



Greendale Secondary School

NURTURING TALENTS DEVELOPING CHARACTER INSPIRING LIVES

22 October 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

END OF YEAR INFORMATION SHEET (05/2020)

Throughout 2020, the Greendale Family has risen to life's challenges by adapting to how schooling and learning has been redefined, and staying healthy and safe. We are glad that schools have been able to resume more programmes including at external venues, as these allow our students to build camaraderie, develop character and resilience, as well as strengthen mental well-being – all of which are important during challenging times. We trust your child/ward has enjoyed the post-examination programme activities carried out this week.

As we come to the end of what has been an extraordinary academic year, we would like to share with you the following information for the school holidays as well as other information for 2021 that will be useful to you and your child/ward:

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We look forward to your continued support and partnership in helping your child/ward achieve his/her potential. Should you require clarifications, please contact the General Office at 6315 8616 or email the school (greendale_ss@moe.edu.sg). Wishing everyone a restful, meaningful and safe holidays ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Ms Amy Ng
Principal



General Matters

1. School Operating Hours during School Holidays

The school library will be opened throughout the school holidays to provide students with a conducive place for self-study. The opening hours of the school library during school holidays will be from 8.00am to 5.00pm, on Mondays to Fridays. As part of safe management measures, students will be required to sit in fixed examination-style seating. Students are to register through their Year Heads so that they can be accounted for should there be an emergency, as well as for contact tracing purposes.

2. Attire and Grooming during the School Holidays

Students are expected to be properly attired with appropriate grooming when they return to school for bridging and remedial sessions, co-curricular activities (CCA) or other activities. For lessons, students are expected to be in school uniform/polo t-shirt, school shoes and socks. For CCA, students may wear their CCA attire or t-shirts, school pants/skirts, school shoes and socks. If students are not properly attired or their hair is not of acceptable length and colour, they will be sent home to rectify the problem before they can return for CCA or other school activities.

3. 2021 Booklist and Sale of Books & Uniforms

In view of COVID-19, we strongly encourage students and parents to purchase textbooks and school uniforms online to mitigate the risk of close physical contact. Here are the URLs of the online stores of the textbooks and school uniform suppliers and other relevant information:

SERVICE PROVIDER	ONLINE STORE ADDRESS	DELIVERY FEE & SCHEDULE	OTHER INFO
Pacific Bookstores	https://www.pacificbookstores.com 	\$13.60	Payment Mode available: Credit Card
Kah Huat Uniform	https://khuniform.com 	\$6.00	Payment Mode available: PayNow; PayLah; Debit Card; Credit Card; redeem NTUC Voucher

Nonetheless, to cater to all families' needs, the school will continue to conduct sale of textbooks and school uniforms in school, with adjustments made to incorporate safe management measures including:

- Employing SafeEntry for check-in and-out of the school premises to facilitate contact tracing;
- Putting in place safe management measures such as wearing of masks, temperature screening at the point of entry and safe-distancing; and
- Managing the number of visitors in school by allocating specific time slots for students and parents to purchase textbooks and school uniforms so as to prevent mass congregation at the sale venues.



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The schedule for the different levels and classes will be made available together with the school booklist as well as on the school website. This separate Information Sheet “Sale of School Uniforms, Textbooks & Purchase of Sports Shoes” will be issued to your child/ward on Thursday, 22 October. The information can be found in Annex A.

4. Update on School Sports Shoes 2021

With effect from January 2021, students will be allowed to wear sports shoes in place of the current black shoes with yellow shoe laces. The change is made after extensive review in consultation with teachers, students, alumni and parents.

This initiative by our Student Council aims to enhance student well-being as sports shoes are better able to support the range of physical and sporting activities at the secondary level and offer better cushioning (as compared to black canvas shoes) to minimise potential injuries. The durability of sports shoes will also save cost in the long run.

To empower students with choice and flexibility, students can purchase their sports shoes from any retail store in adherence to the following guidelines:

- ONLY sports shoes suitable for running and physical activities are allowed;
- High-cut, neon-coloured and/or shoes with motifs are not allowed; and
- Sports shoes must be fastened by shoe laces for support and safety. Slip-ons are not allowed.

Do note that students are welcome to continue wearing their current school shoes until such a time when a replacement is required due to wear and tear. Sports shoes will be provided as part of the MOE-FAS provision through our current shoe vendor.

Students will also no longer be required to wear the school socks. Only plain white socks that are easily available at retail stores are allowed.

Further details (including examples of shoes that are / are not acceptable) will be included in the Information Sheet “Sale of School Uniforms, Textbooks & Purchase of Sports Shoes” as well as the 2021 Student Handbook for reference.

5. Reporting Time for First Day of School in 2021

Students will report back to school on **Monday, 4 January 2021**. They must be seated in their classroom by **8.20am** for Secondary 3 and 4 students, and by **8.30am** for Secondary 2 students. They will need to be properly attired and groomed. Students are reminded to bring a book for silent reading prior to the start of morning assembly.

6. Travel Declaration

Students who intend to travel during the holidays will need to declare their travel plans. Regarding “Cruises to Nowhere,” parents are not required to submit any travel declaration as cruises are not considered overseas travel if there is no port of call (Note: If there is any port of call, then it will be considered overseas travel). Even so, we would like students or parents to keep the school informed via CMs or YHs so that the school is aware and can contact students and parents concerned accordingly should there be a change in the situation. We seek



the cooperation of parents/guardians in ensuring this. Please submit your travel declaration online by **Friday, 30 October 2020**, via Parents Gateway or our parents' blog at <http://gdls.edu.sg/parents>.

ST1: EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING & LEARNING

7. Holiday Academic Programme – Sec 3 Bridging / Remedial

As mentioned in our last termly information sheet, there will be a bridging programme and remedial sessions conducted for Secondary 3 students from Monday, 26 October to Friday, 4 November 2020.

Secondary 3 Express

All students will be required to attend a bridging programme from 26 October to 4 November, from 8.00am to 1.30pm daily. The bridging timetable has been issued to your child/ward and it can be found in Annex B of this term letter. Remedial sessions will be conducted for selected students from 26 October to 30 October. These students will be notified by their subject teachers. The remedial schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Subject	Venue
Monday (26 October)	1pm to 2pm	Mathematics	Classroom
	2pm to 3pm	Science	
Thursday (29 October)	2pm to 3pm	Additional Mathematics / Pure Humanities	
	3pm to 4pm	Principles of Accounts	

Secondary 3 Normal (Academic)

All students will be required to attend remedial sessions for English Language and Mother Tongue Language from 26 October to 30 October. Students offering SBB English Language will continue to have scheduled lessons from 26 October to 4 November.

Selected students will be required to attend remedial sessions for the other subjects. The schedule can be found in Annex B. These students will be notified by their subject teachers.

Secondary 3 Normal (Technical)

There will be English Language and Mathematics remedial sessions conducted for selected students from 26 to 30 October. The schedule can be found in Annex B. These students will be notified by their subject teachers.

8. Holiday Homework

Please refer to the link under 'Announcements' on the school website for details of assigned holiday homework. A consolidated list will be made available for download from Friday, 23 October 2020.

In line with our school's Homework Policy, these learning assignments aim to help our students consolidate their knowledge and skills during the holidays, as well as take ownership over their learning and develop good study habits. Our policy balances the amount of homework given with ample time for students to pursue other holistic interests and bond with their family/friends during the holidays.



ST2: EXCELLENCE IN CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

9. Co-curricular Activities (CCA) Sessions

Some CCAs will conduct meetings and training sessions during the school holidays in preparation for national competitions which will be resuming from January 2021. The respective CCA teachers-in-charge will be notifying members (and their parents) of the holiday training schedule through a *Letter of Notification*.

10. Secondary 2 Aspiring Leaders' Training Programme

The full day training programme will be held on Wednesday, 11 November 2020 for selected Secondary 2 students who have shown potential to take on leadership appointments at Secondary 3 in 2021. Secondary 2 Leaders from the Student Council will have an additional training session on Friday, 13 November 2020. Specific details will be provided to the selected students and their parents for this programme.

11. 2021 Level Camp Dates

Our annual Level Camps, which had been suspended this year due to COVID-19, are scheduled to be held from 25 January 2021 to 29 January 2021. The Level Camps are currently planned to be non-residential camps. Further information will be shared by the respective Camp ICs when school reopens next year.

OTHER MATTERS

12. Edusave Awards

Edusave Awards are given by the government annually to Singaporean students to enhance educational opportunities and motivate students to excel in schools in academic and non-academic domains. The categories of Edusave Awards are:

- Edusave Character Award (ECHA)
- Edusave Awards for Achievement, Good Leadership & Service (EAGLES)
- Edusave Scholarship (ES)
- Edusave Merit Bursary (EMB)
- Edusave Good Progress Award (GPA)

Awardees of ECHA, EAGLES, ES and GPA will be notified by post by December 2020.

Students who are eligible to apply for the EMB will receive an application form by post in late November. If your monthly household income does not exceed \$6,900 (or per capita income does not exceed \$1,725), you can complete the application form and submit the form to the community centre/club nearest to your residence, by early December. Successful applicants will be notified by post.

For more information, please refer to <https://go.gov.sg/edusave-awards>.



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13. MOE Financial Assistance Scheme

MOE-FAS for 2021 is now open for application. The information can be found on our parents' blog. MOE has included 2 additional types of support for FAS students and they are mainly for computing /personal learning devices. Eligible students can collect a copy of the application form from the General Office.

In addition, students who lack access to computing devices at home and require digital access for learning or programmes over the holiday may request for loan of a computing device via this form <https://go.gov.sg/loancd>.

MOE-FAS applicants are strongly advised to adhere to the schedule for "Sale of Sale of School Uniforms, Textbooks & Purchase of Sports Shoes" as indicated in the Information Sheet distributed to all students on 22 October and available on our school website. On arrival in school, please proceed to the General Office to obtain the 'in-principle approval' document before proceeding to obtain the textbooks, uniforms and sports shoes.

14. Graduation Day Video and Photos

The graduating cohort had their graduation ceremony on 2 October 2020. You can view a video and photos of key moments of this milestone event at <https://go.gov.sg/gdss-grad-day-2020>.

15. Suggested Resources for Parents during School Holidays

School holidays are meant for our students to rest, recharge and spend time with parents. Without positive engagement, your child may be distracted and affected by negative influences such as excessive gaming, negative online peer influence, etc. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to engage your child with their school experiences.

To support parents in strengthening the bond with their children this holidays, we have curated the following resources that can help you better engage and enrich your child:

1. <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/just-for-parents-a-website-on-education>
2. <https://www.parenttoolkit.com/>
3. <https://www.edutopia.org/article/back-to-school-resources-parents>

We also strongly encourage parents to urge your child to visit:

- Student Learning Space (SLS) <https://vle.learning.moe.edu.sg/login>
- MySkillsfuture portal <https://www.myskillsfuture.sg/content/student/en/secondary.html>

SLS empowers your child to learn at their own pace, revisit concepts and also read up on other areas of interest based on the MOE curriculum. It is a resource by MOE for MOE students and schools.

My Skillsfuture for students is a one-stop portal to help your child to discover more about his/her strengths and interests, explore education and career options and start planning for his/her future.

For more information, please visit the school website at <https://greendalesec.moe.edu.sg/> or Greendale Parents Connexion at <http://gdss.edu.sg/parents/>.

We would also like to take this opportunity to seek your support in ensuring that your child continues to practise good personal hygiene, exercise social responsibility and abide by safe management measures, whether in or outside school.