



SPRINGFIELD SECONDARY SCHOOL

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TERM 2 LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to warmly welcome your child/ward back for the start of the new school term. We hope that you and your child/ward had a meaningful and restful break during the March holidays, spending quality time together.

Term 1 concluded on a high note, with our students actively participating in various enriching programmes such as CCA Camps, the National School Games (NSG), and the Sec 3 Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) Camp. These activities provided opportunities for our students to develop holistically through sports, teamwork, and personal growth. It was heartening to see their enthusiasm and dedication throughout these experiences.

We are pleased to share that our Sports CCAs have achieved commendable progress in the NSG. Our B Division Floorball Boys, B Division Floorball Girls, and B Division Football team have successfully advanced to the second round of the competition. This achievement is a testament to their hard work, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

We sincerely appreciate the unwavering support and partnership of our parents/guardians in nurturing and developing our students beyond academics. Your encouragement and involvement play a crucial role in their growth, and we look forward to continuing this collaborative journey with you in the upcoming term.

We would like to provide you with the updates for Term 2.

1 Academic Support Programmes

1.1 MENDAKI Tuition Scheme Programme (MTS) for Sec 1, 2 and 3 Students

The school has partnered MENDAKI to provide academic support to identified students to help them progress in their learning via the MENDAKI Tuition Scheme Programme (MTS). The schedule for the programme is reflected in the table below.

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Level	Day / Time	Subjects Offered
Sec 1	Every Friday, 2.15 pm – 5.15 pm	English and Mathematics
Sec 2	(except for school holidays, public holidays or cohort event)	
Sec 3NA	Thursday, 2.30 pm – 5.30 pm	Science and Mathematics
Sec 3NT	Thursday, 2.30 pm – 5.30 pm	English and Mathematics
Sec 3Exp	Thursday, 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm	Science
	Friday, 2.15 pm – 3.45 pm	Mathematics

1.2 Academic Support for Secondary 4 and 5 students from Term 2 onwards

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

- To give a head start and prepare our graduating students for their 'N' and 'O' level examinations, remedial and skills-based clinics commenced from Term 1 Week 5 for selected students every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. The focus of these sessions are on closing learning gaps and helping students clarify and clear misconceptions that they might have. Similar arrangements for the remedial programme will continue in Term 2.
- Students may also seek consultations with their teachers on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, to clarify doubts.
- CCAs for the graduating students would stand down from 7 Apr 2025, thereafter, students would have daily after-school academic support for revision and timed practices. The schedule would be shared with all parents.

1.2.2 June Study Programme (JSP)

- Secondary 4 and 5 students would be expected to attend June supplementary lessons (JSP) and coursework preparation sessions from 3 Jun (Tue) to 6 Jun (Fri). These extra lessons/ sessions are to provide them with additional support to close learning gaps and prepare for the national examinations. We appreciate your partnership to ensure that your child attends them. A copy of the timetable would be provided closer to the date.

1.2.3 Academic Calendar

- An Academic Calendar has been prepared for our graduating students, outlining key examination dates and important information, including the June and

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September Study Programme dates. This calendar aims to empower students to take ownership of their learning while helping them stay organized and engaged throughout this crucial year. The school would bring the students through the academic calendar in Term 2, Week 1. Parents can also access the academic calendar on the school website in the following link.

<https://sites.google.com/view/ictspringfield/students/timetable/s45-important-dates>

1.2.4 STARS Programme for Sec 3 & 4 Students

- The STARS (Springfielders Taking Action Towards Success) programme for selected graduating students would commence in Term 2. The school has partnered Temasek Junior College and Dunman High School, and their students would be helping to mentor our students and support them in the building of academic skills and confidence while fostering social and emotional development.

2. School Based Assessments – Weighted Assessments (WA2) in Term 2

2.1 *WA2 for all students*

- In Term 2, WA2 will take place from **Week 4 – Week 8 (14 Apr – 15 May)**. Aligned with MOE’s emphasis on fostering intrinsic motivation and holistic development, WAs are designed as progressive checkpoints to help students consolidate knowledge, skills, and understanding of their learning.
- The synopses for the various subjects for WA2 will be sent out via Parents’ Gateway. Similar to WA1, your child/ ward’s teachers will share the specific dates of the assessments with them directly.

2.2 *School-based examinations for Secondary 4 and 5 students*

- To help our graduating students prepare for the national examinations, school-based examinations would be conducted for the Mother Tongue and English Languages from mid-April to early-May. These prelims serve as a crucial checkpoint to help students assess their readiness and identify areas for improvement. The detailed schedule is appended in **Annex A**.
- The preliminary examinations for the other subjects for both GCE N- and O-Level will take place in Term 3.
- Students taking the Nutrition and Food Science subject would need to sit for two practical examinations: the Investigation and Execution examinations, as part of the O and N level requirements. The dates and timings are listed in **Annex A**.

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Students would be informed by their respective coursework supervisors of the specific date assigned to them for the examination by Term 2 Week 2.

3. Home-based learning days (HBL)

- Home-based learning days are scheduled on the dates listed below. Do note that Secondary 4 and 5 students would not have any more HBL days after 24 March and are to be in school for face-to-face lessons or school-based assessments on HBL days.

Date	Remarks
24 March (Monday)	All levels on HBL.
11 April (Friday)	Sec 1- 3 on HBL. Sec 4 & 5 in school for lessons.
7 May (Wednesday)	Sec 1 -3 HBL Sec 4 & 5 in school for Sec 4 & 5 Internal Mother Tongue Language exams.
22 May (Thursday)	Sec 1-3 on HBL. Sec 4 & 5 in school for EL Oral Prelim Examination

4. Reminders on CCA Attendance

- CCAs are a key component of students' holistic education. Through CCAs, students discover their interests and talents. CCAs also provide platforms for students to develop their character, learn values, social emotional competencies, and other relevant skills to prepare them for future challenges.
- As attendance for CCA is compulsory, parents are requested to ensure that your child attends CCA regularly. If your child is unwell, a Medical Certificate covering his/her absence would need to be provided to the CCA teacher in-charge. In accordance with the school rules, a maximum of 5 letters of absence from parents are permissible per semester for valid reasons. Any additional instances of non-attendance will be marked as absent without valid reason and could impact a student's conduct grade and/ or CCA grade.

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5 Key Programmes in Term 2

5.1 *Make-it Matter (MIM) Programme*

- Building on our efforts to start and end each term on a positive note, the school has embarked on a new initiative, **Make-it-Matter (MIM) programme**. Designed to enhance students' socio-emotional well-being, self-regulation, and 21st century competencies, MIM will take place in the first week of Terms 2 to 4, providing targeted developmental opportunities tailored to students' needs, fostering self-directed and confident learners.
- The inaugural MIM Day for Term 2 will be on 25 March and will engage all Sec 1 to 5 students in purposeful learning experiences. Lower secondary students will focus on Self-Management and Organizational Skills using the Google suite of tools, while upper secondary students will be working on Time Management. All students will also be involved in Setting Targets for themselves, so as to inspire them to work towards their goals. In addition, Sec 2 and 3 students will participate in preparatory work to get them ready for the upcoming trips under the Global Education Programme.
- Through MIM, we aim to create a meaningful and enriching start to each term, ensuring every student is equipped with the skills and mindset for success.

5.2 *STEMpathy Sec 2 Signature Programme*

- STEMpathy is an interdisciplinary programme to develop our students holistically in Community Youth Leadership and enable them to apply what they have learnt in the school's STEM curriculum - sustainable living and food security.
- The objectives of STEMpathy are to:
 - Develop social awareness in students to convey respect and empathy to people in the community.
 - Draw on different perspectives and strategies to apply learnt knowledge and skills.
 - Plan and organize programmes with others that contribute to the community, with support.
- Through the STEMpathy programme, and in collaboration with Family Central's Intergenerational Learning Programme (ILP), Sec 2 students will interact with seniors to forge bonding and promote intergenerational learning through activities that promote a healthy lifestyle, such as senior-friendly sports, and art and craft activities. Preparation for the activities would take place during curriculum time (CCE lessons) from Week 4 to Week 7.

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- The schedule for interaction with the seniors for the Sec 2 classes is appended below

Date	Time	Class
19 May 2025 (Mon)	2.30pm – 5.30pm	2D
26 May 2025 (Mon)	2.30pm – 5.30pm	2A
27 May 2025 (Tues)	2.30pm – 5.30pm	2B
28 May 2025 (Wed)	2.30pm – 5.30pm	2C

5.3 *Springfield Awards Day 2025*

- Springfield Awards Day presents the opportunity to recognize students, staff and partners who have accomplished outstanding achievements or made valued contributions to the school. This ceremony will take place on **11 Apr 2025, from 3.30pm – 6.30pm**, and parents of award recipients will be invited to the event. More information will be shared with relevant parents.

5.4 *Student Leaders' Investiture*

- The school has various groups of student leaders – Student Councillors, Peer Support Leaders, CCA Leaders, Environment Ambassadors and Class Committee Leaders. Our student leaders play an important role in influencing the student body positively and providing support and guidance to their peers. The student leaders' investiture during assembly on 16 Apr 2025 aims to recognize and affirm the good work done by our graduating student leaders, and to welcome the new batch of student leaders taking over.

5.5 *Inclusivity Week @ SFSS*

- Inclusivity Week @ SFSS will take place from 14 to 17 April to create awareness of diversity and respecting differences within the school community, and reiterate the importance of safe, respectful, and meaningful peer relationships in the physical and virtual space. Students will get to experience activities led by peer support leaders, as well as partnering organizations.

5.6 *Humanities Week*

- For Humanities Week from 5 to 9 May, students will get to explore the past, present and imagine the future through engaging experiences that extend the learning beyond the classroom.

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5.7 Parent-Teacher Meeting Day

- Parent-Teacher Meeting Day will take place on **30 May 2025** and provides the opportunity for all parents to engage with our teachers to learn more about the progress of your child/ ward. There will be option for parents to meet with teachers online or in-person. More information will be shared with parents.

A summary of school events/ programmes for Term 2 is as follows:

Programme	Level(s)/ Groups involved	Dates/Remarks
Make-it-Matter (MIM) programme	Sec 1 - 5	25 Mar
UG/VPA Graduation Ceremony	Sec 1 - 5	1 Apr, 4.00 – 5.00pm
Springfield Awards Day	Sec 1 - 5	11 Apr, 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Student Leaders' Investiture	Sec 1 - 5	16 Apr, during assembly
CCA Stand-down for Sec 4/5	Sec 4 & 5	7 Apr
HBL Days	Sec 1 – 3	11 Apr, 7 May, 22 May
Springfield Inclusivity Week	Sec 1 - 5	14 – 17 Apr
Humanities Week	Sec 1 – 5	5 – 9 May
STEMpathy Sec 2 Signature Programme	Sec 2	19 May, 26 – 28 May, 2.30pm – 5.30pm
Parent-Teacher Meeting Day	Sec 1 - 5	30 May (Fri)
GCE O & N-Level NFS Practical Exam	Sec 4 & 5	16 – 25 Apr, 26 – 30 May
MTL Prelim Exam (Oral, Written, Listening Comprehension)	Sec 4 & 5	14 – 17 Apr, 21 – 25 Apr, 2 & 7 May
MTL Intensive Revision Programme	Sec 4 & 5	23 – 28 May
EL Prelim Oral Exam	Sec 4 & 5	8, 15 May
GCE O-Level MTL Exam	Sec 4 & 5	2 Jun
June Study Programme (JSP) Coursework Preparation	Sec 4 & 5	3 – 6 Jun

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With the above-mentioned structures and processes in place to support the learning of our students, we would like to enlist the support of parents/guardians in partnering the school to reinforce their implementation and encourage your child's holistic development.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal



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Annex A

School Based Examination for Mother Tongue Languages for Sec 4 & 5 Students

Date	Type of Examination	Subject	Subject Codes
14 – 17 Apr	Oral	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GCE N(A)-Level MTLGCE N(T)-Level Basic Mother Tongue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1196 / 11971202 / 1203
21– 25 Apr	Oral	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GCE O-Level MTLMother Tongue B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1148 / 11601151 / 1153
2 May	Listening Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GCE O-Level MTLMother Tongue B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1148 / 11601151 / 1153
7 May	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GCE O-Level MTLMother Tongue B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1148 / 11601151 / 1153

For Sec 4 & 5 Students taking O and N level Nutrition and Food Science (NFS)

Practical Examinations

The O and N level requirements for students taking the Nutrition and Food Science subject require them to sit for two practical examinations: the Investigation and Execution examinations. The dates and timings are listed below. Students will be informed by their coursework supervisors of the specific date assigned to them for the examination by Term 2 Week 2.

Investigation – Examination Schedule			
Date	Time	Class	Coursework Supervisor
16 Apr	12.50 to 3.00pm	Sec 4ABC (1 st group)	Ms Grace Ang Ms Ita Pranatih
17 Apr	12.50 to 3.00pm	Sec 4ABC (2 nd group)	Ms Grace Ang Ms Ita Pranatih
23 Apr	12.50 to 3.00pm	Sec 4D (1 st group)	Ms Ita Pranatih
24 Apr	12.50 to 3.00pm	Sec 4EF (1 st group) Sec 4ABC (3 rd group)	Ms Ida Rahayu Ms Grace Ang
25 Apr	12.50 to 3.00pm	Sec 4EF (2 nd group) Sec 5A (1 st group)	Ms Ida Rahayu Ms Grace Ang

Execution – Examination Schedule			
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Date	Time	Class	Coursework Supervisor
26 May	12.50pm to 4.00pm	Sec 4D (1 st group) Sec 4ABC (3 rd group)	Ms Ita Pranatih Ms Grace Ang
27 May	12.50pm to 4.00pm	Sec 4ABC (1 st group)	Ms Grace Ang Ms Ita Pranatih
28 May	12.50pm to 4.00pm	Sec 4ABC (2 nd group)	Ms Grace Ang Ms Ita Pranatih
29 May	12.50pm to 4.00pm	Sec 4EF (1 st group)	Ms Ida Rahayu
30 May	9.20am to 12.30pm	Sec 4EF (2 nd group) Sec 5A (1 st group)	Ms Ida Rahayu Ms Grace Ang

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