

22 March 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

HIGHLIGHTS FROM TERM 1

1. We started the Year 2021 on a right note with our Start Right Programme (Orientation) for all levels to help our Crestans bond together as a class, understand and support one another in their journeys in Crest. The seniors rose to the occasion as they inducted them seamlessly into their chosen CCAs.
2. The Home Visits conducted by our Form Teachers have resulted in a better understanding of our Crestans' needs and how we could better support them as a school. The online dialogue session with Sec 1 and CrestPAL parents provided answers to those who wanted to know more about the Personalised Digital Learning Programme and how they could guide their child/ward in the responsible use of the computing devices.
3. We also managed to have a "blended celebration" of the Chinese New Year with the performance of our traditional Crestan Lions, innovatively designed with recycled materials by the Sec 2 batch, bringing much joy and laughter to everyone. We look forward to the upcoming Hari Raya celebrations in Term 2.
4. Despite the ongoing challenges and changes brought about by COVID-19, Crest Secondary School remains open and lessons continue with minimal disruptions as we put in place and adhere to the enhanced Safe Management Measures (SMM).

COVID-19 MEASURES IN TERM 2

5. To safeguard the students and staff from COVID-19, the school will continue with the existing SMM. These include screening our students as well as having safe distancing measures to prevent congestion. We will also remind students to continue to practice good personal hygiene, exercise social responsibility and abide by SMM.
6. It is not mandatory for students to have their TraceTogether tokens when school reopens. The tokens will only be required in schools after nationwide distribution is completed. For those parents/guardians who have responded earlier to have your child's TraceTogether tokens to be collected in school, please note that the school will be distributing the tokens to them by end of Mar 2021.
7. We seek the understanding of parents/guardians that the school will respond and keep in line with national guidelines as well as take reference from MOE, so as to ensure the safety of our students, staff and stakeholders. The school will adjust our planned activities to ensure that meaningful learning can continue to take place in Term 2. In this letter, we share the key activities that will still be carried out.

STUDENT MATTERS

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN TERM 2

8. 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.

TERM 2 ASSESSMENTS

9. In line with MOE guidelines, there will be no mid-year examination for all Secondary 1 to 3 students. However, in its place, there will be common tests and modular tests for the academic subjects and vocational taster modules, which will be held from 19 April to 14 May (Term 2 Week 5 to Week 8). Details will be provided by the subject teachers.
10. In preparation for the GCE N-Level examinations, Secondary 4 students will sit for their mid-year examination and preliminary oral examination in Term 2. The details are shared in the **Secondary 4 Term 2 Assessment Schedule (Annex B)**.

SECONDARY 4 PARENTS' DIALOGUE

11. As the Secondary 4 students embark on the last lap of their secondary education, this dialogue is meant to inform how you can walk this journey with them. We will be sharing about their progression to ITE especially via the ITE Early Admission Exercise (EAE) in May and N-Level & ISC Examination arrangements. The zoom link details are as follows:

Topic: Sec 4 Parents Dialogue
Time: Mar 26 (Friday), 2021 05:45 PM Singapore

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://moe-singapore.zoom.us/j/89007896831>

Meeting ID: 890 0789 6831
Passcode: 2021

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

12. 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. The test will be conducted from 5 April to 16 April (Term 2 Week 3 to Week 4) during PE lessons.

SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL ARTS PRESENTATION 2021 BY THE PERFORMING ARTS CCAs

13. Our school will be participating in this year's Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation 2021 (SYF AP 2021). The 3 Performing Arts CCAs, namely the Dance Club, Guitar Club and Pop Band, have registered for this event. The SYF Arts Presentation, which will be conducted in April, will be carried out with the necessary modifications and SMM in place to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Video recording of the SYF performances will be shared with the school via zoom and on our school webpage. We wish our Performing Arts CCA students a fruitful learning for this SYF season.

SEC ONE MUSIC AND DANCE 'SHAKE IT UP' CAJON PROGRAMME

14. This year, the Sec One cohort will be experiencing a revamped version of their Music and Dance curriculum. Other than creating their own music piece and learning alongside with music practitioners on the Cajon, their Cajon music creation will also be integrated into their Dance curriculum. This revamped Performing Arts curriculum allows them to leverage on their newly learnt music skill and applies it into their Dance lesson, thereby making learning visible. This inaugural authentic learning experience will end off with a showcase on the 30th April to the school and our students will be encouraged by receiving a certificate of participation and be awarded with the following recognitions of :
- Most improved student (1 per class)
 - Best performer (1 per class)
 - Best display of class teamwork (3 for the cohort)
 - Best class performance (3 for the cohort)

STUDENT COUNCIL INVESTITURE

15. Our "Prefects" will be changing their nomenclature to "Student Councillors" to reflect changes to their roles. Besides maintaining a standard of discipline in Crest, they will also be a voice for the student body and create a stronger sense of belonging to the school.
16. We will have our Student Council Investiture on 23 April (Friday). On this day, our Secondary 2 students will be officially appointed as Student Councillors, and several Secondary 3 students will be taking on Executive Committee (EXCO) positions. During the Investiture, we will also be presenting Certificates of Appreciation to our Secondary 4 Prefects to thank them for their service to the school and wish them the very best as they hand over their duties, and focus on preparing for their GCE N-Level and ISC examinations.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

SCHOOL & MISCELLANEOUS FEES

17. GIRO deduction for the above fee for Term 2 will be on 4 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 at the reference field.

CRESTPAL

18. Equip Parents Series Part 2: Triple P level 2 (3 seminars)
Lakeside Parenting Support Services will be running Triple P level 2 (3 seminars) for schools over Zoom.

The dates are:

- Seminar 1 - Raising Responsible Teenagers: 16 April (Fri) 8-9pm
- Seminar 2 - Raising Competent Teenagers: 23 April (Fri) 8-9pm
- Seminar 3 - Getting Teenagers Connected: 30 April (Fri) 8-9pm

Please note that this is a **re-run** of the 3 seminars. Parents who did not attend in the past years are encouraged to attend. More information will be sent out at a later date.

19. As part of the “Learn With Me!” programme, CrestPAL will be organising 2 activities for parents to learn together with your child in Term 2. Stay tuned for more information on PG!

Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP)

20. PDLP will kick off once laptops are delivered to school and distributed to students. The estimated month of arrival of the laptops will be in April/May. Parents are reminded to fill in the online form should you not have done it previously. This is to state your intention to purchase the laptop and allow the school to order it for your child.

The link to the online form is found here: <https://go.gov.sg/pdlpsisadmin>.

Should parents have any questions regarding PDLP, you may refer to our PDLP microsite here: <https://sites.google.com/crestsec.edu.sg/pdlpmicrosite>.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

21. Parents/Guardians are requested to take note that there will be a Parent-Teacher Meeting on 28 May (Friday), where the Form Teachers will meet and discuss with you the progress of your child/ward. Do book a convenient time slot to meet up with your child/ward’s Form Teachers when the invitation is sent out to you on a later date.

FINAL NOTE

22. We are glad that the Ministry of Health has given priority to all personnel working in schools to have the Covid-19 vaccination if we are eligible, based on our personal medical conditions (if any), so that we could protect all our students who are not eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination.
23. We thank all parents and guardians for your understanding and cooperation during this difficult period of time. We want to assure you that the safety of your child/ward is our paramount concern, and we have taken every possible measure to ensure this. We have also educated all students on the importance of proper hygiene, including washing their hands with soap regularly, and wiping down the table after eating so as to keep it clean for the next person using the space. We hope that these good hygiene practices will become a daily habit for all our students.
24. While these are challenging times, we are confident that as long as we practise good personal hygiene, keep ourselves updated through official sources, and take care of one another, we will be able to get through this together as One Crest Family, One SG United!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Seet Tiat Hee
Principal

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TERM 2 SCHEDULE OF KEY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Date	Programme/Activity	Remarks
26 Mar (Fri)	Secondary 4 Parents' Dialogue	Zoom Meeting from 5.45 PM
5 -9 Apr	2021 IgnITE Skills Challenge Virtual Workshop	Venue: School (for registered participants)
5 – 16 Apr	National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test for Sec 2 and 4	Venue: School Time: During PE lessons
15 Apr	Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation (Pop Band)	Venue:TBC Time:3.00pm (Grp A & B)
21 Apr	Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation (Dance)	Venue:The University Cultural Centre Hall, NUS Time:4.40pm
27 Apr	Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation (Guitar)	Venue:SOTA Time: 1220pm
16 Apr(Fri) 23 Apr (Fri) 30 Apr (Fri)	Equip Parents Series - Triple P Seminars Seminar 1 - Raising Responsible Teenagers Seminar 2 - Raising Competent Teenagers Seminar 3 - Getting Teenagers Connected	Zoom Meeting details will be shared at a later date
23 Apr (Fri)	Student Council Investiture	Venue: School
26 & 27 Apr	Class photo-taking session for all levels	Venue: School
30 Apr (Fri)	Aesthetics CCA Showcase	Venue: School
30 Apr & 4-7 May	Term 2 Mid-Year Examination (Written Papers) for Sec 4	See details in <u>Annex B</u>
4 May (Tue)	Payment of School & Miscellaneous Fees	GIRO/Cash/Cheque/ PayNow/NETS
10 May (Mon)	Vocational Taster Modules Theory Tests for Sec 1 and 2	Venue: School
24 to 28 May (Mon to Fri)	ITE Early Admission Exercise Application	Online: www.ite.edu.sg
27 May (Thu)	Last Day of Semester 1	Students will be dismissed at staggered timings
28 May (Fri)	Parent-Teacher Meeting for All Students <i>(The Mid-Year Performance Reports will be presented to parents/guardians at the PTM. Parents/guardians are requested to make arrangements to attend the PTM.)</i>	Venue: Classrooms Time: 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SECONDARY 4 TERM 2 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Duration	Assessment	Remarks
22 Mar (Mon) - 12 May (Wed)	-	ITE Skills Certificate (ISC) Practical Assessments	Workshops
12 Apr (Mon) - 14 Apr (Wed)	-	NT English Language Mid-Year Examination Paper 4 (Oral)	After School in the School Hall
19 Apr (Mon) - 21 Apr (Wed)	-	NT Mother Tongue Languages Mid-Year Examination Paper 2 (Oral)	After School in the School Hall
30 Apr (Fri)	1h 15m	NT English Language Mid-Year Examination Paper 1 (Written)	Allocated Exam Venue
	1h 20m	NT English Language Mid-Year Examination Paper 2 (Written)	
4 May (Tue)	2h	NA Mathematics Mid-Year Examination Paper 1 (Written)	Allocated Exam Venue
	2h	NA Mathematics Mid-Year Examination Paper 2 (Written)	
5 May (Wed)	50m	NT Mother Tongue Languages Mid-Year Examination Paper 1 (Written)	Allocated Exam Venue
	45m	NT English Language Mid-Year Examination Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)	
	30m	NT Mother Tongue Languages Mid-Year Examination Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)	
6 May (Thu)	1h 30m	NT Mathematics Mid-Year Examination Paper 1 (Written)	Allocated Exam Venue
	1h 30m	NT Mathematics Mid-Year Examination Paper 2 (Written)	
7 May (Fri)	1h	NT Science Mid-Year Examination Paper 1 (Written)	Allocated Exam Venue
	1h 15m	NT Science Mid-Year Examination Paper 2 (Written)	
17 May (Mon) - 20 May (Thu)	-	NT English Language Preliminary Examinations Paper 4 (Oral)	After school in the School Hall
17 May (Mon) - 21 May (Fri)	-	NT Mother Tongue Languages Preliminary Examinations Paper 2 (Oral)	After school in the School Hall
Remarks			
Students are to report 30 minutes before the start of their first paper and 15 minutes before the start of their subsequent papers (if applicable). Reporting venues will be confirmed at a later date.			