

20 March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

HIGHLIGHTS FROM TERM 1

1. We started 2023 with a new initiative — Breakfast@Crest, which is another opportunity to foster strong teacher-student relationships. It is meant to create a safe environment for our students to have a casual chat with their Form Teachers over some snacks and drinks.
2. The Start Right Orientation Programme for all levels was to help Crestans, especially our new Sec 1 students and the Sec 3 students who are placed in various ISS combination classes, to bond together as a class. Through a range of activities, our hope is that Crestans get to understand one another better and support their peers in their Crest journey. We were heartened to see the seniors stepping out to help the Sec 1 students, especially when they advised their juniors regarding CCA options.
3. Our Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) and sports programme provided Crestans a chance to explore their interests and passions and 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 2023.
4. With the easing of COVID-19 safe management measures, we were able to celebrate Chinese New Year with 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.
5. We ended Term 1 with many fun activities for students from all levels. The Sec 1 students enjoyed the Crest Ohana Camp with their classmates and bonded well with this overnight camp that ended with a campfire. The Sec 2s visited ITE Colleges for the Experience ITE Programme, the Sec 3s went for dragon boating and bowling, and the Sec 4 participated in interclass games and had a great time giving back to the community through a range of class-based Values-in-Action (VIA) projects.
6. In short, the school was very much alive in the last week of Term 1! It has been an exciting and productive term, and I am pleased to report that the Crestans have been making excellent progress.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN TERM 2

7. 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

8. The Student Council Investiture will take place on 8 May. 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.

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

9. 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 25 April to 12 May (Term 2 Week 6 to Week 8) during PE lessons.
10. There will be a school **Cross Country** event on 10 May at Jurong Lake Gardens. Students will report directly to the venue. More details will be provided closer to the date.
11. A **CCA Handover Ceremony** will be conducted on 19 May 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.

CREST 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

12. This year, Crest will be celebrating our 10th anniversary on the 25 May 2023 (Thursday), 6pm-8pm. The theme for our anniversary is '**Igniting Possibilities, Celebrating Crest**'. The intent of the celebration is to:

- Celebrate 10 years of empowering our Crestans,
- Recognise and appreciate the school spirit that embodies the collective memories and aspirations of our Crest family, and
- Foster and inspire the school, anchoring on teachers' belief and school values.

Many of our students are in the midst of preparing and rehearsing for the event as emcees, chaperones, performers, and managing the event as student helpers. Our alumni and former staff will also be invited. We look forward to celebrating this significant milestone.

26 May (Friday) will be a school holiday due to the evening celebration of our 10th Anniversary on 25 May.

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

13. There will be no mid-year examination for all Secondary 1 to 4 students. In its place will be termly Weighted Assessment for academic subjects, which will be held from 11 April to 12 May (Term 2 Week 4 to Week 8). Details will be provided by the subject teachers.
14. The Secondary 1 and 2 students will have their vocational Taster Module tests on 8 May 2023 (Monday). They will report to school in the morning and attend lessons as per normal. Students will take their tests during the last few periods of the day. We will announce the dismissal timing for that day via Parents Gateway (PG) by the end of April 2023.
15. 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)**.

16. The 2023 GCE N-Level examinations timetable (as of 3 March 2023) has been published by Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB), please refer to **GCE N-Levels Examinations Timetable (Annex C)**.

AESTHETICS PROGRAMME

17. Sec 1 students will be experiencing the **‘Shake it Up’ Cajon Programme** during their Music and Dance curriculum. Students will be learning how to play the cajon, compose their own music piece and integrating their rhythmic composition into the dance curriculum, thereby making learning visible. This learning experience will end off with a showcase on 3 May during the school assembly, and our students will all receive a certificate of participation, in addition to the following awards:
- Most improved student (1 per class)
 - Best performer (1 per class)
 - Best class performance (3 for the cohort)
 - Class Resilience Award (3 for the cohort)
18. The Sec Two cohort will go through the **Artist-In-School Scheme (AISS)** this year. The Programme is co-designed with local artists who will be coaching the students in engaging the community through digital arts. Students will be visiting the Yuhua Village and the community centre during their Art curriculum time to create illustrations and comic artworks. The artworks will eventually be presented to the Yuhua Community and be displayed in school.
19. The Pop Band, Guitar Club and Dance CCAs will be participating in the upcoming **Singapore Youth Festival 2023**, held from March to April. We wish them a fruitful learning experience leading up to the presentation.

USEFUL LINKS FOR SEC 4 PARENTS

20. Following the Sec 4 Parents’ Dialogue on 3 March 2023, parents may access the following links for more information to guide their child in their education journey, especially regarding the ITE Early Admission Exercise (EAE) and progression to ITE courses in 2024.

List of ITE *NITEC* and *Higher NITEC* courses –
<https://www.ite.edu.sg/courses/full-time-courses>

ITE traineeship courses –
<https://www.ite.edu.sg/courses/traineeship-courses>

ITE aggregate points calculator –
<https://go.gov.sg/iteaggregate>

ITE 2023 admission booklet (to check cut-off points for courses) -
<https://go.gov.sg/iteadmissionbooklet2023>

Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Parents’ Guide –
<https://go.gov.sg/ecgparentguide>

IGNITE SKILLS CHALLENGE 2023

21. 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 42 teams to participate in challenges across 15 categories. Workshops to equip students with the relevant skills for the challenges will be conducted by ITE from 20 Mar 2023 to 31 Mar 2023. Thereafter, the preliminary rounds will be held from 11 Apr 2023 to 13 Apr 2023. The finals, for teams that make it through the preliminary round, will be held on 18 May 2023. We wish our teams the very best in the competition.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMME

22. Secondary 3 students will be undergoing their Industry Experiential Programme (IEP) from 23 October 2023 to 18 November 2023. 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 Term 2 and Term 3. Students will be informed of the date and time of their company selection. More details of the IEP will be sent via PG at the start of Term 2.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

SCHOOL & MISCELLANEOUS FEES

23. GIRO deduction for the above fees for Term 2 will be on 2 May (Tuesday). For parents/guardians who have not yet opted for GIRO deduction, we strongly encourage you to do so. Those not on GIRO, or whose GIRO applications are unsuccessful, please make payment via PayNow (UEN: 201136224W) or approach the Administration Office to make the payment via cash/cheque/NETS. The cheque should be crossed and made payable to "CREST SECONDARY SCHOOL". For PayNow, please indicate the student's name and last 4 digits of NRIC in the reference field.

CREST PAL

24. 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 or scan the QR code to watch an introductory video to Triple P.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/110DIQktcyLethYdlz0EznLU3NnPN8O3n/view?usp=share_link



The Triple P Level 2 seminars will be conducted over Zoom and the dates and times are stated below:

Seminar 1: Raising Responsible Teenagers – **5 May 2023 (Friday), 8pm to 9pm**

Seminar 2: Raising Competent Teenagers – **12 May 2023 (Friday), 8pm to 9pm**

Seminar 3: Getting Teenagers Connected – **19 May 2023 (Friday), 8pm to 9pm**

Click on the following link or scan the QR code to register for the seminars.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtcO2oqDkrG9wTs2s6SYg08jFW2erxIstZ>



Parents who are interested in Triple P Levels 3 and 4 may indicate their interest by clicking on the following link or scanning the QR code below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/fAuDqYTEGV>



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.

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT-CONFERENCE

25. Parents/Guardians are requested to take note that there will be a Parent-Teacher-Student-Conference on 29 May (Monday), where the Form Teachers will meet and discuss with you the development and progress of your child/ward either face-to-face or via virtual platforms. Do book a convenient time slot to meet up with your child/ward's Form Teachers when the invitation is sent out to you at a later date.

FINAL NOTE

26. 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.
27. 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 Seet Tiat Hee
Principal

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TERM 2 SCHEDULE OF KEY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Date	Programme/Activity	Remarks
20 Mar – 31 Mar	2023 IgnITE Skills Challenge – Physical Workshops	Venue: ITE Colleges (for registered participants)
29 Mar (Wed)	HBL Day (Sec 1 to 4)	
10 Apr (Mon)	HBL Day (Sec 1 to 4)	
11 – 13 Apr	2023 IgnITE Skills Challenge – Preliminary Challenge	Venue: ITE Colleges (for registered participants)
17 - 20 Apr	SEC TWO VISUAL ARTS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME (AISS : 'ME, MY SCHOOL, MY COMMUNITY')	Venue: Yuhua Village Time: During VA lessons
25 Apr – 4 May	EL Learning Journey to Yuhua Village for Sec 1	Venue: Yuhua Village Time: During EL lessons
25 Apr – 12 May	National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test for Sec 2 and 4	Venue: School Time: During PE lessons
27 Apr (Thu)	HBL Day (Sec 1 to 4)	
Seminar 1: 5 May (Fri)	Triple P Seminars - Positive Parenting Programme Seminar 1 - Raising Responsible Teenagers Seminar 2 - Raising Competent Teenagers Seminar 3 - Getting Teenagers Connected	See details in letter under CrestPAL
Seminar 2: 12 May (Fri)		
Seminar 3: 19 May (Fri)		
2 May (Tue)	Payment of School & Miscellaneous Fees	GIRO/Cash/Cheque/ PayNow/NETS
3 May (Wed)	SEC ONE Aesthetics 'SHAKE IT UP' CAJON PROGRAMME	Venue: School
5 May (Fri)	Math Learning Journey for Sec 1	Venue: Various stations in school
5 May (Fri)	EL Learning Journey for Sec 2 (Tourist for a Day)	Venue: Various places of interest around Marina Bay
5 May (Fri)	EL Learning Journey for Sec 3 (Changi Experience Studio)	Venue: Changi Experience Studio
5 May (Fri)	Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Fair for Sec 4	Venue: School
8 May (Mon)	Student Council Investiture	Venue: School
8 May (Mon)	Vocational Taster Modules Theory Tests for Sec 1 and 2.	Venue: School
9 May (Tue)	HBL Day (Sec 1 to 3)	Sec 4 students will be in school for an e-assessment practice session.
10 May (Wed)	School Cross Country Event	Venue: Jurong Lake Gardens
18 May (Thu)	2023 IgnITE Skills Challenge – Finals	ITE College East (For finalists only)
19 May (Fri)	CCA Handover Ceremony	Venue: School
25 May – 1 Jun	ITE Early Admission Exercise Application	Online: www.ite.edu.sg

25 May (Thu)	HBL Day (Sec 1 to 4)	
	10th Year Anniversary Celebrations	Venue: School
26 May (Fri)	School holiday for all students	
29 May (Mon)	Parent-Teacher-Student-Conference (PTSC) for All Students (either face-to-face or via virtual platforms)	PG message will be sent by 15 May for the booking of PTSC slots with Form Teachers. Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TERM 2 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Dates	Weeks	Subject
11 Apr - 14 Apr	Week 4	EL Oral Exam Simulation (Sec 4 only) conducted after curriculum hours
17 Apr – 5 May	Weeks 5 – 7	English Language
2 May - 12 May	Weeks 7 – 8	Mother Tongue Languages
2 May - 12 May	Weeks 7 – 8	Mathematics
2 May - 12 May	Weeks 7 – 8	Science
8 May (Mon)	Week 8	Taster Modules Test (Sec 1 and 2 only)
12 May - 18 May	Weeks 8 - 9	EL and MTL Preliminary Oral Exam (Sec 4 only) conducted after curriculum hours

ANNEX C

SECONDARY 4
2023 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE N(T) & N(A)-LEVEL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Subject Name	Duration of Paper	Mode of Assessment
11 Jul – 17 Jul	14:30 – 18:00	English Language Syllabus A P4	20m	Oral
		English Language Syllabus T P4	20m	
25 Jul – 27 Jul		Basic Chinese P2 Basic Malay P2 Basic Tamil P2	15m	
11 Sep (Mon)	14:30 – 15:45	English Language Syllabus T P3 Broadcast starts at 15:00 hr	45m	LC
12 Sep (Tue)	14:30 – 15:45	English Language Syllabus A P3 Broadcast starts at 15:00 hr	45m	LC
12 Sep (Tue)	16:30 – 17:30	Basic Chinese P3 Basic Malay P3 Basic Tamil P3 Broadcast starts at 17:00 hr.	30m	LC
13 Sep (Wed)	08:00 – 09:20	English Language Syllabus T P1	1h 20m	Written
14 Sep (Thu)	14:30 – 15:50	English Language Syllabus T P2	1h 20m	Written
15 Sep (Fri)	08:00 – 09:50	English Language Syllabus A P1	1h 50m	Written
	10:30 – 12:20	English Language Syllabus A P2	1h 50m	Written
18 Sep (Mon)	14:30 – 15:20	Basic Chinese P1 Basic Malay P1 Basic Tamil P1	50m	Written
27 Sep (Wed)	09:00 - 10:00	Culinary & Restaurant Operations Internet Of Things Applications	30m	Written
	12:00 - 13:00	Mobile Web Applications	30m	Written
28 Sep (Thu)	09:00 - 10:00	Mechanical Design & Operations	30m	Written
	12:00 - 13:00	Retail & E-Commerce	30m	Written
2 Oct (Mon)	14:30 – 16:00	Mathematics Syllabus T P1	1h 30m	Written
3 Oct (Tue)	08:00 – 10:00	Mathematics Syllabus A P1	2h	Written
4 Oct (Wed)	14:30 – 16:30	Mathematics Syllabus A P2	2h	Written
5 Oct (Thu)	08:00 – 09:00	Science Syllabus T P1	1h	Written
	09:45 – 11:00	Science Syllabus T P2	1h 15m	Written
9 Oct (Mon)	08:00 – 09:30	Mathematics Syllabus T P2	1h 30m	Written