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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **2022 Term 4 Letter**

The first 3 terms had passed by safely with God watching over every GEM staff and students. During these past three years, we changed the set of programmes that we ran and the way that we carried them out in order to meet the SMM guidelines and keep our GEMS and staff safe. Moving forwards, we are thankful that Singapore has arrived at the current SMMs where many of the programmes can now be carried out similar to pre Covid-19 times. As we start our planning for 2023 this year end, we look forward to a refreshed set of programmes that will develop our students holistically. In Term 4, we will continue to focus on developing GEMS as passionate learners, courageous leaders and caring citizens with emphasis on the value of 'Mastery' and the theme of 'Celebrating Success'.

This term, our graduating cohort will sit for their N- or O-Level Examinations and graduate from GMS(S). For the Secondary 1 to 3 GEMS, they will continue to be diligent and more self-directed in their preparation for the end-of-year assessments.

Aligned to the theme of 'Celebrating Success', we will affirm GEMS' achievements at the Prize Presentation Ceremony on 28 Oct (Fri). At the Open House on 26 Nov (Sat), they will showcase their talents and strengths to P6 students and parents keen to join GMS(S).

N-Level Listening Comprehension will take place on 12 Sep (Mon) and 13 Sep (Tues) for our 4NA/NT cohort from 2.30pm. To provide a more conducive environment for them, all other students will be dismissed at 1.45pm. There will be no CCAs, remedials and consultations on both afternoons.

We look forward to your continuous partnership and we wish your child a successful Term 4 ahead. Keep safe and healthy!

Yours sincerely,

Principal  
Mr Victor Owyong

**(A) Key School-Wide Events**

Date	Event	Level	Remarks
12 Sept (Mon)	GM Prayer and Praise, 230pm	All	All parents, alumni and students
12 Sep (Mon) - 22 Sep (Thu)	N-Level Examinations (Part 1)	Sec 4N	Students to report 45 minutes before their paper. Lessons will resume on 23 Sep (Fri).
12 Sep (Mon) - 13 Sep (Tue)	N-Level Listening Comprehension	Sec 4N	All other students will be dismissed at 1.45pm
16 Sep (Fri)	CCAs stand down	Sec 1-3	
28 Sep (Wed) –13 Oct (Thu)	End-Of-Year Examinations	Sec 1 to 3	Schedule had been distributed to students in Term 3 Week 10.
30 Sep (Fri)	Sec 4/5 Graduation Service	Sec 4/5	Students to report to school as usual.
3 Oct (Mon) - 13 Oct (Thu)	N-Level Examinations (Part 2)	Sec 4N	Students to report 45 minutes before their paper.
3 Oct (Mon) – 13 Oct (Thu)	Study Break	Sec 4E/5N	Students are encouraged to stay at home and e-consult their teachers.
3 Oct (Mon) 11 Oct (Tue) 13 Oct (Thu)	GCE O-level Physics Practical GCE O-level Biology Practical GCE O-level Chemistry Practical	Sec 4E	Students to report according to their shift reporting time.
6 Oct (Thu)	GCE O-level Combined Science Practical Exam	Sec 4E/5N Sec 4N(A) OSS	Students to report according to their shift reporting time.
14 Oct (Fri) - 11 Nov (Fri)	O-Level Examinations	Sec 4E/5N Sec 4N OSS	
14 Oct (Fri)	Marking Day	All	Students are not required to come to school
24 Oct (Mon)	Deepavali School Holiday		
25 Oct (Tue)	Moderation & Promotion Exercise		
28 Oct (Fri)	Prize Presentation Ceremony	Sec 1-3	Students will be dismissed at 10.30am
21 Nov (Mon) - 25 Nov (Fri)	Work Experience Programme	Selected Sec 3	Students who are selected will be informed at a later date.
26 Nov (Sat)	Open House	All	Students who are involved will be informed at a later date

## **(B) STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES**

### **1. GM Prayer and Praise**

This will take place via Zoom on 12 Sep (Mon) from 2.30pm. It is a time to pray and fellowship, drawing strength and grace from God and one another. All are welcome. Zoom details will be sent out nearer the date. Please send an email to Mr Chin Khai Ying at [Chin\\_khai\\_ying@schools.gov.sg](mailto:Chin_khai_ying@schools.gov.sg) for more information.

### **2. Student Welfare**

With the End-of-Year Examinations for Sec 1-3 approaching, we encourage parents/guardians to monitor your child's mental and physical well-being. If your child is displaying some out-of-character behaviours like not sleeping or eating well or being quieter and withdrawn, please contact his/her Form Teacher or the school counsellors. For students who need financial assistance for essentials like food, stationery or transport, they are encouraged to apply through their Form Teachers.

### **3. Student Management**

We appreciate the support from parents to encourage our GEMS to be regular and on time for school. We hope to continue to improve on this positive trend. As students are spending more time on their digital devices, we encourage parents to monitor your child's screen time and usage and help them be more responsible users of social media.

### **4. CCA Matters**

CCAs will stand down from 16 Sep (Fri) to ensure students have sufficient time to prepare for the End-Of-Year Examinations. CCAs will resume on 17 Oct (Mon). Year-end training schedules and camps will be made known to the students in due course.

### **5. Student Leadership**

In term 4, we will consolidate our learning and continue to hone the leadership competencies and skills of our student leaders in preparation for the new year.

- a. Sec 2 & 3 CCA Leaders Meeting - 15 Sep and 20 Oct (Thurs)
- b. Sec 1 Class Chairpersons and Vice-chairpersons Meeting - 20 Oct (Thurs)
- c. Combined House Committee & Student Council Camp - 8 to 10 Nov (Tues - Thurs)
- d. GEMS Leaders Preparatory Camp - 16 to 18 Nov (Wed to Fri)
- e. GEMS Leaders Booster Session - 28 Dec (Wed)

These trainings/camps will adhere to national safe management measures. Consent forms will be issued closer to the dates.

### **6. Prize-Presentation Ceremony and Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)**

Students will receive their results slips on 28 Oct (Fri). Please acknowledge and sign on them before they are collected back by their teachers on the first day of school in 2023. PTM is upon request and you can book your slot through an online platform which will be shared at a later date. The Prize Presentation Ceremony will be held on 28 Oct (Fri) to celebrate GEMS' achievements and success.

### **7. Open House**

GMS(S) Open House will be held on 26 Nov (Sat) from 9 to 12 noon, showcasing our curricular and co-curricular programmes. Our Principal will also be addressing prospective students and parents. More details will be published on the school's website and facebook page nearer the date. Students involved will also be informed nearer the date.

## **(C) LEVEL ACTIVITIES**

### **1. Sec 1 ACE Programme (for selected students)**

This programme which started in February has helped our students start the year right with the learning and practice of study skills and SEL competencies. Students connected with significant adults who journeyed with them throughout the year as they learn and grow.

In Term 4, there will only be 1 session on 14 Sep (Wed). As such, on Wednesday, students will be dismissed after their last lesson at 1.45 pm,

Date: 14 Sep (Wed)

Time: 1.45 pm - 3.15 pm

Venue: SPR 101 & SPR 201

### **2. SHINE Programme for Sec 1**

As part of the post-exam programme, all Secondary 1 students will take part in the SHINE Programme workshops which aim to broaden students' learning experiences and meet their varied learning needs through applied learning. This programme is an extension of our Student-Initiated Learning programme. Students collaborate and learn together based on their interest and passion.

These workshops are subsidised by the school and the amount payable by each student is \$15. Students who are citizens can tap on the Edusave fund while students who are Permanent Residents or hold Foreign Student's Pass will pay the amount in cash at the General Office if they have not signed up for GIRO services. Further information on the workshops, schedule and payment method will be shared at a later date.

Students will need to pay \$15 for the programme if they are absent without valid reason or MC.

### **3. Subject Combination Matters for Sec 2**

After the End-Of-Year Examinations, Sec 2 students will select their 2023 Sec 3 subject combinations. Another briefing will be conducted with the students nearer the date.

### **4. Sec 2 NT ACE Programme**

This programme started in February to help students develop the ability to reflect and lead through healthy living, outdoor appreciation and service learning. As the programme had ended in Term 3, students will be dismissed after their last lesson on Tuesdays at 1.45 pm.

### **5. Sec 2 N(T) Experience ITE Programme @ ITE College East**

Students will report to school in full school uniform for the usual morning assembly and a 2-way transport will be provided.

Date: Sep 14 (Wed)

7.15 am - 7.45 am (Morning assembly in school)

7.45 am - 12.45 pm (Programme at ITE, traveling time)

12.45 pm to 1.45 pm (Follow normal timetable. English lesson.)

### **6. Multimedia, Music, Art, Dance and Drama (MADD) Fiesta for Sec 2**

The MADD Fiesta is part of the school's Aesthetics development programme, conducted as part of the post-examination programme, to give students an opportunity to discover an aspect of the Arts that interests them. Workshops will include Micro:bits, Digital DJ-ing, Mural Painting, Hip Hop Dance and Guitar. These workshops are subsidised by the school and National Arts Council. The balance payable by each student is \$35. Students who are citizens can tap on the Edusave fund while students who are Permanent Residents or hold Foreign Student's Pass will pay the amount in cash at the General Office if they have not signed up for GIRO services. Further information on the workshops, schedule and payment method will be made available at a later date.

## **7. Sec 2 NE Cum Art Appreciation Programme - The LKY Musical for selected students**

This musical is part of GM's NE efforts to foster a sense of belonging and emotional rootedness to Singapore.

Date: 14 Sep (Wed)

Time: 1430-1730 (2 way transport provided)

## **8. Work Experience Programme for selected Sec 3**

There will be a Work Experience programme organised by the Education and Career Guidance Committee. This experience will take place from 21 Nov (Mon) to 25 Nov (Fri) with relevant organisations. Sec 3 students who are interested can sign up for this programme when application opens, or approach Ms Sylvia Lai or Ms Abelyn Quek for more information.

## **9. Graduation Service for Sec 4/5**

This event will be held on 30 September (Fri) from 10:15 to 11:45am, followed by a lunch reception. This Service acknowledges the contributions and achievements of our graduating students in the co-curricular areas and shares some advice for their journey beyond the gates of GMS(S).

## **10. Sec 4E/5N Study Break**

A study break has been scheduled before the national examinations from 3 Oct (Mon) to 13 Oct (Thurs). Students are advised to remain at home to do their self-revision or e-consultation unless arrangements have been made with their teachers, with permission granted by the school.

## **(D) ACADEMIC UPDATES**

### **1. Humanities Sec 3 Online Geographical Investigation (GI)**

As part of geographical inquiry, all Sec 3E Geography Elective and Core Geography students will investigate the following issues: Singapore tourism, how tourism has shaped Singapore's economic development and real-world tourism. Through this online group investigation project, students will acquire data collection and representation skills.

### **2. Post-Exam Remediation/Consultation for Sec 1-3**

These lessons will be conducted for identified students to bridge their learning gaps and enhance their understanding before they return in 2023. The remediation lessons will be conducted for 8 days from 31 Oct (Mon) to 9 Nov (Wed).

## **(E) ASSESSMENT MATTERS**

### **1. National Examination Matters**

Students sitting for the national examinations are reminded to bring their Entry Proof, NRIC or foreign identification documents and thermometers when they report to school.

#### **1.1 GCE N-Level Written Examinations**

This will commence on 13 Sep (Mon), over two periods:

Part 1: 12 Sep (Mon) - 22 Sep (Thu)

Part 2: 3 Oct (Mon) - 13 Oct (Thu)

4N students will not need to report back to school after Part 2 of the N-Level Examinations. They will be informed by their Form Teachers when the release date of results is confirmed.

#### **1.2 GCE O-Level Science Practical Examinations**

Physics: 3 Oct (Mon)

Combined Science: 6 Oct (Thu)

Biology: 11 Oct (Tues)

Chemistry: 13 Oct (Thu)

### **1.3 GCE O-Level Written Examinations**

This will take place from 14 Oct (Fri) to 11 Nov (Fri).

Students will take their study break immediately after the Graduation Service, before their National Examinations.

## **2. Assessment for Sec 1-3**

### **2.1 End-Of-Year Examination**

The End-Of-Year Examination for Sec 1 to 3 will be held from 28 Sep (Wed) –13 Oct (Thu). The exam time-table was distributed to your child/ward in Term 3 Week 10.

Students need not report to school on 14 Oct (Fri), Marking Day and 25 Oct (Tue), Moderation and Promotion Day.

### **2.2 English Language Oral Examinations**

#### Oral Exam Dates:

Sec 2E/N(A): 21 Sep (Wed) from 2.15pm to 6.00pm.

Sec 3E/N(A): 14 Sep (wed) from 2.15pm to 6.00pm.

Sec 2N(T)/3N(T): The oral examinations will be conducted during the end-of-year examinations. Students can refer to the examination timetable for details.

#### Other information:

For Sec2E/N(A) only: The video stimuli will be available on the SLS from 14 September.

For 2N(T) only: The video stimuli will be available on the SLS from 3 October.

Students will be briefed by their EL teachers on how the oral examinations will be conducted and how to prepare for them.

### **2.3 Mother Tongue (MT)**

Lower Sec MT Oral Examinations will be conducted during the end-of-year examinations and the schedule is indicated in the examination time-table. Oral passages had been given to the students to prepare and practise at home. In addition, teachers have also prepared the students during lesson time.

Term 4 MT GEMS Challenge will comprise local learning experiences where students will experience a virtual tour of a Chinese city and interact with Singaporean undergraduates studying in universities in China. More details will be provided to the students and parents by the teacher in-charge in due course.

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