



## **GAN ENG SENG SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! We hope you and your family have had a very good year-end holiday. We extend our warm welcome to all students, especially to the new Sec 1 cohort that has joined the Gessian family. 2022 was an eventful year with school resuming to normalcy after two years of stringent Covid-19 safe management measures. It is heartening to see the strong support of parents, PTA, SAC and GESSOSA in all events planned for Gessians. Thank you for your active partnership that has enhanced our students' learning and positive school experiences.

### **GCE 'N' Level Results 2022**

Our Secondary Four N-level students did us proud in the 2022 GCE N-Level examinations. This would not have been possible without parents'/guardians' support and teachers' close guidance. Our NT students achieved excellent results with 100% gaining admission to the Institute of Technical Education (ITE). 72% of them were admitted via the Early Admission Exercise to do the course of their choice. 93.9% of our NA students were eligible for Sec 5 and 89% qualified for the Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic programme (DPP). 13 NA students obtained ELMAB3 of 8 points or less, with 12 from this group obtaining an 'Excellent' for their CCAs too. 10 NT students obtained EMB2 of 7 points or less, with 9 from this group achieving an 'Excellent' for their CCAs too. 5 students in our 2022 Sec 4 Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) graduating cohort received the MOE Edusave Character Award (EChA) for exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities. Heartiest congratulations to our 2022 N-Level cohort!

### **Sec 1 GESS Camp (4 & 5 Jan 2023)**

Our Sec 1 cohort has successfully completed its 2 day non-residential camp. The camp provided ample opportunities for our students to interact with their peers and build better bonds with their classmates and form teachers. Over the two days, the Sec 1 students observed their student leaders in action and immersed themselves in school culture and practices. Our sincere appreciation goes to the student leaders' committee for planning this camp well.

### **School-Based Assessment**

Kindly take note that in line with MOE's guidelines, there will be no mid-year examination for all levels this year. All levels will have weighted assessments (WAs) throughout the year and an end-of-year examination. It is essential that our students put in their best for every assessment, hence, we seek your active partnership in ensuring that your child/ward revises his/her work regularly to strengthen knowledge and skills in the respective subjects. Please see GESS Assessment Weighting Distributions for 2023 given on the next page.



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### **GESS Assessment Weighting Distribution (for 2023)**

Level	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
	WA1	WA2	WA3	End-of-Year Exam
Sec 1	10%	15%	15%	60%
Sec 2	10%	10%	10%	70%
Sec 3	10%	15%	15%	60%
Sec 4 & 5	15%	15%	70% (Prelim)	

Kindly take note that the Assessment Weighting may vary for the Humanities and course work subjects. Subject teachers will provide more details to their students at a later date.

### **Home-Based Learning (HBL) & Student Initiated Learning (SIL)**

Home-based learning (HBL) provides students with opportunities to be self-directed, passionate and life-long learners. For 2023, HBL will only commence in February on even week Wednesdays. On Wednesdays of odd weeks, students are expected to be in school. Kindly take note too that one hour of HBL will be set aside for students to be involved in Student Initiated Learning (SIL). SIL provides a dedicated time for students to explore interests, pick up new skills and learn within and beyond their curriculum. More details will be sent to you in a separate letter.

### **Staff and Student Safety**

To ensure staff and student safety and well-being, school will continue to emphasize good personal hygiene and social responsibility in all. There will be temperature-taking exercises on Tuesday, 10 January 2023 and Wednesday, 11 January 2023. Students should have a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) with them.

We would like to encourage our students to remove their masks in school as it would enhance interaction with others. However, students who prefer to continue wearing their masks may do so. If a student has a household member who is confirmed to be a Covid-19 case, he/she should take the necessary precautions under Protocol 3 (i.e. test must be negative in a self-administered Antigen Rapid Test (ART) during the 5-day self-monitoring period before leaving his/her home).

### **Road Safety**

For parents who are driving their children to school, kindly take note that there is a sign placed opposite the exit gate to the school informing drivers that they are not allowed to make a right turn after exiting the school between 6.45 am to 7.45 am. We urge all parents/guardians to follow this rule to avoid congestion within the school compound. We would also like to appeal to all parents/guardians to co-operate with our school staff and security officers to enhance road safety in our school.



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### Communication with school

GESS aims to work closely with parents/guardians for the holistic development of every student. However, staff well-being is important to us. Kindly take note of the following:

a) Keep all communication with teachers to school hours (8 am to 6 pm) on working days and during school terms.

b) Teachers are not expected to respond to parents' or students' queries after office hours, during weekends and school holidays.

c) Appointments to see teachers (face to face or virtual) should be made at least 3 working days in advance. You may call the General Office to make the appointments or email the teachers. Email addresses of the teachers can be found in the Student Handbook 2023, pages 87 & 88 or school website at <https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/about-us/Our-Staff/key-personnel-and-form-teachers/>.

### Key Events and Important Dates for Term 1, 2023

Kindly refer to Annex A for key events and important dates for term 1.

As a school that nurtures the best in each, we appreciate your continued support as we work together to develop every student to be a Gessian of Excellence, Standing and Significance.

Onward!

Yours faithfully,

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Principal



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**Key Dates for Term 1 (2023)**

**Annex A**

Dates	Event	Remarks (if any)
12 Jan 2023 (Thu)	Release of GCE 'O' Level Examination Results 2022	
13 Jan 2023 (Fri)	Sec 1 CCA Orientation (1pm – 4.30 pm)	
13 Jan 2023 (Fri)	Sec 1 Meet-Parent-Session (5 pm to 7 pm)	
17 & 27 Jan 2023 (Tue & Fri)	Sec 1 CCA Trials & Auditions : 17 Jan (3pm – 5.30pm) 27 Jan (2pm – 5.30pm)	
20 Jan 2023 (Fri)	Chinese New Year Celebrations (11 am to 12 pm)	School will be dismissed at 12 pm.
23 & 24 Jan 2023 (Mon-Tue)	Chinese New Year Public Holidays	
30 Jan to 1 Feb 2023 (Mon-Wed)	Sec 3 GESS Life Camp	
2 Feb 2023 (Thu)	Photo taking for Sec 1 & 3 students	Students are to bring \$4 for their photographs
8 Feb 2023 (Wed)	HBL Day for Sec 1-3 GESS Life Camp for Sec 4 & 5 students (Part 1-Full day)	
15 Feb 2023 (Wed)	Total Defence Day	
22 Feb 2023 (Wed)	HBL Day for Sec 1-5 students	
1 to 3 March 2023 (Wed-Fri)	Sec 2 GESS Life Camp	
3 Mar 2023 (Fri)	GESS Life Camp for Sec 4 & 5 (Part 2)	
8 Mar 2023 (Wed)	HBL Day for Sec 1-5 students	
10 Mar 2023 (Fri)	Founder's Day	
11 -19 Mar 2023 (Sat-Sun)	Term Break	