

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL

14 March 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to furnish you with the following key information for the forthcoming Term 2:

- 1. Key Events in Term 2
- 2. SASS Work Experience Programme
- 3. Reinforcing Social Skills at Home
- 4. Strengthening School-Home Partnership

1. KEY EVENTS IN TERM 2

1.1 Educational & Career Guidance (ECG) Experiences

Students will explore post-secondary possibilities during Careers Week via the following programmes:

Level	Date	Programme
All levels	24 – 28 March	ECG on the Move roving exhibits
Selected Secondary 2 students	4 April	WorldSkills Singapore 2025
Selected Secondary 3 students	24 – 26 March	Applied Learning Modules (ApLM)
Selected Secondary 4 & 5 students	24 – 28 March	eSAJC Immersion Programme
Secondary 4 & 5 students	24 – 28 March	Career Talks

1.2 Hari Raya Puasa Holiday (31 Mar, Mon)

As 31 March, Hari Raya Puasa, is a public holiday, lessons will resume on 1 April, Tuesday.

1.3 School Cross-Country (4 Apr., Fri)

The SASS Cross-Country will take place on 4 April, Friday, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at OCBC Square at Sports Hub and Geylang Park Connector. Students are to report at OCBC Square at Sports Hub by 7:50 AM.

1.4 **SYF Celebration**

Our Performing Arts CCAs will be participating in the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentations at the following dates. We wish them all the very best!

- Band: 4 April 2025, 4.05 4.50 p.m., Singapore Concert Hall
- Choir: 8 April 2025, 4.00 4.30 p.m., SOTA
- Drama: 14 April 2025, 3.20 3.50 p.m., Gateway Theatre

1.5 NAPFA Test (7 Apr, Mon to 2 May, Fri)

Secondary 2 students will take their NAPFA test during PE lessons in Term 2, Weeks 3 and 4 (7 April to 18 April), while Secondary 4 and 5 students will take theirs during PE lessons in Term 2, Weeks 5 and 6 (21 April to 2 May).

1.6 **2026 Sec 3 Subject Selection Briefing for Parents of Sec 2 Students (10 Apr, Thu)**

Parents of Secondary 2 students will be invited to attend an online briefing on the 2026 Secondary 3 subject options on 10 April, Thursday, at 6.00 p.m. More details will be provided via Parents Gateway nearer the date.

1.7 Good Friday Holiday (18 Apr., Fri)

As 18 April, Good Friday, is a public holiday, lessons will resume on 21 April, Monday.

1.8 Weighted Assessment 2 (21 Apr, Mon – 16 May, Fri)

Secondary 1 to 5 students will sit for Weighted Assessments (WA) 2 from 21 April, Monday, to 16 May, Friday. A detailed schedule will be furnished in due course.

1.9 English Language and Mother Tongue Languages Internal Oral Examinations (28 Apr, Mon – 7 May, Wed)

From 28 April to 7 May, the English Language (EL) and Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Departments will be conducting the Oral Examinations for Secondary 4 and 5 students.

 The MTL oral examinations will be held from 28 April to 2 May. Results attained in the school's MTL oral examinations will be counted as part of the Preliminary Examinations for Secondary 4N(A) and 4N(T) students. Secondary 4Exp and 5N(A) students will use their GCE O-Level Mid-Year achievement as their MTL Preliminary Examinations result.

- The EL oral examinations will be held from 5 to 7 May. Results attained in the EL oral examinations will be counted as part of the Preliminary Examinations for all Secondary 4 and 5 students.
- Attendance for the oral examinations is compulsory, and absence must be supported by a medical certificate. Students will be informed by their EL and MTL teachers on their scheduled sessions.

1.10 Labour Day Holiday (1 May, Thu)

As Labour Day falls on 1 May, Thursday, lessons will resume on 2 May, Friday.

1.11 Vesak Day Holiday (12 May, Mon)

Vesak Day falls on 12 May, Monday, and lessons will resume on 13 May, Tuesday.

1.12 Mother Tongue Languages Intensive Programme (26 – 29 May, Mon – Thu)

An Intensive Programme will be conducted for 4N(A), 4Exp and 5N(A) students offering MTL at Express Level, including Chinese 'B' Syllabus, from 26 to 29 May to prepare them for the MTL O-Level Written Examination that will take place on 2 June, Monday.

S/N	Date	Time/Duration	Remarks
1.	26 May, Mon	0830-1330	Clinic sessions and Timed Practices (Respective Classrooms)
2.	27 May, Tue	0830-1330	Recess break from 10.00 to 10.40 a.m.
3.	28 May, Wed	0830-1330	Students who require 1-to-1/small group consultation may arrange with their
4.	29 May, Thu	0830-1330	respective MTL teachers between 2.30 and 5 p.m.

1.13 Saints Development Programmes (28 May, Wed and 29 May, Thu)

Students will be involved in an array of activities in the last week of the term.

Level	Date	Activities	
Secondary 1	28 May	Saints Care Day	
	29 May	Sports Festival and Learning Journey to Farms	

Secondary 2	28 May	Saints Care Day
	29 May	Sports Festival and Subject Experience
Secondary 3	28 May	Learning Journey to Navy Museum
	29 May	NRIC Presentation Ceremony and Sports Festival
Secondary 4 and 5	28 May	Learning Journey to Marina Barrage
	29 May	Sports Festival

1.14 Saint-Parent-Teacher Conference for Term 2 (30 May, Fri)

Saint-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC) for Secondary 1 to 5 students will be held on 30 May, Friday, between 12.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m.

1.15 Structured Remedial

Remedial lessons will commence in Term 2 for all levels, to provide additional support for students who have fallen behind academically for various reasons. These sessions are compulsory for selected Secondary 4 and 5 graduating students who require more support. Each remedial session will last 40 minutes, and subject teachers will notify the selected students of the date and time of their remedial sessions.

1.16 Timed Practice for Graduating Classes

As part of the preparations for the national examinations, timed practice sessions for selected subjects will be arranged for students in graduating classes in Terms 2 and 3. More information will be shared through Parents Gateway in due course.

1.17 Mid-Year School Holidays (31 May, Sat to 29 Jun, Sun)

School holidays will begin on **31 May, Saturday.** Students will return to school on **30 Jun, Monday**, for the commencement of Term 3.

2. St Andrew's Secondary School Work Experience Programme for Secondary Three [21 to 24 October 2025]

2.1 Following our letters dated 24 January and 6 March 2025, we would like to thank parents and guardians who responded positively and provided opportunities for our Secondary Three students to have a work experience with your company or organisation.

2.2 We continue to seek your valuable support in partnering us to provide meaningful work experience and learning opportunities for our Secondary Three students as part of the St Andrew's Secondary School (SASS) Work Experience Programme (WEP). If your company or organisation can offer such opportunities, we would appreciate if you could kindly indicate your interest by completing this form:

https://forms.moe.edu.sg/forms/vKLgb7.

For more details, please refer to the attached documents:

- 1. Aims & Students' Roles and Responsibilities during WEP
- 2. Terms of Reference for Companies/Organisations

We deeply appreciate your support in making this programme a meaningful and enriching experience for our students. Thank you for your kind consideration.

3 REINFORCING SOCIAL SKILLS AT HOME

3.1 To support your child/ward's growth, you may wish to reinforce two of the school values: Self-Discipline and Excellence. You may wish to use the behavioural outcomes listed below to have a conversation with your son/ward or to guide him in his development.

Exemplary Character (Leading Self) - WISE

Saints pursue wisdom through a passion for learning, having a healthy sense of wonderment about the world, and active reflection of God-centred values.

(Proverbs 2:10-12)

Self-Discipline

A Saint wants to be known for his selfcontrol. He perseveres because he wants to finish well.

Excellence

A Saint relentlessly strives to exceed his personal best, celebrating high endeavour as its own reward.

Behavioural Outcomes:

- Manages own feelings
- Obeys school and class rules
- Takes responsibility for own learning
- Is punctual
- Minds his language
- Attends CCA regularly

Behavioural Outcomes:

- Works hard to achieve targets
- Takes pride in his work
- Assumes leadership in class, CCA & student government

4. STRENGTHENING SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP

- 4.1 We seek the kind understanding of all parents/guardians to contact our teachers via email for non-urgent matters. The teachers' email addresses are available on the school website for ready reference. Please be informed that our teachers are not expected to provide their personal phone number to parents.
- 4.2 Should you need to contact the teachers urgently, please call our school's office at 62851944. The teachers may be contacted during the weekdays from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. They are also not expected to respond to parents' and students' queries during the weekends except for emergencies. We seek your gracious consideration to allow our teachers personal space and rest time on weekends and weekday evenings.
- 4.3 Further to the above, the teachers may only be able to respond on the next working day if they were not contactable or unable to access their email promptly during the day or if the queries and/or requests were made beyond the stipulated hours.

We look forward to a fruitful partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Lee Han Hwa Principal