



Greendale Secondary School

NURTURING TALENTS DEVELOPING CHARACTER INSPIRING LIVES

28 June 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

TERM 3 INFORMATION SHEET (03/2021)

Welcome back! We hope that you were able to make the most of the June holidays to spend quality time with your child/ward, as well as encourage revision of learning points from Semester 1.

Please refer to our letter dated 23 June 2021 for information and instructions for the "Resumption of School in Term 3". This letter will highlight key programmes and initiatives in the second half of 2021 as follows:

General Matters

- | | |
|-------------------------|---|
| 1. Staff Movement | 2. Upcoming Key Events & Activities in Term 3 |
| 3. Semester 2 Timetable | 4. Attire & Grooming Reminders |

Strategic Thrust 1 Learning

- | | |
|---|--|
| 5. Secondary 2 PE Programme & Inter-Class Games | 6. SIT Community Challenge |
| 7. Secondary 1 to 3 Academic Programme & Schedule | 8. Secondary 4 & 5 Academic Programme & Schedule |
| 9. Blended Learning for Secondary 1 | 10. Co-Curricular Activities |
| 11. Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Updates | 12. National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) |

Strategic Thrust 2 Well-Being

13. Information on Key Events in Term 3

Strategic Thrust 3 Sustainability and Development

14. 15th Anniversary Celebrations

In line with the national precautionary measures put in place, please be reminded of the following:

- Ensure that your child/ward is well before sending him/her to school.
- Ensure your child/ward brings his/her thermometer and Trace Together token/app to school.
- Strongly encourage your child/ward to use masks with high Bacterial Filtration Efficiency (BFE). These include 3-ply surgical masks and 2-layer reusable masks with filter insert.
- Please keep your child/ward at home and inform the school if any of the following applies:
 - Students with flu-like symptoms should stay away from school and seek medical attention immediately;
 - Household member (6 years old and above) living in the same household has flu-like symptoms;
 - Household member living in the same household is issued with a QO/SHN/LOA; and
 - Household member living in the same household is required to undergo mandatory testing due to a COVID-19 cluster (this excludes household members who are healthcare workers or who come from other sectors that require rostered routine testing).

Yours sincerely,

Ms Amy Ng
Principal

General Matters

1. Staff Movement

We welcome Mr Seng Mun Kong, Design & Technology and Mathematics teacher to the Greendale family. We also bid farewell to Mr Ghazali (ST/English), Mr Tamalingam (Operations Manager) and Auntie Toh (Operations Support Officer), and thank them for their service and dedication to the school.

2. Upcoming Key Events & Activities in Term 3

Month	Date	Event / Activity	Remarks
July	2 July	Greendale Games Carnival & SYF Appreciation	
	5 July	Youth Day Holiday	<i>Students need not report to school</i>
	6 July	GCE 'O' level MTL Listening Comprehension	<i>Secondary 1 – 3 will be dismissed from 12.30pm</i>
	7 to 16 July	GCE 'O' level MTL Oral	
	12 to 16 July	GCE 'N' level EL Oral	
	20 July	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	
	22 July to 3 August	GCE 'O' level EL Oral	
	23 July	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	
August	29 July to 2 August	GCE 'N' level MTL Oral	
	6 August	National Day Celebration	<i>Students will be dismissed at 11.00 am</i>
	9 August	National Day Public Holiday	
	10 August	National Day School Holiday	<i>Students need not report to school</i>
	12 to 20 August	GCE 'N' level Preliminary Examination	
	16 to 20 August	Class Test (<i>Secondary 1 – 3</i>)	
	26 August	GCE 'O' level Preliminary Science Practical Examination	
September	30 August to 17 September	GCE 'O' level Preliminary Examinations	
	2 September	Teachers' Day Celebration	<i>Students will be dismissed at 10.30 am</i>
	3 September	Teachers' Day School Holiday	<i>Students need not report to school</i>
	6 – 12 September	Term Break	

3. Semester 2 Timetable

2021 Semester 2 timetables are available for download via the school website under "Announcements" by 30 June 2021. The school will follow the new timetable starting **Term 3 Week 2, Tuesday 6 July 2021**. In Term 3 Week 1, the school will follow Semester 1's timetable (Day 1 - 5) in view of HBL days for Secondary 1 to 2 students on 28 – 30 June. As some adjustments to deployment were made for Semester 2, this arrangement will help students ease back into school with teachers whom they are familiar with.

Do note that the school will continue with staggered reporting and dismissal time as follow:

Level	Reporting Time	Dismissal Time
Lower Secondary	Monday : 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday : 7.40 am	Monday – Thursday : 2.30 pm Friday: 12.30 pm
Upper Secondary	Monday : 8.20 am Tuesday - Friday : 7.30am	Monday – Thursday: 2.40 pm Friday: 12.40pm

All students are to make their way to their classrooms before the Reporting Timing. Students will be considered late if they are not in their classrooms at the stipulated Reporting Time as indicated.

4. Attire & Grooming

The school conducts regular grooming checks to ensure that our students are appropriately attired and ready for learning. Class Mentors will issue reminders for grooming and students will be given sufficient time to rectify any issues. Term 3's grooming check will be conducted **within the first week of school**.

Students who are unable to adhere to school grooming rules may be **sent home**, or may be requested to have their grooming rectified **on-the-spot**. Please note that for students who still have inappropriate hair length or styles after repeated reminders, parents may be asked to bring the student for a suitable haircut before he/ she can return to school. Students may refer to their Student Handbook for the school rules related to grooming (pp.17-20)

Strategic Thrust 1 Learning

5. Secondary 2 PE Programme & Inter-Class Games

The Secondary 2 students will go through an 8-week Hip Hop Dance Programme during PE lessons in Term 3. Students will be briefed by their PE teachers. As this module will be taught by external instructors, a fee of \$10 will be deducted from students' Edusave accounts. The school will bear the remaining costs.

Pending updates to current SMMs, Inter-Class Games may take place in Term 3. Selected Secondary 1, 2 and 3 students will be invited to represent their class in Inter-Class Games (Netball, Handball and Ultimate Frisbee). Inter-Class Games will take place on Tuesdays (5 – 6pm), Thursdays (5 – 6pm).

6. Singapore Institute Technology (SIT) Community Challenge 2021

All Secondary 2 students will go through the SIT Community Challenge, a collaboration with the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) as part of the school's Applied Learning in Design, Technology & Engineering programme (ALP-DTE). Students will use Design Thinking skills to create innovative solutions to challenges faced by the elderly. Selected students will be shortlisted for the SIT Community Challenge Finals that will be held during the post-examination period in Term 4.

7. Secondary 1 to 3 Academic Programme & Schedule

Remediation

Subject Teachers for some subjects will organise remedial lessons for selected students based on their performance at the Secondary 1 & 3 Class Tests and Secondary 2 Mid-Year Examinations held in Semester 1. The identified students will be informed by their respective subject teachers by Term 3 Week 1.

The Remediation Programme will commence in Term 3 Week 2 and the schedule is as follows:

Session	Level	Tuesday	Thursday
Session 1	Secondary 1	Science (1E) Math (1NA)	English (1E) Science (1NA)
Session 2		English (1NA)	Math (1E)
Session 1	Secondary 2	English (2E) Science (2NA)	Science (2E) Humanities (2NA)
Session 2		Humanities (2E)	English (2NA)
Session 1	Secondary 3	Math (3E) English (3NA)	Humanities (3E) Math (3NA)
Session 2		English (3E) Science (3NA)	Science (3E) Humanities (3NA)

Session 1: Tuesday & Thursday 2.45 – 3.45pm

Session 2: Tuesday & Thursday 4.00 – 5.00pm

Class Test 2

Class Test 2 will be held from **16 – 20 August 2021** during curriculum time. Students will receive the schedule by 31 July 2021. We encourage parents/guardians to work with your child/ward to put in place a regular revision schedule in the weeks leading up to the Class Tests.

Secondary 3 English Oral Examination

The Secondary 3 Express English Oral Examination will be held on 1 & 8 July 2021 and the Secondary 3 Normal (Academic) English Oral Examination will be held on 8 & 9 July 2021.

8. Secondary 4/5 Academic Programme & Schedule

To better prepare our students for the rigour of the examinations, we have put in place a series of academic programme to help them prepare for the National Examination with confidence.

Extended Academic Programme

Extended Academic Programme for the Secondary 4/5 will continue from **19 July – 6 August 2021** for 4NA students and **26 July – 20 August 2021** for 4EXP/5NA students. Students will be expected to stay in school for additional curriculum time until 6pm at latest. The students will receive the schedule at a later date

GCE 'O' & 'N' Level Examinations in Term 3

The National Examinations will begin on 6 and 12 July for 'O' Level and 'N' Level students respectively.

Date	Event/Activities
6 July 2021	GCE 'O' Level MTL Listening Comprehension <i>*Secondary 1-3 students will be dismissed from 1230pm</i>
7 – 16 July 2021	GCE 'O' Level MTL Oral
12 – 16 July 2021	GCE 'N' Level EL Oral
22 July – 3 August 2021	GCE 'O' Level EL Oral
29 July – 2 August 2021	GCE 'N' Level MTL Oral
13 September 2021 (Term 4 Week 1)	Start of GCE 'N' Level Written Papers

Preliminary Examinations

Preliminary Examinations dates for Secondary 4/5 students are as follows:

12 – 20 August 2021	Secondary 4N Preliminary Examination
26 August – 17 September 2021	Secondary 4E/5N Preliminary Examination

This will be the final checkpoint for the students before the National Examinations. We seek your support to help encourage your child and monitor his/her emotional well-being in the lead-up to and during the examination period.

9. Secondary 1 Blended Learning

We refer to the Blended Learning (BL) information shared in the End of Semester Term letter dated 16 May 2021. The school had originally scheduled BL to commence in Term 3 Week 3. However, with HBL conducted in Term 3 Week 1 for Secondary 1 students, the BL schedule will be adjusted to allow more in-school learning experiences for your child/ward. The school has introduced Student-Initiated Learning (SIL), part of BL, to our Secondary 1 students and will deepen their learning in this aspect with the distribution of the students' Personal Learning Device in Semester 2. More details on commencement of BL will be communicated at a later date.

10. Co-curricular Activities

CCA will resume at the regular time slots in Term 3, from Week 2 onwards. CCA attendance is an important part of holistic education and all students are to provide their teachers with medical certificates or parents' letters if they are not able to attend the sessions. With adherence to the National Safe Management guidelines, E-CCA will be conducted in Week 2. Physical sessions will only resume from Week 3.

11. Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Updates

We had earlier shared information on ITE EAE and DSA-JC in our End-of-Term Letter dated 16 May 2021. The Polytechnic Early Admission Exercise (EAE) for 'O'Level students, for admission to the polytechnics in Academic Year 2022, commences on 24 June 2021. Applications must be submitted online through the Poly EAE portal at <https://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg>.

The key milestones are as follows:

Process	Period
Application Stage	24 June 2021 to 30 June 2021
Selection Stage	5 July 2021 to 31 August 2021
Offer & Acceptance Stage	7 September 2021 to 10 September 2021
Withdrawal Stage	13 September 2021 to 15 October 2021

Students and parents may approach our Education and Career Guidance Counsellor, Ms Corrine Tan, for further guidance by booking an appointment at this link: <https://go.gov.sg/gdlssecgappt>.

To ensure the well-being of Poly EAE applicants, the institutions will conduct selections largely via electronic means. For a few courses, on-campus selection will still need to proceed as the selection process for these courses cannot be meaningfully replicated online. Safe management measures will be put in place for EAE applicants required to attend on-campus selection. The polytechnics will continue to monitor the national situation and will facilitate on-campus selection for more courses, if the situation allows.

12. National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)

The school will be proceeding with the purchase of the Personal Learning Device (PLD) for parents/guardians who have provided the school with the consent. More details on the collection of the PLDs will be communicated with you at a later date.

Strategic Thrust 2 Well-Being

13. Information on Key Term 3 School Events

Greendale Games Carnival & SYF Appreciation

In celebration of Youth Day, we will be modifying our annual Greendale Games Carnival scheduled for 2 July 2021. This celebration through class-based games will allow students to have fun as they participate in various games safely while also fostering healthy competition across the level. Students will be briefed in detail closer to the event, and the briefing slides will also be uploaded onto our school website. As part of this event, students will also enjoy the presentations put up by their peers at the 2021 Singapore Youth Festival (SYF). Greendale has done well at SYF, and as a school we celebrate the achievements of our CCA groups!

Racial Harmony Day

We will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day through a series of programmes to promote discussion of the role of multiculturalism in Singapore in **Term 3 Week 4**. Students are encouraged to wear their ethnic costumes on 23 July 2021 to celebrate Singapore's cultural diversity.

National Day Celebration

National Day celebrations will take place on **6 August 2021**. Students will be dismissed at 11.00am. This year's theme, 'Singapore Together', reminds us of how our collective efforts as ONE SINGAPORE have helped to build a more resilient nation. Students are strongly encouraged to wear red tops on this day (*plain, with no loud prints/ words/ slogans. Football jerseys are not allowed.*)

Please note that the day after National Day, **10 August 2021, is a school holiday.**

Teachers' Day

Celebrations will take place on **2 September 2021**. Students will be dismissed by 10.30am. The General Office will be closed at 11.30am on that day. The following day, **3 September 2021**, is a school holiday.

Strategic Thrust 3 Sustainability & Development

14. 15th Anniversary Celebrations

In view of the evolving COVID-19 situation, we have had to make changes to some of our plans for this year's 15th Anniversary celebrations. In Term 3, the highlight for our students will be to pen short notes of encouragement and appreciation to be distributed to Punggol residents for National Day, as part of our engagement with the community. The 15th Anniversary Carnival originally scheduled for Term 3 has been postponed and we hope to be able to carry this out together with our Open House at the end of the year.