



SPRINGFIELD SECONDARY SCHOOL

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TERM 3 LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians of Springfielders,

We hope that you and your child/ward had quality time to bond during the June holidays and we warmly welcome your child/ward back to school!

Term 2 ended on a high note with various academic and non-academic enrichment activities, such as CCA and cohort camps, learning journeys and workshops, Values-in-Action programmes and student bonding activities that extended learning and character development beyond the classroom.

Our students also actively participated in the National School Games (NSG), Singapore Youth Festival (SYF), and Uniformed Groups Competitions and we are pleased to share their achievements in [Annex A1](#).

Below, we have shared what your child/ward can look forward to in Term 3, and we seek your continued home-school partnership in ensuring that that the school remains a safe and conducive space for our students to learn and grow.

1. Student Development Experiences through Sports, Character & Citizenship Education & Leadership

We look forward to a season for student development experiences in Term 3.

- We would be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on 19 July. The activities are designed to help students appreciate the importance of maintaining racial and religious harmony in Singapore's multicultural and multi-ethnic society. Students will be allowed to dress in their ethnic wear for this occasion, and guidelines on attire would be shared with students. Regular school hours and timetable apply on this day.
- The Annual Cross Country would be held on 8 August in conjunction with the school's National Day Celebrations. Apart from building the sporting culture, class bonding through fitness related challenges, there would be activities in the lead up to National Day that aim to deepen an appreciation of Singapore's journey to nationhood and instil pride and a sense of belonging.
- Students will report to school by 7.30am as per usual and will be dismissed by 11am from school. More information will be shared closer to the date.
- Under the National Outdoor Adventure Education Masterplan, all Secondary 3 students are expected to participate in a 5D4N MOE-Outward Bound Singapore (OBS)

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Challenge Programme. Our Secondary 3 students will be participating in this in August this term. Through this programme, we hope to develop students' social emotional competencies such as confidence, resilience, and teamwork.

2. Home-Based Learning (HBL) & Academic Support Programmes

2.1 Home-based Learning days (HBL)

- For Term 3, HBL days for Secondary 1 to 3 students would be on the following dates:
 - 4 Jul, Tuesday
 - 13 Jul, Thursday
 - 26 Jul, Wednesday
 - 20 Oct, Friday
- Secondary 4 and 5 students are to be in school for face-to-face lessons on HBL days. The face-to-face lesson interaction would enable closer supervision and support for students in their graduating year, to better prepare them for the national examinations.

2.2 Academic Support Programmes

2.2.1 Remedial, Consultation & Skills-Based Clinics for targeted groups

- Students who require greater support for specific subjects would have to attend remedial lessons on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Students would be notified by their teachers if they are required to attend this programme.
- Secondary 4 & 5 students have after school academic support daily for revision and timed practices. The Sec 4 & 5 academic support schedule for Term 3 would be shared with all parents.

2.2.2 September Holiday Academic Support Programme for Secondary 4NA & 4NT Students

- Secondary 4NA & 4NT students would be expected to attend the September Study Programme (SSP) on 6 & 7 September 2023 (Wednesday and Thursday). These extra lessons are to provide them with additional support in working towards their national examinations. The subjects allocated for this 2-day intervention programme are the ones being assessed during the first tranche of the N Level Examination, taking place after the September break. We thank you for your support in ensuring that your child/ward is present and ready for the 2-day study programme. Please refer to [Annex A2](#) for the schedule for this programme.

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3. Assessments for Mastery of Learning

3.1 School- Based Assessments & GCE N & O- Level National Examinations

- In Term 3, school-based assessments such as weighted assessments for Secondary 1 to 3 students, and preliminary examinations for Secondary 4 & 5 students sitting for the N-Level and O-Level examination would be conducted to evaluate your child/ward's academic achievement and track their progress in learning. These assessments aim to provide insights into your child/ward's learning and help the school identify areas where they may need further support. Please refer to Annex A3 for the schedule.
- Secondary 4 & 5 students would also be sitting for some of the N-Level and O-Level National Examinations conducted by the Singapore Examination Assessment Board (SEAB). Please refer to Annex A4 for the summary of examinations that would be conducted in Term 3.
- Our students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning through focusing on their academic targets and planning their time well. They are urged to leverage platforms such as consultation periods and remedial lessons to clarify their doubts with their teachers and work on identified areas for improvement to feed forward their learning.
- We would like to enlist the help of parents to partner the school to support your child's/ward's physical and emotional well-being and encouraging a growth mindset in their learning to focus on gaining mastery of their learning.

4. Temperature-Taking Exercise

- The school would be conducting a temperature-taking exercise on 5 July 2023, Wednesday. We seek your co-operation to ensure that your child/ward brings along a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) on the day of the temperature-taking exercise.
- If he/she wishes to purchase an ODT to replace his/her lost or faulty ODT, he/she can do so at the school bookshop from 26 June 2023. As a good practice, your child/ward should keep the ODT in his/her bag at all times, in the event that he/she becomes unwell in school and needs to check his/her temperature.

5. General School and Administrative Matters

5.1 Vehicular Access and Parking Arrangements

- All visitors to the school should park in the visitor lots drawn in white, subject to availability. Only staff members and service providers who work at our school

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premises and are season parking holders are allowed to park in the season parking lots drawn in red.

- Please take note of the arrangements for vehicular access into our school premises:
 - a) Only vehicles with the Springfield Parent car decal are allowed into the school premises to **drop off and pick up** your child/ward. If you require a car decal, please approach your child's/ward's Form Teacher for details on how to request for a car decal that is valid for 2023.
 - b) Our school's main gate will close at 0730 hr daily from Mondays to Fridays during term time to ensure safety and security for students. The re-opening time is reflected in the table below.

Day	Re-opening Time
Monday & Wednesday	1320 to 1800
Tuesday & Thursday	1320 to 1800
Friday	1220 to 1800

- c) Parents/ Guardians may drive into the school to pick their child/ward up only during the timings that the school gate is open. Please note that parents/guardians are not allowed to park and wait as there is limited parking/ waiting space in the school.
- d) Parents'/ Guardian's vehicles are not allowed entry into the school premises at other times, unless there are official reasons to visit the school e.g., to meet child's/ward's teachers during school hours or to pick up child/ward who is unwell. In these situations, parents/ guardians may park their cars at the visitors' lots, subject to availability.

6. School Events and Key Dates for Semester 2

- Please refer to Annex A5 for the key school events and dates for your child/ward in Semester 2.

We look forward to your continued partnership to support the learning and holistic development of our students.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Eleanor Chia
Principal

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Annex A1
Student Achievements in the National School Games (NSG), Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) and Uniformed Groups Competitions

CCAs	Event Name	Achievement
Football	National School Games B Division Championship	Champion (League 4)
Taekwondo	National School Games B Division Championship	Runner-up (B-Division Male Poomsae) 2 nd Runner-up (B-Division Female Poomsae) 2 nd Runner-up (C-Division Male Poomsae) Runner-up (C-Division Female Poomsae) Runner-up (C-Division Male Kyorugi)
Outdoor Pursuits Club	National Schools Bouldering Championships	'B' Division Girls Champion 'C' Division Girls 3 rd
Band	Singapore Youth Festival	Certificate of Accomplishment
Drama	Singapore Youth Festival	Certificate of Accomplishment
Dance	Singapore Youth Festival	Certificate of Distinction
Guzheng	Singapore Youth Festival	Certificate of Distinction
National Cadet Corps (Land)	Unit Recognition Award 2022	Distinction Award
National Police Cadet Corps (Sea)	Unit Overall Proficiency Award 2022	Distinction Award
Boys' Brigade	Blaze Competition	23 rd and 96 th position
Girls' Brigade	National Girls' Brigade Drill Competition	Bronze Award

Annex A2
Schedule for Sec 4NA & 4NT September Study Programme

6 September (Wednesday)				
Class/Subjects	4A	4B	4C	4D
0800 - 1000	Social Studies Venue: 4A, 4B, 4C, 4E, 4F Classrooms and Room 5			CPA Venue: 4D Classroom
1000 - 1045	Break			
1045 - 1245	Social Studies Venue: 4A, 4B, 4C, 4E, 4F Classrooms and Room 5			CPA Venue: 4D Classroom
7 September (Thursday)				
0800 - 1000	Mother Tongue Venue: 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D Classrooms Additional venues: 2A, 2B, 2C & 2D classrooms			
1000 - 1045	Break			
1045 - 1245	4A English 4A Classroom	4B English 4B Classroom	4C English 4C Classroom	4D English 4D Classroom
1245 - 1300	Break			
1300 - 1430	4A	4B	4C	Art Room 1
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School Based Assessments

School-Based Assessment	Level	Period/Date
Weighted Assessment 3	Secondary 1 – 3	17/7/2023 – 18/8/2023
N-Level Preliminary Examination	Secondary 4N(A) and 4N(T)	31/7/2023 – 11/8/2023
O-Level Science Practical Preliminary Examination	Secondary 4EXP, 4N(A) and 5N(A)	26/7/2023, 1/8/2023, 4/8/2023 and 14/8/2023
O-Level Preliminary Examination	Secondary 4EXP, 4N(A) and 5N(A)	21/8/2023 – 30/8/2023 & 11/9/2023 – 12/9/2023
End-of-Year Examination (in Term 4, for early notice)	Secondary 1 – 3	27/9/2023 – 11/10/2023

GCE O/N-Level National Examination

In Term 3, the following national examinations will be conducted by the Singapore Examination Assessment Board (SEAB) and the school.

National Examination	Level	Period/Date
O-Level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) and MTLB Listening Comprehension	Secondary 4EXP, 4N(A) and 5N(A) & Secondary 3 HMT students	4/7/2023
O-Level MTLB Oral Examination		6/7/2023
O-Level MTL Oral Examination		7/7/2023 – 17/7/2023
O-Level English Oral Examination		25/7/2023 – 3/8/2023
O-Level HMTL Oral Examination	Secondary 4EXP	28/7/2023 – 3/8/2023
O-Level Coursework Submission	Secondary 4EXP and 5N(A)	29/7/2023
N-Level English Oral Examination	Secondary 4N(A) and 4N(T)	11/7/2023 – 17/7/2023
N-Level Coursework Submission		15/7/2023
N-Level Basic MTL and MTL Oral Examination		25/7/2023 – 27/7/2023

You may refer to SEAB website for the updated O and N-Level examination timetable.

O-Level: <https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-o-level>

N-Level: [https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-n\(a\)-level](https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-n(a)-level)

Thank you for your continuous cooperation and support in supervising your child/ward in his/her preparation for the national examination.

Calendar of Events (Term 3)

2023 Term 3		
Date	School Event/Activity School/National Examinations	Level Involved
26 Jun	Start of Term 3 Week 1 & Return to School	All levels
27 Jun	Mother Tongue Fortnight	Sec 3
29 Jun	Hari Raya Haji (Public Holiday)	All levels
3 Jul	Scheduled School Holiday, as 2 July (Sun) is Youth Day	All levels
4 Jul	Home Based Learning (HBL) O-Level MT LC exams	Sec 1, 2, 3 Sec 4 & 5 students will report to school for lessons before the O-level MT LC exams
19 Jul	Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day (regular school day)	All levels
26 Jul	Home Based Learning (HBL)	Only for Sec 1, 2, 3 Sec 4 & 5 students will report to school for lessons
8 Aug	Commemoration of National Day cum Cross Country	All levels
9 Aug	National Day (Public Holiday)	All levels
10 Aug	Scheduled School Holiday (day after National Day)	All levels
14 – 18 Aug	MOE-OBS Challenge Programme (5D4N)	3A, 3B, 3C & 3D
21 – 25 Aug	MOE-OBS Challenge Programme (5D4N)	3E, 3F & 3G
31 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebrations	All levels
1 Sep	Teachers' Day (School Holiday)	All levels
2 – 10 Sep	September Term Break	All levels