



GAN ENG SENG SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the last 10 weeks, your child/ward went through various student development programmes aimed at instilling the 21st century competencies and build strength of character. We have successfully completed the Sec 1 GESS Life Camp cum Meet-Parent-Session. Thank you, Sec 1 parents, for your strong support for this event. The large turnout shows how involved parents are in their children's educational journey and we look forward to enhancing the partnership with you to nurture the best in every child/ward.

Total Defence Day was commemorated with a difference this year. Students went through an authentic food resilience experience that prepared them for a possible food disruption and students learnt to be adaptable and flexible in their food choices. Our Founder's Day was the highlight for the term with its prize presentation and values-in-action segments. It was heartening to see students going the extra mile in service to the community, be it cleaning the school or community or engaging the senior citizens from Henderson Dawson division.

Do visit our official facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SG.GESS/> or GESS Instagram at Gan Eng Seng School (@theofficialgess) • Instagram photos and videos for school updates and celebration of Gessians' efforts and achievements.

1. **GESS Proud Moments**

We are happy to share the following CCA achievements with you:

- NPCC Unit Overall Proficiency Award (UOPA) 2023 Results -Distinction
- NCC Unit Recognition Award- Distinction
- Girls' Brigade Company-Silver Award

GESS Cross Country CCA recently participated in the Wings Athletics Cross Country Championship and achieved 3rd place in the 'B' Division Boys category. Table Tennis 'B' Division Girls won the 3rd prize in the National School Games (South Zone). At the Singapore International Choral Cantat, our GESS Choir was awarded a silver medal in recognition of its good performance.

In the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), Gessians were exposed to intellectually challenging questions and were required to utilise their critical thinking skills to solve problems. Once again, we performed well with Secondary 2 and 3 students achieving above national average scores. More recently this year, we had two teams placing in the top 20 for the Total Defence N.E.mation competition in spite of stiff competition from more than 200 entries. If your child/ward is a member of any of these teams, please celebrate the success with him/her. We continue to build confidence in our students so that they have the courage and strength to face the uncertain world.



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2. Gessian Experience Week (25 March to 28 March)

Gessian Experience Week which commences on 25 March is segmented for the different levels so that the programmes planned are age appropriate and aligned to school's Student Development and 21CC objectives:

Level	Programme
Sec 1	GESS Learning Festival which includes academic modules such as Science busking and Wanderlust. Students will also do Code For Fun and Dance modules. Venue: School
Sec 2	GESS Life Camp Venue: Sarimbun Scout Camp
Sec 3	GESS Life Camp Venue: MOE Labrador Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre
Sec 4/5	GESS Life Camp aligned to Education and Career Guidance Venue: School

The week will end with the Mother Tongue Fortnight activities on 28 March (for all levels). Different activities have been planned for our students to provide authentic MT learning opportunities and cultural immersion.

3. Sec 2 and 3 Meet-Parent-Sessions 2024

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

- Sec 2 on 12 April 2024 (5 pm – 7pm)
- Sec 3 on 12 April 2024 (5pm – 7pm)

The Sec 2 Meet-Parent-Session will focus on the 2025 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.

4. School Experience & Cultural Immersion To Thailand 20-23 May 2024

To deepen in our students' 21st Century Competencies of global and cross-cultural literacy and sensitivities and to expose them to ASEAN countries, GESS has planned a school experience and cultural immersion to Thailand for selected Sec 3 students in May 2024. Through this programme, students will get to interact with their Thai counterparts in Bangkok or Chiangmai schools and visit places of cultural and historical value. More details of the programme will be shared with you at a later date.

5. Breakfast with Parents

This is a new initiative aimed at strengthening Home-School partnership. We are starting with Sec 1 parents/guardians who will get to meet and interact with the school leaders and key personnel. Our first meeting is scheduled on 5 April 2024 from 8 am to 9 am. Sec 1 parents, please join us for breakfast on this day.



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6. Important Dates for Term 2, 2024

Please refer to pages 4 and 5 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 24 May 2024. Please note that school will keep 1 to 16 June free from school activities, including CCA training, so that Gessians and staff may enjoy a well-deserved holiday break with their family and friends.

ONWARD!

Yours faithfully,

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Important Dates for Term 2 (2024)

Dates	Event	Remark (if any)
21 March (Thur)	d'Arts for Sec 4/5 students (8 pm – 9.30 pm) Play: Falling by Pangdemonium Theatre	
25 March (Mon) to 28 March (Thur)	Gessian Experience Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec 1 Learning Festival in GESS (25-27 March) • Sec 2 GESS Life Camp at Sarimbun Scout Camp, 70 Jln Bahtera (25-27 March) • Sec 3 GESS Life Camp at MOE Labrador Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre (25-27 March) • Sec 4/5 GESS Life Camp in GESS with industrial visits (25-27 March) • MTL Fortnight for all levels (28 March) 	Refer to letters sent for the respective activity for details.
28 March (Thur)	Virtual Parent-Teacher Association AGM (7pm to 8.30 pm)	Details will be sent to parents at a later date.
29 March (Fri)	Good Friday (Public Holiday)	
3 April (Wed)	International Friendship Day	
5 April (Fri)	Breakfast with Sec 1 Parents (8am)	
10 April (Wed)	Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday)	
12 April (Fri)	Meet-Parent-Session for Sec 2 & 3	
19 April (Fri)	Annual Cross Country Meet at Jurong Lake	
22 April (Mon)– 30 April (Tue)	Sec 1 & 2 Health Screening	
23 April (Tue)	Student Leaders' Appointment Ceremony (during weekly assembly period)	
1 May (Wed)	Labour Day (Public Holiday)	
2 May (Thur)	NAPFA 5 Items (Sec 4&5)	
4 May (Sat)	NAPFA 2.4km Test (Sec 2)	
8 May (Wed)	4E5N EL Oral (Preliminary Exam)	
9 May (Thur)	NAPFA 5 items (Sec 2)	



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10 May (Fri)	4NANT EL Oral (Preliminary Exam)	
11 May (Sat)	NAPFA 2.4km Test (Sec 4&5)	
13 May (Mon) – 24 May (Fri)	MTL Intensive Programme for Sec 4Exp/5NA	
14 May (Tue)	Performing Arts-Based Learning (PABL) for Sec 1	
17 May (Fri)	NRIC registration for Sec 3	
20 May (Mon) to 23 May (Thur)	School Experience & Cultural Immersion To Thailand	
22 May (Wed)	Vesak Day (Public holiday)	
23 May (Thur) & 24 May (Fri)	Mid-year Parent-Teacher Conference for all levels Parents/ Guardians of selected students would be invited to meet Form teachers/ key personnel	
27 May (Mon) & 28 May (Tue)	GCE 'O' level Mother Tongue Written Examination 2024 Mother Tongue 'O' level papers (27 May) Mother Tongue Syllabus B papers (28 May)	
29 May (Wed) to 30 May (Thur)	Student Leaders' Camp (29 and 30 May)	
1 June (Sat)– 16 June (Sun)	Staff Protected Time (GESS teaching staff will be on holiday. General Office is open from 8 am to 5 pm on weekdays)	
17 June (Mon)	Hari Raya Haji (Public Holiday)	
24 June (Mon)	First Day of School for term 3	

