



Greendale Secondary School

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

PREPARING FOR TERM 2 2020

1. With Term 1 coming to an end soon, we would like to share how we will be ensuring that the school community remains well-prepared for the new term ahead despite the current health situation.

Home-Based Learning (HBL) Day on 13 March 2020

2. The school had originally scheduled our biennial concert, ELADNEERG III, to be held on 13 March. Home-Based Learning (HBL) would have taken place to enable students to continue learning as the school had planned for two shows – a Matinee followed by an Evening performance. The school will continue with **HBL Day on 13 March 2020** to help students familiarise themselves with the HBL process, as well as develop their capacity to manage self-directed learning. **All Sec 1-5 students will not be required to attend school that day, and there will not be CCA or other school programmes in the afternoon.** Students will be assigned a series of learning tasks via the Student Learning Space platform (<https://vie.learning.moe.edu.sg/login>). Students have been briefed on HBL Day and how to access HBL.
3. Please refer to the table below for the HBL schedule for the various levels:

	0800 – 0900	0900 – 1000	1000 – 1030	1030 – 1130	1130 – 1230
	Subject 1	Subject 2	BREAK	Subject 3	Subject 4
Sec 1	MTL	MUSIC		SCI	DESIGN & TECH
Sec 2	MATH	ART		FOOD & CONSUMER ED	EL
Sec 3	CHEM/ SC(CHEM)/ SC(NT)/ SET	MATH		HUM(GE)/ HUM(HIST) / CPA	PHY/ BIO/ SC(PHY)/ SCI(BIO)/ EBS
Sec 4/5	EL	SOCIAL STUDIES / EBS		MATH	MTL

4. Should students require assistance during HBL Day, they can seek help via the following channels:

For technical assistance: (a) perform self-reset of SLS password via SLS; (b) submit online request for locked account at <https://go.gov.sg/gdlsis-pwreset> ; or (c) call the school at 6315 8616.

For enquiries on HBL lessons: (a) email the teacher indicated in the online lesson guide accompanying the specific learning activity; or (b) call the school at 6315 8616. Teachers will be in school to address students' enquiries, if any.

5. To ensure that every student has the required resources to participate in HBL, the school has updated its records and our staff will make arrangements directly with relevant students to loan them a computing device before HBL Day. The school will also remain open to students with no internet access or personal learning devices.
6. On HBL Day, parents / guardians will also be able to access the HBL schedule and lesson guides through the announcements section of our school website. As HBL Day aims to strengthen our students' readiness and confidence towards self-directed learning, your support towards the completion of the HBL tasks by your child / ward will be much appreciated.

Holiday Homework

7. Over the coming March school holidays, students will be engaged in some holiday homework. The school believes that homework encourages and supports students' learning, as well as allows them to take ownership and develop good study habits. Please refer to our website for more details on our homework policy. Information on assigned holiday homework will also be put up at the end of each school term.



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Issuance of Term 1 Results Slips

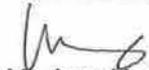
8. In line with national policy changes on school-based assessment to reduce high-stakes testing and improve learning outcomes, Term 1 results slips will be issued in Term 2 Week 1 (24 March) instead of Term 1 Week 10 (10 March) as previously indicated in our school calendar (online and in Student Handbook). This refinement will help reduce emphasis on grades, allow our teachers to focus on giving students effective feedback, and perform deeper analysis of assessment data to enhance teaching and learning going forward. We will also continue to work closely with you to help our students grow, with a focus on their holistic development which includes building resilience and nurturing a growth mindset, and not just academic outcomes alone.

Travel Declaration during the March Holidays

9. MOH had issued an update on additional precautionary measures on 25 Feb 2020, advising Singapore residents to defer all travel to Hubei province, and avoid non-essential travel to affected areas. As of 3 Mar 2020, affected areas include Mainland China, Iran, northern Italy and the Republic of Korea. Please refer to MOH's travel advisories for the latest list of affected areas (<https://www.gov.sg/article/covid-19-places-to-avoid-travelling-to-during-this-period>).
10. As a continuation of our efforts to ensure a healthy and safe school environment in light of the COVID-19 situation, we will require **travel declarations for all students for the March holidays (14-22 March 2020)**. This information will allow the school to plan and take the necessary precautions. **You will be notified via Parent's Gateway on 9 March to declare your child / ward's travel plans.** To make your travel declaration, go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Only one parent is required to declare. If your child / ward is travelling, please indicate clearly both the country and city of travel. **A 'nil' declaration is also required if your child / ward is not travelling.** If you do not have access to the Parent's Gateway app, please refer to the school blog (<http://gdlls.edu.sg/parents/>) for details on how to manually submit the travel declaration. **We seek the cooperation of all parents / guardians to submit travel declarations by 11 March Wednesday.**
11. If there is a change of travel plans after you have declared, please inform the school directly by contacting the General Office at 6315 8616.
12. Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of our parents / guardians and students to be socially responsible and always look out for and support one another. We also encourage you to continue educating your child / ward to adopt good personal hygiene practices. If your child / ward is unwell during the March holidays (especially after returning from overseas travel), s/he should see a doctor promptly. Students who continue to be unwell when school re-opens should remain at home until they fully recover. For more information on good practices and advice by expert Dr Leong Hoe Nam, please refer to this link (<https://www.gov.sg/article/infectious-disease-expert-answers-more-questions-on-covid-19-part-ii>).
13. Should you require more clarifications, please contact the respective Year Heads (of Secondary 1 to Secondary 4/5) or the General Office at 6315 8616.
14. Further updates on school matters will be provided in Termly Information Sheet 02/2020, which will be issued in Term 2. You can look forward to updates on (i) teaching and learning matters (Secondary 4/5 Extended Academic Programme, remediation programme, mid-year examinations for relevant levels etc.), (ii) Meet-The-Parents Sessions and (iii) status of key events / activities such as ELADNEERG III, Student Leaders' Investiture, Jogathon and Honours Day.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely


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