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## ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL

2 Sep 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to highlight to you the following key information as we enter the last leg of the academic year:

1. Key Events in Term 4
2. School Promotion Criteria
3. Update on Removal of Mobile Guardian
4. Reinforcing Social Skills at Home
5. Start of School Term in 2025
6. Acknowledgment of Contributions
7. 162<sup>nd</sup> Founder's Day Prize Winners

### 1. KEY EVENTS IN TERM 4

#### 1.1 Attire for School

Term starts on **Mon, 9 September**. Students are to report to school by 7.50 a.m. in **full school uniform with school tie**. Starting from Term 4, all students are to report daily in full school uniform (school tie is compulsory only on Monday) which is an essential part of their school identity. The resumption of wearing of full uniform has taken into consideration the lower average temperatures for the last term.

All students are required to be ready for the new school term, with a haircut that meets the prescribed standards and in accordance with school rules.

We seek your support in reminding your son/ward of the above expectations regarding their attire and grooming.

#### 1.2 School-Based Assessments

The following school-based assessments will be held in Term 4:

- a) Sec 1 and Sec 2 Weighted Assessment for Geography (WA 4): 9 to 13 September
- b) Sec 3 (all Teaching Groups) Mother Tongue Language Oral Examinations: 9, 11, 12 and 13 September
- c) Sec 1 and 2 (G2 & G3) Mother Tongue Language Oral Assessment online submission: 27 September, Fri, 5.00 p.m.
- d) Sec 1 to Sec 3 End-of-Year Examinations: 25 September to 8 October

### 1.3 National Examinations

Secondary 4 and 5 students will sit for the following examinations:

- a) GCE N(A) & N(T)-Level Examinations will take place over two phases. The first phase is from 9 to 18 September. The second phase will take place from 30 September to 8 October.
- b) GCE O-Level Examinations will take place from 17 October to 11 November.

In view of the GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension examinations on **Tue, 10 September** afternoon and **Thu, 12 September** afternoon, school will be dismissed at **12.00 p.m.** on these two days.

### 1.4 Structured Remedial and Revision Programmes

To prepare students for the upcoming school-based assessments and national examinations, the following study programmes will be conducted:

- a) Structured Remedial for selected graduating students will be carried out in the afternoons from Mon, 23 September to Thu, 26 September for 4 Normal (Academic), and Mon, 9 September to Thu, 26 September for 4 Express and 5 Normal (Academic).
- b) Intensive Revision for 4 Express and 5 Normal (Academic) will be conducted from Mon, 16 September to Fri, 27 September.
- c) Intensive Revision for 4 Normal (Academic), Phase 2, will be conducted from Mon, 23 September to Fri, 27 September.

### 1.5 Commencement Ceremony for Graduating Classes (27 Sep, Fri)

The Commencement Ceremony to honour our graduating students will take place on 27 September, Fri, at 11.00 a.m. All Secondary 4 and 5 students are to be fully attired in the school shirt, pants and tie.

### 1.6 Marking Day (9 Oct, Wed)

Students will not be required to report to school on Wed, 9 October which is set aside for teachers to complete the marking of the end-of-year examination papers.

### 1.7 Post-Examination Activities (17 Oct, Thu & 18 Oct, Fri)

Secondary 1, 2 and 3 students will be involved in an array of activities on Thu, 17 October and Fri, 18 October.

Level	Activities
Sec 1	Healthy Lifestyle, Education & Career Guidance at Lifelong Learning Institute, Cyber Wellness Programme
Sec 2	Learning Journey to Singapore Science Centre, Cohort Hike
Sec 3	Careers Day, Service Learning Day

More information will be provided to students after their end-of-year examinations.

### 1.8 **Promotion Exercise (22 Oct, Tue)**

The annual Promotion Exercise will be held on Tue, 22 October. Students will not need to report to school on that day.

### 1.9 **Confirmation of Course Options for Secondary 2 (17 Oct, Thu to 8 Nov, Fri)**

Secondary 2 students will submit their Course Selection via All Ears from Thu, 17 October 7.00 a.m. to Mon, 21 October 5.00 p.m.

The results of Course Allocation will be released on Wed, 30 October, at 5.00 p.m.

The appeal period for Course Selection will be from Fri, 1 November 7.00 a.m. to Mon, 4 November 5.00 p.m.

The appeal results will be released on Fri, 8 November, at 5.00 p.m.

### 1.10 **School Dismissal Time (14 Oct, Mon to 23 Oct, Wed)**

In view of the O-Level Examinations starting on 17 October, school will be dismissed at 1.00 p.m. from Mon, 14 October to Wed, 23 October.

### 1.11 **End-of-Term Service (24 Oct, Thu)**

The End-of-Term Service will be held on Thu, 24 October and students will be dismissed at 10.50 a.m.

### 1.12 **Parent-Teacher Conference for Term 4 (25 Oct, Fri)**

Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) for selected Secondary 1 to 3 students will be held on 25 October, Fri, between 8.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. Parents and guardians of selected students will be informed.

## 2. **SCHOOL PROMOTION CRITERIA**

- 2.1 The promotion criteria for courses and levels is shown in the table below. We seek your support in setting appropriate targets for your son/guardian and guiding him in doing his best. Together, we aim to help each boy realise his potential.

Academic Level	Course	Criteria for Promotion	Action Taken if criteria is not met
Secondary 1	Not applicable	No common academic requirement for promotion. All students will progress to Secondary 2.	Not applicable
Secondary 2	Express	• Pass in English Language (EL); <b>AND</b>	Lateral Transfer to Sec 3N(A)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall percentage of all subjects combined <math>\geq 50\%</math></li> </ul>	
	Normal (Academic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass in EL and 2 other subjects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>Pass in 4 subjects</li> </ul>	Retained at Sec 2N(A)
	Normal (Technical)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass in EL or Maths; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Pass in 1 other subject</li> </ul>	Retained at Sec 2N(T)
Secondary 3	Express	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass in EL; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Pass in 2 other subjects</li> </ul>	Retained at Sec 3E
	Normal (Academic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass in EL and 2 other subjects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>Pass in 4 subjects</li> </ul>	Retained at Sec 3N(A)
	Normal (Technical)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass in EL or Maths; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Pass in 1 other subject</li> </ul>	Retained at Sec 3N(T)

### 3. UPDATE ON REMOVAL OF MOBILE GUARDIAN

- 3.1 Since the issue of Mobile Guardian was first reported on 5 August 2024, the school has successfully removed Mobile Guardian from most of our students' iPads, following the Ministry of Education's (MOE) directive to prevent further security breaches. Some students' iPads are currently under repair; once they are ready, please ensure that your son/ward brings his device to our school's IT Department to confirm that Mobile Guardian has been properly removed. We appreciate your understanding and your son's/ward's patience during this period of transition. Your son/ward can connect to the school's Wi-Fi and continue using his device for learning.

At this time, there is no Device Management App installed on your son's/ward's device. This presents an opportunity for him to exercise self-discipline in his use of the device. Our school's internal network will continue to filter out undesirable websites. If you need further assistance in managing your son's/ward's device usage, please refer to the message sent through Parents Gateway on 20 August 2024, titled "Support for Parents on Activating Built-in Parental Controls on iPad PLD."

We will keep you informed of any further developments.

#### **4. REINFORCING SOCIAL SKILLS AT HOME**

- 4.1 To best support your child's/ward's growth, you may wish to reinforce three skills they have learnt over the year, for continued application in the coming months.
- 4.2 Key steps for these social skills are:
- a) Organising Tasks and Time
    - 1. List all tasks to be done.
    - 2. Estimate the time needed to complete each task.
    - 3. Rank tasks based on deadlines, time needed and importance.
    - 4. Prepare a schedule for your tasks.
    - 5. Complete tasks according to your schedule
  - b) Reflecting and Improving
    - 1. Think about the situation you are in.
    - 2. Identify your behaviour and feelings.
    - 3. Consider if your behaviour is appropriate for the situation.
    - 4. Identify other behaviours that would be more helpful for the situation
  - c) Asking for Help
    - 1. Look for someone who can help you.
    - 2. Check if the person has time to help.
    - 3. Describe the problem to the person. Be specific
    - 4. Listen if advice is given. Reflect on it.
    - 5. Thank the person sincerely.

#### **5. STRENGTHENING SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP**

- 5.1 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**.

#### **6. START OF SCHOOL TERM IN 2025**

- 6.1 The new academic year will commence on Thu, 2 Jan 2025. School starts at 8 a.m. Students are required to report to school by 7.50 a.m. in full school uniform with their school badges pinned.

#### **7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

- 7.1 Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all parents and guardians for your generous support and partnership in nurturing the boys in their holistic development.

#### **8. 162<sup>ND</sup> FOUNDER'S DAY AWARDEES**

- 8.1 The school celebrated our 162<sup>nd</sup> Founder's Day on 23 August 2024, Fri. Our heartiest congratulations to all Saints and Staff for their achievements and hard work. To access the full list of prize-winners and awardees, you may scan the QR code below.



Up and On!

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Lee Han Hwa  
Principal