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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A Note of Thanks

We are indeed thankful that we have staff, students, parents, guardians and key stakeholders who are very supportive of the safe management measures put in place in GESS during this challenging time. It is, indeed, heartening to see how the students have adjusted well to the new normal of daily temperature taking, wearing of masks, social distancing and the routine of wipe down. School remains a safe place and education continues because we all play our part well. Thank you for your strong partnership support!

In term 3, despite the challenges and constraints posed by COVID-19, school continued to find opportunities to give our students positive schooling experiences. We commemorated Racial Harmony Day and celebrated our Nation's 55th birthday tapping on the power of technology to organise creative, meaningful and engaging activities. Teachers' and Support Staff Day which was celebrated on 3 September was particularly significant with the well-wishes of the School Advisory Committee, Parent-Teacher Association and Gan Eng Seng School Old Students' Association.

Our Proud Moments

We congratulate Mdm Sapura Binte Mohamed Noor (School Laboratory Technician) for receiving the National Day Efficiency Award 2020. We also congratulate Mr Goh Chuan Hwee (HOD/PE & CCA) and Mrs Palan (ST/Social Studies) for being awarded the National Day Long Service Medals. These awards serve to affirm their dedicated service to the school and the fraternity.

National and End-Of-Year Examinations

This term, students will be taking their National or End-of-year examinations. The Sec 1-3 End-of-year examination will commence on 28 September and end on 8 October 2020. 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/>. CCAs will stand down from 16 September to 11 October 2020 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 the form teacher who will then work with the School Counsellor to provide the necessary and timely help.

Due to the disruptions brought about by the Covid-19 situation, the Mid-year examination was cancelled, and the weighting for the various assessment components was adjusted accordingly. This was communicated to all students via the SOPs dated 28 May 2020 when they returned from the mid-year break. To recap, the following shows the assessment plan for all levels this year:

	Term 1	Term 2 / Term 3		Term 4	
	WA1	WA2	WA3	AA	EYE
Sec 1	10	15	15	10	50
Sec 2	10	15	15	10	50
Sec 3	10	15	15	10	50
Sec 4/5	10	20			70

GESS E Open House

To ensure the safety of all, our Open House this year will be held online. Though there will be no face to face interaction with students, parents and the public, they can still engage in live video sessions with school leaders and staff. They can also visit our virtual CCA and academic booths. More details will be provided by mid-Oct 2020.

Year-End-Holidays

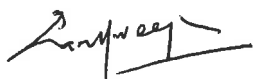
For the safety of your child/ward and family, kindly continue to observe the safety measures such as the wearing of masks and avoiding crowded places during the holiday period. If your child/ward is unwell, he/she should see a doctor and rest at home. Do encourage your child/ward to continue reading 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 **29 Nov to 20 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)
16 Sep – 11 Oct	CCA stand-down	
14 Sep – 23 Sep & 5 Oct – 16 Oct	GCE N(T) & GCE N(A) Written Exams	
16 Sep – 23 Sep	GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension Exam 16 Sep: English Lang Syllabus T (NT)	<u>Dismissal Times</u> Sec5 – 12.25pm Sec2&4 – 12.55pm Sec1&3 – 1.25pm
	18 Sep: English Lang Syllabus A (NA)	<u>Dismissal Times</u> Sec2&4/5(+3EFG) – 12.25pm Sec1&3 – 12.55pm
	21 Sep: Mother Tongue languages (NA)	<u>Dismissal Times</u> Sec2&4/5 (+3FG) – 12.55pm Sec1&3 – 1.25pm
	23 Sep: Basic Mother Tongue Languages (NT)	<u>Dismissal Times</u> Sec5 – 12.25pm Sec2&4 – 12.55pm Sec1&3 – 1.25pm
25 Sep	Graduation Day for 4Exp, 5NA, 4NT and 4NA	All Sec 4 & 5 students will attend the Graduation Day programme.
28 Sep	GCE O Level Oral Exam – CLB/MLB/TLB	
28 Sep – 8 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 for that day.
1 Oct – 13 Oct	GCE O-Level Science Practical Exam 1 Oct : Science (Phy/Chem, Bio/Chem) Practical Exam 5 Oct : Physics Practical Exam 8 Oct : Chemistry Practical Exam 13 Oct : Biology Practical Exam	
9 Oct	Marking Day	Students do not need to attend school.
16 Oct	Promotion Meeting	Students do not need to attend school.
19 Oct – 12 Nov	GCE O-Level Written Exams	
21 Oct	Sec 1 – 3 Post-Exam Activities	More information regarding the Post-Exam Activities will be given to students closer to the date.
22 Oct	Last School Day for Sec 1 – 3 classes	
22 Oct	GCE O-Level EL Listening Comprehension Exam	<u>Dismissal Times</u> Sec2 – 12.55pm Sec1&3 – 1.25pm
23 Oct	Parent-Teacher Conference	Form teachers will have virtual meetings with all parents/guardians. More details will be provided nearer to the date.

Dates	Event	Remark (if any)
26 Oct – 30 Oct	Bridging Lessons for selected students	The following students will attend the Bridging Lessons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All sec 3EX/NA students • Selected students who qualify for lateral transfer to a more demanding stream • Sec 1 N(A) students who are eligible and who choose to take Geog/Lit at the Express level • Sec 2 NA students who opt to do A Math in 2021
3 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.
To be confirmed	GESS E Open House	More details will be sent to all parents/guardians by mid-Oct 2020