then register him/her via the National Appointment System (NAS) thereafter.

## 3. Home-Based Learning Days (HBL)

In line with MOE's drive to develop students to be self-directed, passionate and intrinsically motivated learners, GESS will be conducting HBL Days from term 3 of 2021. Every Wednesday of the even week on the school timetable will be HBL day. This will impact all levels starting 7 July 2021. On HBL Day, learning will be largely asynchronous; this means that lessons may not require real-time interaction as content will be made available for students to access independently on Student Learning Space (SLS) or other online platforms. New Media Literacy modules will also be covered with students during HBL days. When students return to school after a HBL Day, learning will continue in the classroom and feedback will be given on students' work done on HBL days.

## 4. Term 3 Key Events

Details of term 3 key events are found in [Annex A](#).

Let us work together to realise our vision of Gessians of Excellence, Standing and Significance. We truly value your partnership and support.

Onward!

Yours faithfully,

Ms Tan Hwee Pin  
Principal



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ANNEX A

**Key Events of the School in Term 3**

Dates	Event	Remark (if any)
28 June (Mon)	Start of Term 3 for Upper Sec Students HBL for Lower Sec Students	There will be attire and hair checks for all students.
1 July (Thu)	Start of physical schooling for Lower Sec Students	There will be attire and hair checks for all students.
28 June (Mon) – 9 July (Fri)	English Language Intensive Programme for Sec 4 & 5 students.	Programme will be held in the afternoons to prepare students for the N and O level examinations.
5 July (Mon)	Youth Day –School Holiday	
7 July (Wed)	EL Prelim e-Oral Exam for Sec 4Exp/5NA	
8 July (Thu)	Be Yourself Day	Gessians are allowed to wear their favourite attire to express themselves and take part in Youth Day Appeal to support students in need.
6 July (Tue) to 17 Aug (Tue)	<b>National Exams:</b> <u><b>GCE 'N' Level</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 Jul- 16 Jul: EL Oral Exam</li> <li>• 29 Jul-2 Aug: CL/ML/TL/BCL/BML/BTL oral exam</li> </ul> <u><b>GCE 'O' Level</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 Jul- CL/ML/TL/CLB/MLB/TLB Listening Comprehension examination</li> <li>• 7 Jul- Syllabus B Mother Tongue Oral exam</li> <li>• 8 Jul – 16 Jul: MT Oral Exam</li> <li>• 11 Aug – 13 Aug: HCL, HML &amp; HTL Oral Exam</li> <li>• 22 July- 2 Aug: EL Oral Exam</li> </ul>	<b>6 July</b> -School will be dismissed at the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12.30 pm for Upper Sec students</li> <li>• 1 pm for Lower Sec students</li> </ul> There will be no afternoon activities. This is to ensure that the students have a conducive environment to take the Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension exam.
20 July (Tue)	Hari Raya Haji- Public Holiday	
6 Aug (Fri)	National Day School Celebrations	
9 Aug (Mon)- 10 Aug (Tue)	National Day holidays	
11 Aug (Wed) to 23 Aug (Mon)	4NA/4NT Prelim Examination	
23 Aug (Mon) – 27 Aug (Fri)	Internal Mother Tongue Oral Exam for Sec 3 Exp/NA/NT	
24 Aug (Tue) to 14 Sept (Tue)	4 Exp/5NA Prelim Examination	
2 Sept (Thu)	Teachers and Support Staff Day Celebrations	School will be dismissed at 11am
3 Sept (Fri)	Teachers' Day – School Holiday	

