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GESS/2023/Admin/003

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Term 2. We hope that you and your family have had some time to rest and refresh during the March holidays. Thank you for your strong support given to all programmes and activities planned by the school. Founder's Day celebration cum prize presentation was the highlight for Term 1 and our heartiest congratulations to all prize winners. In keeping with our Founder's vision of doing good to the community, Gessians were involved in various values-in-action programmes such as school, beach and community cleaning. This year, our graduating cohort did us proud by planning activities to engage our senior citizens from the Henderson Dawson CC. Do visit our official facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SG.GESS/> for school updates and celebration of Gessians' efforts and achievements.

Term 2 will be exciting with the on-going National School Games, the Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations and internal school events such as the Meet-Parent-Sessions and the Cross-Country meet. This is a good test of our students' time management skills, resilience and discipline. Do partner our teachers in helping Gessians to manage their time well as we work towards the holistic development of every student.

GESS Proud Moments

We are very happy to share our students' achievements with you. NCC achieved distinction for unit recognition 2022. Goh Ping Fong Murphy (4-5) and Tang Wei Zheng Caden (4-6) received the SPF-NPCC Badge which is the pinnacle award that NPCC cadets can attain. Our GB 71st Company took part in a drill competition held at Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School and attained a Silver and a Bronze award. At the Wings Athletics Club Cross Country Competition 2023, 'C' division boys made us proud in both the individual and team events. Four boys made it to the top 10 position for the individual event and our 'C' division boys clinched the overall 1st runner up. The Entrepreneur Club (E-Club) participated in the Green Wave Environmental Care Project and received two awards: Merit Award and Team Award. The awards were presented by Minister Chan Chun Sing.

In the cognitive domain, 20 students took part in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. All did well with two attaining the "High Distinction" award, which is given to the top 1% of participants. The two students were Hansini (4-5) and Guai Tzer Ray (4-6). Muhammad Zihny Zaini (4-3) came in 1st in the Bisikan Pena 2023: Pencarian Jati-Cerpen (short story) writing competition organized by the National University of Singapore.

These are just some of our students' achievements. We hope to share more in the Term 3 letter to parents.

No Mid-Year Examination

Kindly take note that with effect from 2023, all Secondary 1 to 3 students will only sit for Weighted Assessments in the first 3 terms, and end-of-year examination in term 4. Secondary 4 and 5 students will take their Weighted Assessments in the first 2 terms and the Preliminary Examination in semester 2. Do ensure that your child/ward puts in sufficient time to prepare for the various assessments.

Sec 2 and 3 Meet-Parent-Sessions 2023

Please take note of the dates of the Sec 2 and 3 Meet-Parent-Sessions:

- Sec 2 on 31 March 2023 (Face to Face)
- Sec 3 on 14 April 2023 (Virtual)



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The Sec 2 Meet-Parent-Session will focus on the 2024 subject combinations offered for your child/ward. The Sec 3 session aims to provide information to parents/guardians on the post- secondary options available to your child/ward once he/she graduates from GESS. Do join us if your child/ward is at these levels.

Important Dates for Term 2, 2023

Please refer to pages 3 and 4 for information on some of the key events/ activities for term 2. We will also be uploading the CCA schedules for the June holidays on our school website by 26 May 2023.

Thank you in advance for your continuous support and for partnering us to help your child/ward to learn and grow to be Gessians of Excellence, Standing and Significance.

ONWARD!

Yours faithfully,

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Principal



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Important Dates for Term 2 (2023)

Dates	Event	Remark
29 March 2023 (Wed)	Secondary 4/5 English Language Internal Oral Examination 8.30AM 4-2, 4-3 G3 Students 4-7 (excluding Math Challenge Students) 4-8 (excluding Math Challenge Students) 5-1 10.00AM 4-4 G3 Students 4-5 & 4-6 4-7 (Math Challenge Students) 4-8 (Math Challenge Students)	
31 March 2023 (Fri)	Secondary 4/5 Mother Tongue languages Internal Oral Examination (whole day)	
31 March 2023 (Fri)	Sec 2 Meet-Parent-Session 2023 (face to face) 5 pm – 6.45 pm	
7 April 2023 (Fri)	Good Friday holiday	
14 April 2023 (Fri)	International Friendship Day Commemoration Sec 3 Meet-Parent-Session (virtual) 5 pm – 6.45 pm	
19 April 2023 (Wed)	Secondary 4/5 Mother Tongue languages Internal Oral Examination (PM)	
24 April 2023 (Mon)	Hari Raya Puasa holiday	
26 April 2023 (Wed)	Secondary 4/5 Mother Tongue languages Internal Oral Examination (whole day)	
1 May 2023 (Mon)	Labour Day holiday	
2 May 2023 (Tue)	CCA Training – Last CCA Training for Sec 4/5	
2 May-4 May 2023 (Tue- Thu)	2 May- Mother Tongue Fortnight for Sec 3 (PM) 3 May -Mother Tongue Fortnight for Sec 1 (PM) 4 May -Mother Tongue Fortnight for Sec 2 (PM)	
3 May – 11 May 2023 (Wed-Thu)	Sec 2 Learning Journey to National Museum (PM) for selected classes.	Details will be provided to students nearer the activity.
5 May 2023 (Fri)	Annual Cross- Country Meet No CCA training in the afternoon	Please take note of the change of date.
11 May 2023 (Thu)	Sec 4 NAPFA 5 Stations (PM)	
13 May 2023 (Sat)	Sec 2 NAPFA 2.4km Walk/Run (AM)	



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16 May- 26 May 2023 (Tue-Fri)	Mother Tongue Intensive Programme for Sec 4Exp/5NA	
16 May -22 May 2023 (Tue-Mon)	Sec 1 Learning Festival	
17 May – 19 May 2023 (Wed – Fri)	Sec 2 GESS Camp (TBC)	
17 May 2023 (Wed)	Performing arts- based learning for Sec 1 (5pm – 7 pm)	
20 May 2023 (Sat)	Sec 4 NAPFA 2.4km Walk/Run	
23 May 2023 (Tue)	Sec 4 G1 and G2 English Language Prelim Oral Examination	
25 May – 26 May 2023 (Thu-Fri)	Parent-Teacher Conference	Parents/ Guardians of selected students would be invited to meet Form Teachers/ Key Personnel
29 May-30 May 2023 (Mon-Tue)	GCE 'O' level Mother Tongue Written Examination Mother Tongue 'O' level papers (29 May) Mother Tongue Syllabus B papers (30 May)	
29 May -1 June 2023 (Mon-Thu)	GCE 'O' & 'N' level D & T Coursework intensive programme	
5 June -8 June 2023 (Mon-Fri)		
31 May – 1 Jun 2023 (Wed-Thu)	Student Leaders' Camp (for newly appointed Student Leaders only)	
2 June 2023 (Fri)	Vesak Day Holiday	
19 June -21 June 2023 (Mon-Wed)	Sec 4Exp/5NA Mother Tongue Oral Practice	