



ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL

19 June 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to furnish you with the following key information for the forthcoming Term 3:

1. Key Events in Term 3
2. Reinforcing Social Skills at Home
3. Updates on Vaping Matters
4. Strengthening School-Home Partnership

1. KEY EVENTS IN TERM 3

1.1 Youth Day Holiday (1 Jul, Mon)

Youth Day falls on 30 June, Sun and Mon, 1 July will be a school holiday. Lessons will resume on 2 July, Tue.

1.2 86th Prefects Commendation (2 Jul, Tue)

The Prefects Commendation Service on 2 July, Tue, will witness the commendation of Secondary 3 Senior Prefects assuming the leadership of the 86th Prefectorial Board for 2024-2025 as well as the appointment of Secondary 2 Prefects.

1.3 National Day Holiday (9 Aug, Fri)

National Day on 9 August, Fri will be a public holiday. Lessons will resume on 12 August, Mon.

1.4 Early Dismissal for Sec 1, 2, 3, 4N(A) & 4N(T) due to National Examination (3 Jul, Wed)

In view of the GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Languages Listening Comprehension Examination in the afternoon, students from Secondary 1, 2, 3, 4N(A) and 4N(T) will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m. on 3 Jul, Wed.

1.5 Home-Based Learning Days for Sec 1 to 3 during National Oral Examinations (23 Jul, Tue to 25 Jul, Thu)

The GCE O-Level and N-Level Oral Examinations for graduating students will be conducted from 23 to 25 July 2024. All Secondary 1 to 3 students will attend home-based learning during the three days and will not be required to report to school.

1.6 Suspension of Tech Goodness It’s Friday (TGIF) in Semester 2

In view of the three full days of home-based learning on 23 to 25 July, TGIF will not be scheduled for Term 3 and Term 4. All students will report to school as usual including odd week Fridays.

1.7 National Examinations

Secondary 4 and 5 students will be sitting for the following National Examinations.

Date	Subject	Time
3 July	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension	PM session
4 – 12 July	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Oral Examination	PM session
22 July	GCE N(A)/N(T)-Level English Oral Examination	PM session
	GCE O-Level English Oral Examination	
	GCE O-Level Higher Mother Tongue Oral Examination	
23 July	GCE N(A)/N(T)-Level English Oral Examination	AM session
	GCE N(A)/N(T)-Level Mother Tongue Oral Examination	Full day
	GCE O-Level English Oral Examination	AM session
	GCE O-Level Higher Mother Tongue Oral Examination	AM session
	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue B Oral Examination	PM session
24 July	GCE N(A)/N(T)-Level English Oral Examination	Full Day
	GCE N(A)/N(T)-Level Mother Tongue Oral Examination	Full Day
	GCE O-Level English Oral Examination	Full Day
	GCE O-Level Higher Mother Tongue Oral Examination	AM session
	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue B Oral Examination	PM session
25 July	GCE N(A)/N(T)-Level English Oral Examination	AM session

	GCE N(A)/N(T)-Level Mother Tongue Oral Examination	Full Day
	GCE O-Level English Oral Examination	AM session
	GCE O-Level Higher Mother Tongue Oral Examination	Full Day
	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue B Oral Examination	PM session
26 July	GCE O-Level English Oral Examination	Full Day
31 July	GCE O-Level Chinese (Special Programme) Oral Examination	PM session

1.8 School-Based Assessments

The dates of our school-based assessments in Term 3 are listed below. Details will be furnished in due course.

Assessment	Date
Weighted Assessment 3 (Sec 1 to 3)	15 July to 16 August
4 N(A) and 4 N(T) Preliminary Examinations	22 July to 6 August
4 Exp and 5 N(A) Preliminary Examinations	5 to 28 August

Please also note for **Lower Secondary Geography (Sec 1 & 2)**, Weighted Assessment 4 will be conducted in the first week of Term 4, after the September school holidays, on 9 to 13 September. The students are advised to set aside time during the school holidays to prepare for the assessment.

Assessment	Date
Weighted Assessment 4 (Sec 1 & 2, Geography)	9 to 13 September

Information on the remaining assessments in Term 4 will be provided in the next term letter to parents.

1.9 162nd Founder's Day (23 Aug, Fri)

The school celebrates its 162nd Founder's Day this year with the theme: "Thanksgiving". There will be a combined SAJS-SASS Thanksgiving Service followed by a prize presentation segment. Parents and guardians of prize winners will be invited to attend the event.

1.10 Saints Care Day (28 Aug, Wed)

Saints Care Day is our community outreach event aimed at being a blessing to the Potong Pasir community. This year, the school will be showcasing our green initiatives and eco-stewardship efforts and reaching out to elderly in partnership with Viriya Community Services and Calvary Community Care. Saints will also be presenting their student-initiated learning projects. All students will be reporting to school as usual.

1.11 Teachers' Day, Staff Appreciation Day Celebration and Last Day of Term (29 Aug, Thu)

Our school will be celebrating Staff Appreciation Day on Thu, 29 August. Fri, 30 August is a scheduled Teachers' Day school holiday and will mark the commencement of the September school holidays until Sun, 8 September. If your son/ward wishes to show his appreciation to his teacher and other staff in school, please note that the most appropriate gift would be a handmade card with an encouraging message.

Students will return to school on **9 September, Mon**, for the commencement of Term 4.

2. REINFORCING SOCIAL SKILLS AT HOME

2.1 In conjunction with our on-going effort to nurture positive behaviours, build grit and foster stronger bonds of friendship amongst students, you may wish to reinforce these social skills to enable your son/ward to reflect on himself and regulate his emotions: *Reflecting and Improving*. Your support will go a long way in ensuring our boys apply the skills taught in and beyond school.

2.2 Key steps for 'Reflecting and Improving':

- a) Think about the situation you are in.
- b) Identify your behaviour and feelings.
- c) Consider if your behaviour is appropriate for the situation.
- d) Identify other behaviours that would be helpful for the situation.

3. UPDATES ON VAPING MATTERS

3.1 Our school takes a firm stand against vaping and smoking, which are serious offences that warrant disciplinary actions, including suspension and/or caning for boys. We ask for your strong support in our enforcement of school rules that aim to develop our students' character and discipline and for their holistic well-being.

Material on the negative effects and consequences of vaping has been shared with all the students. We have attached the material for your reference so that you may have a serious discussion with your child/ward regarding vaping, which is illegal in Singapore. You may also access resources on Parent Hub at <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>.

4. STRENGTHENING SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP

4.1 Parents may contact our teachers via email for non-urgent matters. The teachers' email addresses are available on the school website for ready reference. Should you need to contact them urgently, please call our school's office at **62851944**.

We look forward to a fruitful partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Lee Han Hwa
Principal