



4 May 2020

Principal's Letter to Parents

Thanksgiving for Term 2, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am sending this letter at the end of a very unusual term for all of us. Term 2 has seen our PL-Lites, your families and our teachers spending most of the past month adapting and learning through new modalities. I am thankful that PL(Sec) has been kept safe through this very trying period. We, now, look forward to a month-long mid-year break. Do take time to continue to bond as a family and get to know your daughters better through spending quality time together.

Do catch the 2020 Term 2 Farewell Assembly for PL-Lites in this link
https://drive.google.com/open?id=14AaLUxV81UdXttzYxzl_rfwej34DRE-0

1. Extended Circuit Breaker Measures

As we are still in the midst of the extended Circuit Breaker period, all families are reminded of the following:

- PL-Lites have to continue to inform the Form Teachers immediately if there should be anyone in their same households who are Confirmed cases, or have been placed on HQO or SHN.
- PL-Lites must stay at home and must not be going to each other's houses for visitation or stay-overs.
- There should not be any travel overseas in accordance to the MOH travel advisory.

2. Promoting Cyber Wellness

We would like to emphasise the importance of practising safe and responsible use of computing devices during the holidays.

Please refer to the following relevant Cyber Wellness resources for parents on:

- Managing screen time from the Media Literacy Council:
<https://www.betterinternet.sg/Resources/Resources-Listing?topic=screen+time&persona=everyone>
- Other MOE cyber wellness resources for parents
<https://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents>



3. Revised Mid-term Holidays and Term 3 dates

Due to developments in the COVID-19 situation, the Mid-Year School Holidays have been moved forward. Term 3 will start on **2 Jun 2020 (Tue)**. Term 3 will last for 14 weeks, ending on 6 Sep 2020 (Fri). Schools will also have an additional Mid-Term Break from **20 July to 26 July 2020**.

	Start Date	End Date
Full Home-Based Learning	7 Apr (Tue)	4 May (Mon)
Mid-Year School Holidays	5 May (Tue)	1 Jun (Mon)
Term 3	2 Jun (Tue)	6 Sep (Sun)
Mid-Term 3 Break	20 Jul (Mon)	26 Jul (Sun)
September Holidays	7 Sep (Mon)	13 Sep (Sun)

4. Assessment updates

(a) School-based Assessments

We have made some changes to the weightages of the school-based assessments due to the cancellation of Term 2 Common Tests for our Sec 1- 3 and Term 2 Prep Exams for our Sec 4/5.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Sec 1 – 3 Assessment	Graded Assignments/ Projects/ Class Quizzes	Common Tests	Common Tests	EOY Exams
old	10%	15% (Cancelled)	15%	60%
(Revised) All subjects except...	10%	-	20%	70%
(Revised) Sec 2 Art, Sec 1&2 FCE, Sec 1&2 D&T	0%	--	30%	70%
Sec 4E/4N/5NA Assessment	Common Tests	Prep Exam (Cancelled)	N-level Prelims O-level Prelims	---

(b) National Assessments

SEAB has announced adjustments to GCE N(T)-, N(A)- & O-Level examinations. The details are published on <https://www-seab-gov-sg-admin.cwp.sg/docs/default-source/publiccommunications/press-releases/2020/adjustments-to-gce-level-coursework-submission-deadlines-and-exam-dates-for-h3-subjects-taught-by-aus.pdf> .

The following are key changes to the national examinations:

- Revised schedule for the MTL examinations:

Subject Examined	Original Date	Rescheduled Date
O-level Mother Tongue Language (MTL)	1 June 2020	18 June 2020 (Thurs), 2 pm
O-level Mother Tongue Language B (MTL B)	2 June 2020	19 June 2020 (Fri) 2:30 pm
O-Level MTL and MTL B Listening Comprehension	21 Jul 2020	27 Jul 2020 (Mon) 2.30 pm
O-level Higher Mother Tongue Language Oral Exam	27 July – 3 Aug 2020	28 July – 4 Aug 2020

- Revised coursework national deadlines and task requirements:

Subjects	Weighting of Coursework	Old National Submission Deadlines	Revised National Submission Deadlines	Revised Reduced Task Requirement
GCE N(T) Elements of Business Skills	40%	15 May 2020	29 May 2020 29 Jun 2020	--
GCE N(A)-Level Food and Nutrition	60%	13 July 2020	27 July 2020	Instead of 3-4 dishes, candidates will be required to prepare only 1 dish for the execution criteria
GCE O-Level Food and Nutrition	60%	3 August 2020	18 August 2020	
GCE O-Level Art	60%	22 September 2020	No Extension	--
Music	To be advised by SEAB	4 September 2020	No Extension	Ensemble performance removed
Higher Music		4 September 2020	No Extension	

5. Programmes during the May School holidays

(a) For Sec 1 – Sec 4/5 PL-Lites

- PL-Lites are encouraged to rest, do their holiday homework and self-study to consolidate learning for the topics learnt.
- Each week, the teachers will be sending the PL-Lites 3 emails - on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays:
 - Mon – *Weekly Bites* (from Mrs Quek to inspire PL-Lites for the week)
 - Wed - *BuzzLite: To Cyberwellness and beyond!* (from the YHs, YCs to instil good cyber wellness habits)
 - Fri – *AH (Active, Healthy) PL-Lites* (from PE/CCA dept teachers to remind PL-Lites to keep a healthy body and mind)

(b) For Sec 4/5 PL-Lites

The following programmes have been planned to ease anxiety felt by graduating students and teachers, especially for those taking the upcoming O-Level MTL exams.

- May Hols Week 1 – Sec 4/5 MT Timed-practice papers for the girls at home, MT HBL, MT Online Consultation
- May Hols Week 4 – Sec 4/5 Online Consultations for all subjects (via Zoom/Google Meet through online booking of teachers' schedules), MT HBL, MT Online/ *Lessons in school, Sec 4/5 Pure Lit and E Lit HBL

**More details on Week 4 lessons held in school will be sent to the girls via email, closer to the date.*

Please encourage the wise use of time this May hols for your daughter to review her growth in learning and take proactive measures to close her learning gaps.

6. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 3, 2020

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 3, 2020. The plans below are premised on an improvement in the national COVID-19 situation, e.g. drop in community infections, gradual loosening of Circuit Breaker measures.

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
Praise God for Calling us to Shine as Leaders	2 June 2020 (Tues)	Term 3 Welcome Assembly
	4 June 2020 (Thurs)	Sec 4 and 5 Sec 4/5 MTL Prep Exam
	8 June 2020 (Mon)	Sec 3 NRIC Presentation Ceremony
	18 June 2020 (Thurs)	GCE O-Level MTL Exam, 2 pm (Whole school to be dismissed at 12.50 pm)
	19 June 2020 (Fri)	GCE O-Level MTL Syllabus B Exam, 2.30 pm (No early school dismissal. Normal time-table for all)
	24 June 2020 (Wed)	2020 Prefects' Installation
	24-26 June 2020	School-based O- & N-Level MTL/EL Oral Exams
	26 June 2020 (Fri)	2020 Sec 4/5 ECG Conference
Praise God for our Youth	5 Jul 2020 (Sun)	Youth Day
	6 Jul 2020 (Mon)	Youth Day School Holiday
	7 – 13 Jul 2020	Sec 1 – 3 Common Tests
	7 – 17 Jul 2020	GCE O-Level MTL Oral Exam
	15 Jul 2020 (Wed)	2020 Racial Harmony Carnival cum Sec 1 FIS
	17 Jul 2020 (Fri)	2021 Sec 3 Subject Combination Briefing for Sec 2 parents and PL-Lites
	13 – 17 Jul 2020	2020 PL(Sec) Leadership Week
	21 Jul 2020 (Sun)	Father's Day
	19 – 24 Jul 2020	1-week Mid-term break

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	27 Jul 2020 (Mon)	GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension Exam (Whole school to be dismissed at 12.50 pm)
	28 Jul – 4 Aug 2020	GCE O-Level Higher MTL Oral Exam
	28 Jul – 14 Aug 2020	N-Level Prelim Exam
	31 Jul 2020 (Fri)	Hari Raya Haji
Praise God for Singapore	5, 6, 11, 18 Aug 2020	O-Level Science Practical Prelim Exam
	9,10 Aug 2020	National Day Holidays
	12 – 26 Aug 2020	GCE O-Level EL Oral Exam
	20 Aug – 1 Sep 2020	O-Level Prelim Exam
Praise God for His Empowering	2 Sep 2020 (Wed)	Teacher-Meets-Parents (8 am – 5 pm) 2020 Post-Sec Educational Institutes Fair (9 am – 12 nn)
	3 Sep 2020 (Wed)	Term 3 Farewell Assembly 2020 Teachers' Day Celebrations 2020 ACES Day
	4 Sep 2020 (Fri)	Teachers' Day School Holiday 'Eat with Your Family' day
	7 - 11 Sep 2020	Term 3 One-week School Holiday

Please check the school website (<http://plmgss.moe.edu.sg/>) for regular updates on the school programmes and other administrative matters. Do also follow us on our Facebook page for the happenings in and around the school (<https://www.facebook.com/PLMGSAumni/>).

Thank you for your support and for partnering us to care for your daughters.

Have a restful May holidays ahead!

Warmest Regards,

Mrs Quek

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