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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we step into Term 4, we extend a warm welcome back to all parents/guardians and Gessians. We trust you and your family have had a refreshing September break and that your child/ward is ready for an exciting term ahead.

In Term 4, our focus will be on preparing students for their upcoming national and end-of-year examinations. We understand that both the curriculum demand and personal expectations may pose challenges for our students. Your presence and guidance during this period are crucial for your child's/ward's well-being and performance. Our dedicated teachers are committed to supporting each student to do his/her personal best. However, it is essential for students to take an active role in their own learning. Encouraging your child/ward to be self-directed and to seek help from their peers and teachers when needed will be key to their success.

1. A Note Of Thanks

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Johnny Heng (class of 1987) for his exceptional service as the Chairperson of the School Advisory Committee. Over the past five terms, Mr. Heng has given his best for the betterment of staff, students and school. As a senior Gessian, he initiated the Gessian Series where the world of work was brought to the students and played a pivotal role in the redesign of the Heritage Gallery, contributing greatly to preserving and celebrating our school's rich history. As Mr. Heng prepares to pass on the torch to his successor, Mr. Lawrence Lim (class of 1989), in September 2024, we want to acknowledge and celebrate his remarkable contributions to GESS.

2. GESS celebrates 140th Anniversary in 2025

We are happy to share with you that GESS will celebrate its 140th anniversary in 2025. We have planned a series of commemorative activities in collaboration with our key partners, including parents, the School Advisory Committee (SAC), the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), and the Gan Eng Seng Old Students' Association (GESSOSA). Please mark your 2025 calendar for the following events:

Date	Event
3 January 2025	Breaking Singapore Book Of Records – Forming GESS 140 with 1,400 Gessians, parents, and key partners.
13-14 March 2025	Cycle For a Cause <i>All donations to go to the Singapore Disability Sports Council through giving.sg</i>
14 March 2025	Founder's Day Celebrations (7.30 am - 10:30 am) GESS 140 th Anniversary Dinner at Orchard Hotel hosted by GESSOSA (7pm)

More information will be shared with you closer to the date of the respective activities. We look forward to celebrating this historic occasion with all of you.

3. Our Proud Moments

We would like to congratulate the following staff who received the National Day Award 2024:

- Mr Jeffrey Sui (ST/D&T) was awarded the National Day Commendation Award;
- Mdm Rosmiliah Bte Kasmin (LT/Geog) and Mr Jeffrey Sui (ST/D&T) received the National Day Long Service Award.

GESS is also proud of the following CCAs and students:

- 8 Boys' Brigade cadets obtained the Founder's Award.
- 10 St John Brigade Secondary 4 cadets achieved the Chief Commissioner's Badge.
- GESS Marching Band participated in the Open Stage Concert Band Competition held at Festive Plaza Stage (Level 1) at Our Tampines Hub as part of the Tampines Central PAssionArts Festival 2024 and was awarded five out of five stars again, walking away with a cash prize of SGD\$1000.
- 'C' Division Basketball team went into the league 4 finals and played well in an exciting match. Though they came in as the runner up, our boys gave their best.
- Our dance CCA took part in the Super24 competition and their performance won the hearts of the audience.
- Yuan Yixiang (Mike), 4-6, received the Gold SMO Award, Senior Section, Gold for Open Category and 10th individual Prize out of 2863 participants this year.

Please follow us on our Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/theofficialgess/> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SG.GESS/> for updates on our achievements and activities.

4. Graduation Day 2024

GESS Graduation Day is on 20 September 2024 and it is a key milestone in the life of all Gessians as it signifies the end of their 4/5 years of educational journey in the school. GESS has planned meaningful activities for our graduating cohort to build on their fond memories of the school and these include a formal farewell ceremony. Built into this programme is parents'/ guardians' motivation segment. We invite parents/guardians of Sec 4/5 students to pen down notes to motivate/inspire your child/ward as he/she works towards achieving his/her goals. Do look out for a PG notification for more information.

5. National and End-Of-Year Examinations

Sec 1-3 End-Of-Year Examination will commence on 26 September and end on 10 October 2024. Students have received their examination timetable already. A copy of it and the topics to be covered for each level/stream is published on the school website:

<https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/school-information/exam-matters/>

CCAs will stand down from 16 September to 11 October 2024 for students to focus on their academic work. Let us work together to provide emotional and academic support to our students as they prepare for their examinations. If your child/ward needs emotional support during this period, please inform his/her form teacher who will then work with the School Counsellor.

6. Sec 3 Subject Combination 2025

Sec 2 parents will be receiving a PG notification soon on the subject combinations for Sec 3, 2025. The school has made some changes after reviewing the manpower deployment for 2025. Please take time to discuss the subject combinations with your child/ward so that he/she can make an informed decision.

7. Last Day of School

Do take note of the last day of school for the various cohorts of students:

Level	Last Day of School
Sec 4NT & 4NA	20 September 2024 <i>23-25 September-intensive study programme</i>
Sec 4 Exp/5NA	4 Oct 2024 <i>23 September to 4 Oct-Intensive study programme</i> <i>7 Oct to 10 Oct- Consultation with teachers</i>
Sec 1-3	24 Oct 2024 <i>25 Oct (PM) and 26 Oct (whole Day) are Parent-Teacher Conference Days</i>

8. Term 4 Key Events

Kindly refer to Annex A for information on the key events for Term 4. We will be uploading the CCA schedule for the Nov-Dec holidays on the school website soon. Please note that our school will keep **23 Nov to 25 Dec** free from school activities, including CCA training, so that staff and Gessians may enjoy a well-deserved holiday with family and friends.

Onward!

Yours in partnership,



Ms Tan Hwee Pin
Principal

Term 4 Key Events

Dates	Event	Remark (if any)
9 Sept to 7 Oct 2024 (Mon-Mon)	GCE 'N' Level written examination for Normal Academic & Normal Technical students	
10 Sept 2024 (Tue)	GCE 'N' level EL LC and BMTL LC exam at 2 pm Sec 1-3, 4Exp & 5NA students will be dismissed at 1.20 pm	Note early dismissal time
11 Sept 2024 (Wed)	Sec 2 Exp EL Oral Exam (PM) Sec 3 MTL Exp Oral Exam (PM)	
12 Sept 2024 (Thu)	GCE N-level EL NT LC and MTL LC Sec 1-3, 4Exp & 5NA students will be dismissed at 1.20 pm	Note early dismissal time
13 Sept 2024 (Fri)	Sec 3 Exp MTL Oral Exam (PM)	
16 Sept -11 Oct (Mon-Fri)	CCA stand-down (No CCA for students during this period)	
17 Sept 2024 (Tue)	Sec 3 Exp & 3NA MTL Oral Exam (PM)	
18 Sept 2024 (Wed)	Sec 2NA & 2NT EL Oral Exam (PM)	
20 Sept 2024 (Fri)	Graduation Day for 4Exp, 5NA, 4NT and 4NA	
23 Sept – 25 Sept 2024 (Mon-Wed)	Intensive Study for 4NA and 4NT students	Last day of school will be 25 Sept for our 4NA & 4NT students.
23 Sept – 4 Oct 2024 (Mon-Thu)	Intensive Study for 4Express/ 5NA students	Last day of school will be 4 Oct for our 4E5N students.
24 Sept 2024 (Tue)	Sec 3 MTL NT & HMTL Oral Exam	
25 Sept 2024 (Wed)	Sec 2NA & 2NT EL Oral Exam (PM)	
26-27 Sept & 2 Oct -10 Oct 2024 (Thu-Fri & Wed-Thu)	End -Of -Year Exams For Sec 1 to Sec 3 (all streams) <i>Do take note that there will be normal lessons on 30 Sept and 1 Oct 2024</i>	Students may leave school at the end of their last paper for each day.
1 Oct 2024 (Tue)	Sec 3 NT & HMTL Oral Exam	

2 Oct – 15 Oct 2024 (Wed-Tue)	<u>GCE 'O' Level Science Practical Exam 2024</u> 2 Oct : Chemistry Practical Exam 7 Oct: Physics Practical Exam 10 Oct : Science (Phy/Chem, Phy/Bio, Chem/Bio) Practical Exam 15 Oct : Biology Practical Exam	Refer to this for the updated GCE 'N' & 'O' level exam timetable: https://www.seab.gov.sg/
7 Oct – 10 Oct 2024 (Mon-Thu)	Consultation week for 4E5N students	Students may arrange consultation with subject teachers during this week.
11 Oct 2024 (Fri)	Marking Day	Sec 1-3 students need not attend school.
16 Oct 2024 (Wed)	GCE 'O' level EL and MTL Listening Comprehension Exam School will be dismissed at 1.20 pm for Sec 1-3 students.	Note early dismissal time
18 Oct 2024 (Fri)	Promotion Day	No school for students
21 Oct -24 Oct 2024 (Mon-Thu)	School will be dismissed at 12.45 pm due to GCE 'O' Level Examination 2024 Sec 1 – 3 Post-Exam Activities will be held on these days.	Parents/Guardians of Sec 1-3, please take note of early dismissal time.
24 Oct 2024 (Thu)	Last School Day for Sec 1 – 3	All students are to bring along a rag for the Use Your Hands Campaign
24 – 25 Oct 2024 (Thu - Fri)	24 Oct: Parent-Teacher Conference (PM) 25 Oct: Parent-Teacher Conference (Whole Day)	More details will be provided nearer to the date.
28 Oct -8 Nov 2024 (Mon-Fri)	Bridging Lessons The following students will attend the Bridging Lessons: • All 3NA and 3 Express students (28 Oct to 4 Nov) • Selected Sec 1 & 2 students for E Math (4-8 Nov)	
31 Oct 2024 (Thu)	Deepavali	Public Holiday
5 Nov 2024 (Tue)	Sec 2 Subject Allocation Exercise Sec 2NT: 8 – 9am Sec 2NA: 8 – 9am Sec 2EX: 8 – 9.30am	Results of Sec 2 subject allocation exercise will be released. All Sec 2 students will report to school at 8 am and they should be in proper school attire.
16 Nov 2024 (Sat)	GESS Open House	More details will be sent to all parents/guardians by mid-Oct 2024

27 Nov – 6 Dec 2024 (Wed-Fri)	Fairprice Share-a-Textbook Project Our school is participating in this community project with the support of our staff and students. The project needs volunteers to sort books. Interested parents and students may email Mr Farid by end of this term at muhammad farid b mohd@moe.edu.sg	
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