



30 May 2025

# **Principal's Letter to Parents**

## *Thanksgiving for Term 2, 2025*

Dear Parents/Guardians

All Glory to God for our girls' learning, growth and achievements! We would like to share this short video we prepared and presented to the girls at the start of our Pit-Stop Week, where we encouraged them to reflect on their experiences and learning this Semester: <https://go.gov.sg/pl2025sem1highlights>. I hope this will give you a glimpse into the exciting lives of our girls at PLMGS(Sec) since January.

We are also thankful for our teachers and parents' support and partnership in Semester 1, and look forward to work more closely together in Semester 2.

Please find below some key information for the school holidays and upcoming Semester.

### **1. 2025 Learning@PL – Important Information and Updates**

#### **i. Development of Emerging 21<sup>st</sup> Century Competencies (E21CC)**

Undergirded by sound character building, one of the key focus in schools is the development of E21CC. This equips our students with the skills, knowledge and disposition to live, learn and work in rapidly changing, highly digitalised, and interconnected environments. The E21CC include the following:

- Critical, Adaptive and Inventive Thinking
- Communication, Collaboration and Information Skills
- Civic, Global and Cross-Cultural Literacy

At PLMGS(Sec), students are developed in E21CC in their whole school experience; during lessons in and out of class, at CCAs, and at the various cohort activities and programmes.

#### **ii. Mid-Year Holiday Homework and Timetable for Semester 2**

Our Sec 1-3 students were given time during the mid-year pit-stop programme to consolidate the various holiday homework and plan their holiday schedule in class with their FTs. The amount of homework to be completed is manageable for the students and helps them bridge their learning gaps as well as be meaningfully engaged during the holidays.

All students will also receive their Semester 2 Timetable uploaded to the school website on 27 June, Friday, the week before Term 3 starts.

### iii. Immediate Support for Graduating Cohort

Academic Subject Preparations The entire PL family has been praying for our Sec 4/5 PL-Lites who will be taking their GCE O-Level MTL Examination on Monday, **2 June 2025**. This will be followed by an Intensive Academic Programme for our graduating students over **3 to 6 June and 23 to 26 June**, (1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week of the June Hols), where teachers will use this additional time to bridge learning gaps and better prepare our PL-Lites for Semester 2 and their final lap, towards the Preliminary Exams and National Exams. Students involved will be informed by their teachers the sessions they need to attend. Students are also encouraged to book consultations sessions with their teachers between 23 to 26 June. A general schedule of the programme has been shared with parents via PG.

DSA-JC, EAE-Polytechnic, EAE-ITE Sec 4/5 PL-Lites will have to delve deeper into post-secondary options and admissions exercises and programmes from May 2025. Direct School Admission (DSA) to Junior Colleges (JCs) and Early Admissions Exercise (EAE) to the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) for admission in 2026 will commence in May. Applications for early admission to the polytechnics based on course-specific aptitude and interests will start in June 2025 respectively.

Please refer to the following websites for more information.

DSA-JC (for O-level students): <https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/dsa>

Poly-EAE (for O-level students): <https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/poly-eae>

ITE-EAE (for O/N-level students): <https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/ite-eae>

Night Study To support our graduating cohort, our Night Study Programme (NSP) will commence in Term 3. Some of our graduating PL-Lites have requested for a more conducive study environment in school. NSP will start on Friday, **4 July**, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., unless fewer than 15 girls sign up for that day. Detailed Information on NSP schedule and how to sign up will be emailed to the students during the last week of the June holidays.

## 2. Student Services during June School Holidays

The operating hours of the General Office during the holidays:

- Non-protected period (2 – 6, 23 – 27 June): 7.30am – 6.00pm (except 2 June due to GCE O-Level MTL Examinations where we will operate from 7.00am)
- Protected period (9 – 20 June): 8.00am – 5.30pm

The drinks stall in our canteen will operate from 2 – 6 June from 8.00am to 1.00pm. Students who are returning to school for the national examinations, CCA practices and lessons may purchase drinks and fruits from the stall during their breaks. The snack-vending machine will also be re-stocked daily. Students can bring and consume their own snacks during their breaks.

The school bookshop will be closed during the June school holidays.

The library will remain open as usual to allow girls to revise and address their learning gaps. Opening hours for the school library are:

- Monday – Thursday: 8.00am to 5.00pm
- Friday: 8.00am – 4.30pm

Due to our librarian's annual leave and training, the library will be closed on 13 to 18 Jun.

### 3. Highlights of Key School Events

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 3, 2025. Our Term 3 Theme "A Friend Who Serves" is supported by the monthly foci shown below.

Month Focus	Dates	Key Events
Serve in every way	30 Jun, Mon	2025 Term 3 commences Principal's Welcome Assembly Vice-Principal Term 3 Safety Briefing  House Practice 3.20pm- 5.00pm (for all students); there will be no CCA on that day. The change in date of House Practice (previously 5 May) is due to GE school holiday off-in-lieu.
	1 – 3 Jul, Mon – Wed	Applied Learning Modules for selected Sec 2 (with mainly G1/G2 subjects)
	2 Jul, Wed	Class Committee Term 3 Check-in (for selected student leaders)
	3 Jul, Thur	Sec 1 BLOOM Programme starts
	3 Jul, Thur	Sec 4/5 Science Practical Practice Session for selected students
	4 Jul, Fri	<i>PL Heartbeat</i> – Youth Day Celebration in the morning. Normal curriculum will follow after 9.50am.  There will be no CCA except for Girls' Brigade.
	5 Jul, Sat	Parenting Workshop – 5 Love Languages cum FGD Discussion with Focus on the Family, Singapore
	<b>7 Jul, Mon</b>	<b>Youth Day School Holiday</b>
	8 Jul, Tue	GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension <i>Early dismissal at 12.50pm.</i>
	14 – 18 Jul, Mon – Fri	GCE O- and N-Level National Oral Examinations
	15 – 17 Jul, Tue - Thur	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 4/5)
	21 Jul, Mon	Racial Harmony Day Sharing
	24 Jul – 1 Aug, Thur – Fri	N-Level Preliminary Examinations
	24 Jul, Thur	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 3)
	29 Jul, Tue	Sec 4/5 Science Practical Practice Session for selected students
	31 Jul, Thur	Sec 4/5 Science Practical Practice Session for selected students
Serve faithfully	5 Aug, Tue	Sec 4 Pure Biology Science Practical Session
	5 – 7 Aug, Tue – Thur	American Mathematics Competition (for relevant students)
	7 Aug, Thurs	PL Excellence Awards rehearsal (3.30pm -5.30pm)
	8 Aug, Fri	National Day Celebrations & PL Excellence Awards for CCA Prize-Giving
	9 Aug, Sat	National Day
	11 Aug, Mon	National Day (school-off-in-lieu)
	12 Aug, Tue	Sec 4 Pure Physics Science Practical Session
	13 – 14 Aug, Wed – Thur	Sec 3 MTL Oral Examinations
	14 Aug, Thur	Sec 4 Pure Biology Science Practical Session

	18 Aug, Mon	O-Level Science Practical Preliminary Examinations
	19 Aug – 3 Sep, Tue – Wed	O-Level Preliminary Examinations
	20 Aug, Wed	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 3)
	25 – 29 Aug, Mon – Fri (Curriculum Time)	Sec 2 Oral and Listening Comprehension Examination
Serve and be a beacon	3 Sep, Wed	Teachers' Day Appreciation High Tea for all Staff  There will be no lessons or school activities after 2.30pm. All PL-Lites are advised to head home after 2.30pm on that day as the school will be closed.
	4 Sep, Thur	Teachers' Day Celebrations Principal's Term 3 End-of-Term Assembly
	5 Sep, Fri	<b>Teachers' Day School Holiday</b>
	8 – 12 Sep, Mon – Fri	<b>1-Week School Holiday</b>
	8 – 9 Sep, Mon – Tue	N-Level Intensive Revision
	10 Sep, Wed	CCA-break for End of Year Examination preparation till 15 Oct
	15 Sep, Mon	Start of Term 4  GCE N-Level Written Examination starts Sec 1 MTL Oral and Listening Comprehension Examination (Week 1 Curriculum Time) Sec 3 MTL Listening Comprehension Examination (Week 1 Curriculum Time) Sec 1 - 3 EL Listening Comprehension Examination (Week 1 Curriculum Time)

Every Mon morning, 7.30am at SFE Room or 8am via Zoom	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Monday morning either in school (SFE Room) or via Zoom, for a time of prayer and fellowship. If you are interested to join, please email Mrs Yolanda Gooi at <a href="mailto:yolagooi@gmail.com">yolagooi@gmail.com</a> .
Once a term	<i>Fathers@School</i> is a father-centric group set up to encourage active and involved fathering in PL through purposeful activities and workshops designed to strengthen father-daughter relationships. If you are interested to join, please email Mr Sebastian Teo at <a href="mailto:sebastian.teoch@gmail.com">sebastian.teoch@gmail.com</a> .

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/PAYALEBARMGS>).

#### 4. Tips for parents

Mental health and impact of technology on our girls remain key concerns for our parents. I would like to share two recent issues of our Methodist Message, an official monthly publication of The Methodist Church in Singapore, that address these topics. You may refer to them for deeper insights and strategies.

No.	Focus	Key Ideas	Link
1	Mental Health – Vol. 126 No. 10 October 2024	<p>We need to help one another and our youths find mental health and well-being for our weary souls.</p> <p>Suggested strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find strength in seeking support</li> <li>• Address the underlying traumas</li> <li>• Navigate the storm of family conflict</li> <li>• Find a way forward</li> </ul> <p>This issue also shared different support resources.</p>	<a href="https://issuu.com/methodist.message/docs/mm_oct_024">https://issuu.com/methodist.message/docs/mm_oct_024</a>
2	Identity in a modern, tech-based world – Vol. 127 No. 6 June 2025	<p>Inundated by many channels of mass communication, advertising, social media etc., our youth's identity is constantly questioned and challenged.</p> <p>There are resources that trigger parents' approach regarding their children's use of technology and social media. Reflective questions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much are your children exposed to and influenced by social media?</li> <li>• Are you ready to monitor and limit social media exposure so as to engage your children in other activities to promote positive body image and self-esteem?</li> </ul>	Online version should be uploaded soon. You may wish to conduct a google-search in time.

This holiday, take time to rest, recharge and spend time with your family and daughter. Strong families are the bedrock of our society. They are crucial to develop resilient individuals. Families mould character and values, and shape our girls' personality and beliefs.

In this regard, thank you in advance for your continuous support and I look forward to deepening our partnership in nurturing Confident PL-Lites, Passionate Learners, Active Citizens and Inspiring Leaders for Singapore and our society.

Yours faithfully  
Ms Amy Ng  
Principal