

22 March 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

HIGHLIGHTS FROM TERM 1

The Start Right Programme, which took place during the first three days of school, allowed our teachers to check in with Crestans on their socio-emotional well-being after a long break. It was also a time to help our Sec 1 students transit smoothly from primary school to secondary school. Through a range of activities, our Crestans bonded with one another, while learning how to support their peers. We were heartened to see the seniors stepping up to help the Sec 1 students, especially when they advised their juniors regarding CCA options. Teachers also used this time to understand the needs of our Crestans' families better through home visits. With clear expectations set in the Start Right Programme, Crestans were ready to start the new year on the right foot!

Our Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) and sports programme provided Crestans a chance to explore their interests and passions, as well as develop important life skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and communication. We observed much enthusiasm from Crestans when students from the Sports CCAs represented the school at the National School Games (NSG) in February 2025.

A Class Committee Ceremony was also conducted to recognise the different leadership roles our Crestans take up in the classroom. It was a proud moment for them as each student leader went on stage to receive their certificates of appointment from the school leaders.

During the Chinese New Year celebration, we continued our unique Crest tradition— the Crestan Lions. Innovatively designed with recycled materials by the Sec 2 students, the Crestan Lions always bring much joy and laughter to everyone, staff and students alike.

The Keep Right Programme for Term 1 took place from 17 February 2025 to 21 February 2025. Fun activities were planned for our students to lead them to reflect on Term 1. The Sec 1 students enjoyed "Camp Ready" with their classmates and bonded well at this 4D3N camp that ended spectacularly with a campfire!

The Sec 2s had their Go Overseas And Learn (GOAL) programme where they had a cultural immersion experience in Cambodia, Vietnam, or Sarawak. For the Sec 3s, they participated in the 4D3N Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp, where they built resilience, embraced diversity and bonded as a class. The Sec 4s went through ECG packages as part of their Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Learning Journey, and pitched their skills against other classes through the inter-class handball competition.

In short, Term 1 was an exciting and productive term, and I am pleased to share that the Crestans have been making excellent progress towards being adventurous, benevolent and charismatic.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN TERM 2

We attach the **Term 2 Schedule of Key Programmes and Activities (Annex A)** for your reference. Some of the key programmes and activities are highlighted in the rest of this letter.

STUDENT COUNCIL INVESTITURE

The Student Council Investiture will take place on 30 April 2025, Wednesday. On this day, our Sec 2 students will be officially appointed as Student Councillors, and several Sec 3 students will be taking on Executive Committee (ExCo) and Senior Councillor positions. During the investiture, we will also be presenting Certificates of Appreciation to our Sec 4 Student Councillors to thank them for their service to the school. We wish them the very best as they hand over their duties to their juniors and focus on preparing for their national examinations.

CREST AWARDS DAY 2025

We are excited to celebrate our annual **Crest Awards Day**, a special event that recognizes our students' excellence in academics, vocational skills, and character. On this day, there will be **no school in the morning**, and students are to **report by 2:45 PM**. The event details are as follows:

Event	Crest Awards Day 2025
Date	23 May 2025, Friday
Time	2:45 PM – 5:00 PM
Venue	Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)

^{*}Parents of award recipients will be invited for the ceremony this year.

More details will be shared closer to the event. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our Crestans!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA)

All Secondary 2 and 4 students will take the **National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test** in Term 2. The test comprises six stations, including a 2.4 km run. Students will be provided with ample opportunities to build up their fitness gradually, and the test will be conducted from 5 May 2025 to 23 May 2025 (Term 2 Week 7 to Week 9) during PE lessons.

There will be a school **Cross Country Event** on 29 May 2025, Thursday, at Jurong Lake Gardens. All students will report directly to the venue. More details will be provided closer to the date.

A CCA Leaders Investiture will be conducted on 16 May 2025, Friday to recognize the Secondary 4 students for their contributions in their respective CCAs and officially appoint the Secondary 3 CCA leaders. All Secondary 4 students will step down from CCA at the end of Term 2 to prepare for their national examinations.

SECONDARY 1 TO 4 TERM 2 ASSESSMENTS AND GCE N-LEVELS EXAM TIMETABLE

There will be no mid-year examination for all Secondary 1 to 4 students. In its place will be a termly Weighted Assessment for academic subjects, which will be held from 14 April to 16 May (Term 2 Week 4 to Week 8). Details of each assessment will be provided by your child's/ward's subject teachers.

In preparation for the GCE N-Level examinations, Secondary 4 students will sit for their EL oral examination simulation, as well as the preliminary oral examination for both EL and MTL in Term 2. The details are shared in the **Term 2 Assessment Schedule (Annex B)**.

The 2025 GCE N-Level examinations timetable (as of 8 March 2025) has been published by Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB), please refer to **GCE N-Levels Examinations Timetable (Annex C)**.

AESTHETICS PROGRAMME

Sec 1 students will be experiencing the 'Shake it Up' Performing Arts Programme during their Music and Dance curriculum. Students will be learning how to play various instruments, thereafter integrating their rhythmic composition into a dance and music routine. The programme will culminate with a showcase on the 14 May 2025, Wednesday, during our school assembly. All Sec 1 students will receive a certificate of participation, in addition to the following awards:

- Most improved student (1 per class)
- Best performer (1 per class)
- Class resilience award (5 for the whole cohort)
- Best class performance (3 for the whole cohort)

The Sec 2 cohort will be going through the **Artist-In-School Scheme (AISS)**. This programme that spans across Terms 1 and 2 (10 February - 9 May 2025) is co-designed with local artists who will coach the students in Augmented Reality through Art during their Art curriculum time. The artworks will eventually be exhibited around the school.

IGNITE SKILLS CHALLENGE 2025

Organised by the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), the IgnITE Skills Challenge is an annual national competition for students in the Normal Course. The objectives of the competition are to introduce students to technical skills and to foster a deeper understanding of courses offered by ITE. Challenges are designed to be engaging and fun, so as to make learning enjoyable and memorable. This year, Crest will be sending 69 teams from our Secondary 3 cohort to participate in challenges across 16 categories. Workshops to equip students with the relevant skills for the challenges will be conducted by ITE from 24 March 2025 to 4 April 2025. Thereafter, the preliminary rounds will be held from 14, 15 & 16 April 2025. The finals, for teams that make it through the preliminary round, will be held on 20 May 2025, Tuesday. We wish our teams the very best in the competition.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMME

Secondary 3 students will be undergoing their Industry Experiential Programme (IEP) from 27 October 2025 to 22 November 2025 where each student will be attached to a company to undergo industry exposure. To qualify for ITE Skills Subject Certificate (ISSC), students have to complete the IEP.

A selection process will be put in place by our partner companies in Terms 2 and 3. Students will be informed of the date and time of their interviews.

We strongly encourage the students to open a bank account under their names by the end of March as the companies will need these details for the crediting of their IEP allowance.

Please do not make any vacation arrangements during the IEP period stated above.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

SCHOOL & MISCELLANEOUS FEES

GIRO deduction for the above fees for Term 2 will be on 2 May 2025, Friday. For parents/guardians who have not yet opted for GIRO deduction, we strongly encourage you to do so.

You may visit our school website at https://www.crestsec.edu.sg/apply-for-egiro/ to learn more about the eGIRO process and click on the "APPLY FOR EGIRO" button. The user guide can also be found on the website. For students not on GIRO, please make payment via PayNow (UEN: 201136224W), or approach the Administration Office to make the payment via cash/NETS. For PayNow, please indicate the student's name and last 4 digits of NRIC in the reference field.

CREST PARENTS' ACTIVE LINK (PAL)

Lakeside Family Services has been appointed by MSF since 2019 to deliver parenting support services to Crest Secondary School. Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P) is an evidence-based programme that equips parents with techniques to promote your children's (aged up to 16 years) psychological, social and emotional competence. Triple P is built on a tiered system that provides different degrees of parental support.

Click on the following link below to watch an introductory video to Triple P.

Triple P introduction (6 minutes with testimonies).avi

Triple P is designed to empower you with effective tools and strategies for a loving and resilient family.

	Triple P webinars	Triple P One to One consultation	Topical Talks			
Structure	3 seminars,	3 - 4 individual consultation	1-hour webinar			
(Over Zoom)	totalling 4.5 hours	sessions, 45 minutes each				
	Confidently manage your children's behaviour					
Objectives	2. Prevent problems from developing					
	3. Build strong, healthy relationships with your children					

Take the first step towards empowering your parenting journey.

Kindly complete the Indicate Interest Form at https://go.gov.sg/lfs-iif2025 to receive parenting support tailored to your needs. You may also visit their website at https://lakeside.org.sg/our-services/families-for-life-community or contact them at 65671908 or email: fflc@lakeside.org.sg for more information or assistance.

On top of parenting support, Lakeside Family Services can also help channel parents to other relevant community resources to support families more holistically. All services are fully sponsored by MSF.

SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP - SEC 4 PES AND PSTC FOR ALL LEVELS

A strong school-home partnership is essential to nurture the joy of learning and develop our students holistically. As part of the school's effort to strengthen this partnership, the **Secondary Four Parent Engagement Session** (Sec 4 PES) and the **Parent-Student-Teacher Conference** (PSTC) will be taking place this term to share essential updates to parents.

The Secondary Four students will be taking their national examinations this year. As such, the Sec 4 PES will take place on 8 April 2025, Tuesday, to share important information such as the support given to students for their N-Level preparation and the ITE Early Admission Exercise (EAE). During the session, parents can also find out more about the post-secondary progression to the various ITE courses, as our ECG Counsellor, Ms Ismawati, will be there to answer any questions.

The PSTC serves as a critical milestone check for parents regarding the development of your child/ward. Taking place on 30 May 2025, Friday, parents/guardians from all levels get to meet form teachers for a one-to-one conversation in Crest Secondary School to receive updates about the learning progress of their child/ward.

The details and registration for the Sec 4 PES and the PSTC will be sent via the Parent's Gateway closer to the event. We look forward to meeting you.

FINAL NOTE

We are committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all Crestans. We have been working with your child to promote positive behaviour and responsible decision-making, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing these values at home.

Thank you for your continual support of Crest Secondary School and your child's education. We look forward to working with you and your child in the coming term to foster a love of learning together as One Crest Family!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Benjamin Kwok Principal

*This is a computer-generated letter. No signature is required.

ANNEX A

TERM 2 SCHEDULE OF KEY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Date	Programme/Activity	Remarks
10 February - 9 May 2025 (Mon – Fri)	Sec Two Visual Arts Programme (AISS: Me & My School)	Venue: School
24 Mar 2025 – 4 Apr 2025 (Mon – Fri)	2025 IgnITE Skills Challenge – Physical Workshops	Venue: ITE Colleges (for registered participants)
27 Mar 2025, Thu	HBL Day (Secondary 1 to 4)	
9 Apr 2025, Wed	HBL Day (Secondary 1 to 4)	
14 Apr 2025 – 16 Apr 2025 (Mon – Wed)	2025 IgnITE Skills Challenge – Preliminary Challenge	Venue: ITE Colleges (for registered participants)
14 Apr 2025 – 25 Apr 2025 (Mon – Fri)	EL Learning Journey to Yuhua Village for Sec 1	Venue: Yuhua Village Time: During EL lessons
21 Apr 2025, Mon	Career Fair and Forum	Venue: School
21 Apr 2025, Mon	HBL Day (Secondary 1 to 3)	
30 Apr 2025, Wed	Student Council Investiture	Venue: School
5 May 2025 – 23 May 2025 (Mon – Fri)	National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test for Sec 2 and 4	Venue: School Time: During PE lessons
2 May 2025, Fri	Payment of School & Miscellaneous Fees	GIRO/Cash/ PayNow/NETS
6 May 2025, Tues	HBL Day (Secondary 1 to 4)	
14 May 2025, Wed	Sec 1 "Shake-It-Up" Performing Arts Programme	Venue: School
16 May 2025, Fri	CCA Leaders Investiture Last Day of CCA for Secondary 4s	Venue: School
20 May 2025, Tues	Math Learning Journey for Sec 2	Venue: Jewel (report to school first)
20 May 2025, Tues	HBL Day (Secondary 1,3,4)	
20 May 2025, Tues	Ignite Challenges Finals	Venue : College Central
23 May 2025, Fri	Crest Awards Day 2025	Venue: School 1.45 pm to 2.45 pm
26 May 2025 – 29 May 2025 (Mon - Thu) (Tentative)	ITE Early Admission Exercise Application	Venue: School Online: www.ite.edu.sg

Keep Right Week (26 May - 30 May, Mon - Fri)

26 May 2025, Mon	Sec 1: Cycling outside school (Half Cohort) CCE-MTL Learning Journey (Half Cohort)	Venue:TBC Venue:TBC
26 May 2025, Mon	Sec 2 EL Learning Journey (Tourist for a Day)	Venue: Various places of interest around Marina Bay
26 May 2025, Mon	Sec 3 Interclass Ultimate Frisbee Games	Venue: School
26 May 2025, Mon	Sec 4 ISSC + ECG Industry Visit Learning Journey	Venue: Various locations
27 May 2025, Tues	Sec 1: Cycling outside school (Half Cohort) CCE-MTL Learning Journey (Half Cohort)	Venue:TBC Venue:TBC
27 May 2025, Tues	Sec 2 Inline Skating + 7 Habits Training	Venue: School
27 May 2025, Tues	Sec 3 EL Learning Journey	Venue: Bird Paradise
27 May 2025, Tues	Sec 4 Math Learning Journey	Venue: Zoo
28 May 2025, Wed	Sec 1 MTL Cultural Programme	Venue: School
28 May 2025, Wed	Sec 2 Experience ITE Programme	Venue:Respective ITE Campus
28 May 2025, Wed	Sec 3 Math Learning Journey	Venue: Gardens by the Bay
28 May 2025, Wed	Sec 4 NE Learning Journey	Venue: Various locations
29 May 2025, Thu	School Cross Country Event	Venue: Jurong Lake Garden
30 May 2025, Fri	Parent-Student-Teacher-Conference (PSTC) for All Students (either face- to-face or via virtual platforms)	Venue: School

^{*}SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START FROM 31 MAY 2025, SAT TO 29 JUNE 2025, SUN

ANNEX B

TERM 2 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Dates	Weeks	Subject		
14 - 17 Apr 2025 (Mon – Thu)	Week 4	EL Oral Exam Simulation (Sec 4 only) conducted after curriculum hours		
14 - 17 Apr 2025 (Mon – Thu)	Week 4	Mother Tongue Languages (Sec 4)		
28 Apr – 9 May 2025 (Mon – Fri)	Weeks 6 – 7	English Language		
5 - 9 May 2025 (Mon – Fri)	Weeks 7	EL & MTL Preliminary Oral Exam (Sec 4 only) conducted after curriculum hours		
5 - 16 May 2025 (Mon – Fri)	Weeks 7 – 8	Mathematics		
5 - 16 May 2025 (Mon – Fri)	Weeks 7 – 8	Science		
13 - 16 May 2025 (Tues – Fri)	Week 8	Mother Tongue Languages (Sec 1 to 3)		

ANNEX C

SECONDARY 4 2025 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE N(T) & N(A)-LEVEL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Subject Code	Paper No	Subject Name	MOA	Duration hh:mm
14/07/2025, Mon	14:15 -	1190	04	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLL A	ORAL	00:20
14/07/2025, Mon	14:15 -	1202	03	BASIC CHINESE	ORAL	00:15
15/07/2025, Tues	14:15 -	1190	04	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLL A	ORAL	00:20
15/07/2025, Tues	14:15 -	1195	04	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS T	ORAL	00:20
15/07/2025, Tues	14:15 -	1202	03	BASIC CHINESE	ORAL	00:15
15/07/2025, Tues	14:15 -	1203	03	BASIC MALAY	ORAL	00:15
15/07/2025, Tues	14:15 -	1204	03	BASIC TAMIL	ORAL	00:15
16/07/2025, Wed	14:15 -	1190	04	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLL A	ORAL	00:20
16/07/2025, Wed	14:15 -	1195	04	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS T	ORAL	00:20
16/07/2025, Wed	14:15 -	1202	03	BASIC CHINESE	ORAL	00:15
16/07/2025, Wed	14:15 -	1203	03	BASIC MALAY	ORAL	00:15
16/07/2025, Wed	14:15 -	1204	03	BASIC TAMIL	ORAL	00:15
17/07/2025, Thur	14:15 -	1190	04	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLL A	ORAL	00:20
17/07/2025, Thur	14:15 -	1195	04	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS T	ORAL	00:20
17/07/2025, Thur	14:15 -	1202	03	BASIC CHINESE	ORAL	00:15
17/07/2025, Thur	14:15 -	1203	03	BASIC MALAY	ORAL	00:15
17/07/2025, Thur	14:15 -	1204	03	BASIC TAMIL	ORAL	00:15
18/07/2025, Fri	14:30 -	1190	04	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLL A	ORAL	00:20
18/07/2025, Fri	14:30 -	1195	04	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS T	ORAL	00:20

18/07/2025, Fri	14:30 -	1202	03	BASIC CHINESE	ORAL	00:15
15/09/2025, Mon	08:00 - 09:20	1195	01	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS T	WRITTEN	01:20
15/09/2025, Mon	08:00 - 09:50	1190	01	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLL A	WRITTEN	01:50
15/09/2025, Mon	10:05 - 11:25	1195	02	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS T	WRITTEN	01:20
15/09/2025, Mon	10:35 - 12:25	1190	02	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLL A	WRITTEN	01:50
16/09/2025, Tues	14:00 - 14:45	1190	03	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLL A	LC	00:45
16/09/2025, Tues	16:00 - 16:30	1202	03	BASIC CHINESE	LC	00:30
16/09/2025, Tues	16:00 - 16:30	1203	03	BASIC MALAY	LC	00:30
16/09/2025, Tues	16:00 - 16:30	1204	03	BASIC TAMIL	LC	00:30
17/09/2025, Wed	14:00 - 14:45	1195	03	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS T	LC	00:45
18/09/2025, Thur	14:30 - 15:45	5148	01	SCIENCE SYLLABUS T	WRITTEN	01:15
22/09/2025, Mon	14:00 - 15:00	5148	02	SCIENCE SYLLABUS T	WRITTEN	01:00
23/09/2025, Tues	08:00 - 08:30	1202	01	BASIC CHINESE	WRITTEN	00:30
23/09/2025, Tues	08:00 - 08:30	1203	01	BASIC MALAY	WRITTEN	00:30
23/09/2025, Tues	08:00 - 08:30	1204	01	BASIC TAMIL	WRITTEN	00:30
23/09/2025, Tues	09:15 - 09:55	1202	02	BASIC CHINESE	WRITTEN	00:40
23/09/2025, Tues	09:15 - 09:55	1203	02	BASIC MALAY	WRITTEN	00:40
23/09/2025, Tues	09:15 - 09:55	1204	02	BASIC TAMIL	WRITTEN	00:40
6/10/2025, Mon	14:00 - 15:30	4046	01	MATHEMATICS SYLLABUS T	WRITTEN	01:30
07/10/2025, Tues	08:00 - 10:00	4045	01	MATHEMATICS SYLLABUS A	WRITTEN	02:00
09/10/2025, Thu	08:00 - 10:00	4045	02	MATHEMATICS SYLLABUS A	WRITTEN	02:00
10/10/2025, Fri	08:00 - 09:30	4046	02	MATHEMATICS SYLLABUS T	WRITTEN	01:30

⁺Candidates will take turns to be examined on the day of oral examinations. The duration and end time may vary for each candidate.

^{*}Candidates must be seated in their assigned exam/reporting rooms for examinations, 30 mins before the start time of the exam.