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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### 2024 Term 4 Letter

As we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our school this year, we wanted our students to have opportunities to Celebrate, Create, Connect, Contribute and be Confident. As the CCA calendar winds down and we reflected on how well our GEMS have created, connected and contributed in their CCAs, we cannot help but feel great joy and pride in them. They have helped to anchor our GM100 events such as the GM Family Carnival and completed the 100 Acts of Service! Throughout this year, our students have truly exemplified our school values of Mastery and Excellence through their outstanding performances in their Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs). Below is a summary of our students' results in the National School Games:

Sport	Division	Result
Soccer	B Division (Boys)	League 4 Champions
Badminton	C Division (Girls)	League 4 Champions
Basketball	C Division (Boys)	League 7 Champions
Netball	C Division (Girls)	League 4 Third placing
Volleyball	C Division (Boys)	League 1 Third Placing

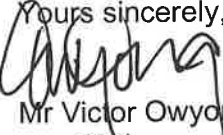
We are also proud to celebrate with our Uniformed Groups who have earned prestigious accolades, including Gold awards for the Girls' Brigade, Girl Guides, and NPCC, and a Distinction for the Boys' Brigade.

Our Performing Arts CCAs have worked tirelessly and put up wonderful performances at the GM Family Carnival, the Centennial Thanksgiving Service as well as the GMS(P) Centennial Concert at Gateway Theatre.

Our heartfelt thanks are extended to the Media Resource Club and Media@GM students for their vital contributions to all school events, especially in celebrating GM100. Their hard work behind the scenes ensures the success of these memorable occasions.

We celebrated the achievements of our GEMS in CCAs during our Teachers' Day Concert with a sharing of their achievements and gave each GEM a delicious muffin to thank them for their hard work. We thank all our staff, teachers, coaches and volunteers for their dedication and heart work in growing our GEMS in their CCAs. Our prayer is that our GEMS would have grown in their school pride for GM and also grown in confidence in themselves!

We wish our GEMS a good rest as CCAs stand down. CCAs will resume on 11 October (Friday). The year-end training schedules will be shared with students in due course.

Yours sincerely,  
  
Mr Victor Owyong  
Principal

**(A) Key School-Wide Events**

Date	Event	Level	Remarks
7 Sep, Sat	CCA stand-down	Sec 1-3	
9-13 Sep, Mon–Fri	Make-up break for attending Outward Bound School	Sec 3	
9-11 Sep, Mon-Wed	Sec 1 Adventure Camp	Sec 1	Schedule posted on PG
12 Sep, Thu	HBL Day	All	
9-19 Sep, Mon-Thu	N-Level Examinations (Part 1)	Sec 4N	To report 45 minutes before their paper. Lessons will resume from 20 Sep (Fri).
10 Sep, Tue & 12 Sep, Thu	N-Level Listening Comprehension	Sec 4N	All other students will be dismissed at 1.45 pm.
19 Sep, Thu	Sec 2 EL Oral Exam	Sec 2	This will be conducted after school in the afternoon.
23 Sep-8 Oct, Mon-Tue	End-Of-Year Examinations	Sec 1-3	Schedule had been distributed to students in Term 3 Week 10.
27 Sep, Fri	Sec 4/5 Graduation Service	Sec 4/5	All students are to report to school as usual.
30 Sep-8 Oct, Mon-Tue	N-Level Examinations (Part 2)	Sec 4N	To report 45 minutes before their paper.
30 Sep-15 Oct, Mon-Tue	Study Break	Sec 4E/5N	Students are encouraged to revise at home and e-consult their teachers if necessary.
2 Oct, Wed	GCE O-level Chemistry Practical	Sec 4E	To report according to their shift reporting time.
7 Oct, Mon	GCE O-level Physics Practical	Sec 4E	To report according to their shift reporting time.
9 Oct, Wed	Marking Day	Sec 1-3	Students are not required to report to school.
10 Oct, Thu	GCE O-level Combined Science Practical Exam	Sec 4E/5N & 4NA OSS	To report according to their shift reporting time.
15 Oct, Tue	GCE O-level Biology Practical	Sec 4E	To report according to their shift reporting time.
16 Oct, Wed	GCE O-Level Listening Comprehension	Sec 4E/5N & 4NA OSS	All other students will be dismissed at 1.45 pm.
25 Oct, Fri	Last Day of School	Sec 1-3	Selected students may return for remedials and consultations.

16 Oct-11 Nov, Wed-Mon	GCE O-Level Written Examinations	Sec 4E/5N & 4N OSS	
21 Oct, Mon	Moderation & Promotion Exercise	Sec 1-3	Students are not required to report to school.
25 Oct, Fri	Parent-Teacher Meeting (upon request)	Selected Sec 1-3	Students should report to school in their school uniform and shoes for the meeting.
11-16 Nov, Mon-Sat	Overseas Learning Journey to China	Selected Sec 3 students	More details would be shared.
23 Nov, Sat	Open House	Selected Sec 1-3 students	Students who are involved would be informed closer to the date.

## **(B) STUDENT DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

### **1 Student Welfare**

With the National Examinations for Sec 4/5 and End-of-Year Examinations for Sec 1-3 approaching, we encourage parents/guardians to monitor your child's mental and physical well-being. If your child is displaying some out-of-character behaviours like not sleeping or eating well or being quieter and withdrawn, please contact his/her Form Teacher or the school counsellors (Mr Lewis Lam or Ms Lim Soo Ling).

For students who need financial assistance for essentials like food, stationery, or transport, they are encouraged to apply through their Form Teachers.

### **2. Student Management**

We continue to partner parents to encourage our GEMS to be regular and on time for school. As students are spending more time on their digital devices, we encourage parents to monitor their child's screen time and usage and help them be more responsible users of social media.

### **3. Student Leadership**

We will continue to consolidate the learning of our student leaders and hone their competencies and skills to lead better the following year. Consent forms for the activities will be issued closer to the dates.

- a. Lower Secondary Class Committee meeting - 24 Oct (Thu)
- b. Combined 2D1N Student Leaders Camp (Student Council, House Committee and CCA Leaders) from 7-8 Nov (Thu-Fri)
- c. GEMS Leaders Preparatory Camp from 13-15 Nov (Wed-Fri)
- d. GEMS Leaders Booster Session - 23 Dec (Mon)

### **4. Parent-Teacher-Meeting (PTM)**

Students will receive their results slips on 24 Oct (Thu) for parent's acknowledgement and signature. The signed results slips will be collected on the first day of school in 2025. PTM is on 25 Oct (Fri) and it is meant for a selected group of students and upon request for the rest through the Form Teachers. Students who are attending PTM with their parents are required to return to school in proper school attire. Parents will be notified if they and their child are required to meet up to discuss their child's progress.

### **5. GMS(S) Open House**

Our Open House will be held on 23 Nov (Sat) from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm, showcasing our curricular and co-curricular programmes. Our Principal will also be addressing prospective students and parents. More details will be shared on the school's website and Facebook page nearer the date. Students assisting in the Open House will also be informed nearer the date.

## **6. Enhancements to Edusave Awards for Achievement, Good Leadership & Service (EAGLES)**

Introduced in 2001, the Edusave Awards for Achievement, Good Leadership & Service (EAGLES) recognise students who have excelled in co-curricular activities, demonstrated leadership, and contributed positively to their school and community. With effect from 2024, EAGLES is enhanced to also recognise students with consistent and exemplary demonstration of Emerging 21st Century Competencies (E21CC) in secondary schools. For this year, our school will be recognising students who display exemplary communication skills in the following ways:

- Courageously and spontaneously present and persuade others to support constructive ideas
- Demonstrates open-mindedness and empathy to effectively communicate across cultures for an inclusive society

Nominations for this award will be administered in Term 4. Students who are Singapore citizens and with a conduct rating of good or better are eligible. Students who believe they are deserving of this award can nominate themselves. Students will be briefed on the criteria of this award and the process of nomination at the start of Term 4. Awardees will receive \$350 in 2025.

## **(C) LEVEL ACTIVITIES**

### **1. SHINE Like MADD Programme for Sec 1 and 2**

As part of the post-exam programme, all Sec 1 and 2 students will take part in the SHINE Like MADD Programme workshops which aim to broaden students' learning experiences through applied learning. This programme is an extension of our Student-Initiated Learning programme. Students will collaborate and learn together based on their interest and passion.

Date: 22, 23 and 24 October 2024

Time: During Curriculum Time

Venue: GMS(S)

These workshops are subsidised by the school and the amount payable by each student is \$27. Students who are absent without valid reasons will need to bear the cost of the programme (i.e \$53.36)

### **2. Subject Combination Matters for Sec 2**

After the End-Of-Year Examinations, students will be briefed on 16 Oct (Wed) before they select their 2025 Sec 3 subject combinations.

### **3. Sec 3 Learning Journeys to Science Centre**

Interested Sec 3 students can sign up for the learning journey as part of their Education and Career Guidance (ECG) experience to understand the career opportunities in the area of Forensic Science. A two-way transport will be provided. The sign-up details and dismissal time will be given closer to the date.

Date: 23 Oct (Wed)

Time: After school hours

Cost: To be advised at a later date

### **4. Graduation Service for Sec 4/5**

This event will be held on 27 Sep (Fri) from 10:15 to 11:45 am, followed by a lunch reception that will end by 12:45 pm. This Service acknowledges the contributions and achievements of our graduating students in the co-curricular areas and shares some advice for their journey beyond the gates of GMS(S).

### **5. Sec 4E/5N Study Break**

A study break has been scheduled before the national examinations from 30 Sep (Mon) to 15 Oct (Tue). Students are advised to remain at home to do their self-revision or arrange for e-consultation sessions with their subject teachers. Students must also take note of their practical examination dates that fall during this study break period.

## **(D) ACADEMIC UPDATES**

### **1. Post-Exam Remediation/Consultation for Sec 1-3**

Remedial Lessons will be conducted for identified students to bridge their learning gaps and enhance their understanding before they return in 2025. These lessons will be conducted for 8 days from 28 Oct (Mon) to 7 Nov (Thu).

## **(E) ASSESSMENT MATTERS**

### **1. National Examination Matters**

Students sitting for the national examinations are reminded to bring their Entry Proof, NRIC or foreign identification documents when they report to school.

#### **1.1 GCE N-Level Written Examinations**

- Part 1: 9 Sep (Mon) - 19 Sep (Thu)

- Part 2: 30 Sep (Mon) - 8 Oct (Tue)

4N students need not report back to school after Part 2 of the N-Level Examinations. They will be informed by their Form Teachers when the release date of results is confirmed.

#### **1.2 GCE O-Level Written Examinations**

This will take place from 16 Oct (Wed) to 11 Nov (Mon). Students will take their study break immediately after the Graduation Service on 27 Sep (Fri), before their National Examinations.

### **2. Assessment for Sec 1-3**

#### **2.1 End-Of-Year Examination**

The End-Of-Year Examination for Sec 1-3 will be held from 23 Sep (Mon) to 8 Oct (Tue). The exam timetable was distributed to your child/ward in Term 3 Week 10. Students need not report to school on 9 Oct (Wed), Marking Day and 21 Oct (Mon), Moderation and Promotion Day.

#### **2.2 English Language Oral Examination for Sec 2E/ NA/ NT**

This will be held on 19 Sep (Thu) from 2.15 to 6.00pm. Students will be briefed by their EL teachers on how the oral examination will be conducted and how to prepare for it. Students who are absent due to illnesses must submit a medical certificate upon return to school.

#### **2.3 Mother Tongue (MT)**

Lower Sec MT Oral Examinations will be conducted during the end-of-year examinations and the schedule is indicated in the examination timetable. Oral passages had been given for students to prepare and practise at home, in addition to practices during curriculum time.

#### **2.4 Dismissal Time due to national exams**

In view of the national examinations, dismissal times will be as follow for Sec 1-3 except for students involved in learning journeys and other scheduled activities.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Dismissal time</b>
16 Oct (Wed)	Sec 1-3	1.15 pm
17 Oct (Thu)	Sec 1-3	12.45 pm
18 Oct (Fri)	Sec 1-3	12.15 pm
21 Oct (Mon)	Sec 1-3	Students need not report to school (Moderation and Promotion Day)
22 Oct (Tue)	Sec 1-3	1.15 pm
23 Oct (Wed)	Sec 1-3	1.15 pm
24 Oct (Thu)	Sec 1-3	1.15 pm
25 Oct (Fri)	Sec 1-3	Meet-the-Parents' Session

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