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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to share that, thanks to your continued support for our various programmes and initiatives, we have successfully implemented many of our plans, providing students with meaningful and enriching school experiences that will stay with them for years to come.

One key highlight is our internationalisation programme, which aims to cultivate the 21st-century competency of Global Literacy—the ability to understand, critically reflect on, and engage with global issues. During the recent June break, student groups had the opportunity to travel to Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Brunei, and Guangzhou (China). These trips allowed them to experience diverse cultures first-hand and develop the skills to interact responsibly and meaningfully with peers from different backgrounds. Beyond learning about global perspectives, students also built strong bonds and lasting friendships through their interactions with students from the host schools.

We remain committed to offering meaningful experiences that broaden our students' horizons and nurture them into confident, global citizens.

1. Proud Moments

We are indeed proud to share our CCA achievements for Semester 1 which would not have been possible without the dedication, commitment and active engagement of your child/ward.

CCA Uniformed Groups	Event	Category	Results
Boys' Brigade	J M Fraser Award Excellence Honour Roll Award	Unit	High Distinction
Dragon Scouts	Frank Cooper Sands Award	Unit	Excellence
Girls' Brigade	The Girls' Brigade Company Award	Unit	Silver
NCC (Land)	NCC Unit Recognition Award	Unit	Distinction
NPCC	Unit Overall Proficiency Award	Unit	Distinction
SJB	Corps Achievement Award	Unit	Gold

CCA Visual and Performing Arts	Event	Category	Results
Band	SYF Arts Presentation for Band (Concert)	Team	Certification of Accomplishment
Choir	SYF Arts Presentation for Choir	Team	Certification of Distinction
Dance	SYF Arts Presentation for Dance (International)	Team	Certification of Distinction
Drama	SYF Arts Presentation for Drama	Team	Certification of Accomplishment



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CCA Physical Sports	Event	Category	Results
Table Tennis	National Inter-School Table Tennis Championship (Girls)	C Division	13th
Basketball	National Inter-school Basketball Championship (Boys)	C Division	League 3
Football	National Inter-school Football Championship (Boys)	C Division	League 3
Sport Climbing	Inter-Schools Bouldering Championships (Boys)	C Division	6th
Cross Country	National Inter-school Cross Country Championship (Girls)	B Division	18 th
		C Division	9 th
	National Inter-school Cross Country Championship (Boys)	B Division	9 th
		C Division	16 th

GESS would also like to congratulate the following students for their individual achievements:

- Lim Zuo -En (2-4) for clinching the 2nd position in the NSG Taekwondo Kyorugi Championship, C Division Boys, Red Belt Under 50kg category
- Wong Zheng Hao Lucas (2-7) for attaining the 3rd position for NSG Taekwondo Kyorugi, C Division Boys, Poom Belt Under 66kg
- Siow Wen Jie (3-3) for coming in 3rd in the NSG Taekwondo Kyorugi, B Division Boys, Black Belt Under 48kg
- Yap Rong-Yan (4-4) for attaining the Boys' Brigade Best Boy Award 2025.

For more information on our achievements, events and other updates, kindly visit our Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SG.GESS/> or GESS Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/theofficialgess/>

2. Key Changes For Semester 2

i) Reporting Time For Students

Kindly take note that students' reporting time for Thursdays will be 8.10 am. This change was made in response to feedback given by parents during Breakfast With Parents' Sessions where they have requested for a day where they can have more time with their children in the morning. Late reporting of students on Thursdays would also free time for teachers to have their professional development activities in the morning.

Day	Reporting Time
Monday	7.45 am
Tuesday	7.30 am
Wednesday	7.30 am
Thursday	8.10 am (NEW)
Friday	7.30 am



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ii) Attire For Semester 2

With the rise in temperature and heat in the classrooms, school has reviewed its school attire policy. From Semester 2, students are allowed to be in half uniform as stipulated below:

- **Mondays:** Students must be in full uniform and in tie for morning assembly. They can change into their half uniform after morning assembly.
- **Tuesdays to Thursdays:** Students can come to school in half uniform. Half uniform is defined as PE T-shirt, skirt/pants. No other school-based t-shirt is allowed. Alternatively, students may come in full uniform if they do not have PE T-shirt for that day.
- **Fridays:** Dress down days. Students may wear their class-based or cohort t-shirts.

iii) Home-Based Learning (HBL)

15 to 17 July 2025 have been designated as Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days for Secondary 1 to 3 students, while Secondary 4 and 5 students will be sitting for their GCE 'N' and 'O' Level oral examinations. During this period, Sec 1–3 students will be assigned online learning tasks to ensure curriculum continuity. We seek your support in encouraging and monitoring your child's/ward's active engagement in their learning on these days. Please note that there will be no additional HBL days scheduled for Semester 2.

3. Temperature Taking exercise

At the start of every term, there will be a temperature-taking exercise. For term 3, it will be on 9 July 2025. Kindly ensure that your child/ward brings along a working oral digital thermometer to school for the exercise. In our effort to build a caring community, every Gessian needs to demonstrate social responsibility.

4. Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) Achievers' Programme (AP), Secondary 4 Express / 5 Normal (Academic) Afternoon Study Programme (ASP), and Timed Practice (TP)

To support our graduating cohort in preparing for the national examinations, the school will be conducting the following programmes in Semester 2, starting Tuesday, 8 July 2025:

i) Achievers' Programme (AP) – For Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) Students

During the AP sessions, subject teachers will conduct topical remedial lessons for selected students of 4NA. These sessions aim to strengthen their understanding of key concepts and improve their skills through targeted practice questions.

4NA Achievers' Programme (AP) - Term 3, week 2; week 4 to week 5; weeks 8 to 10 (actual dates will be released to the identified students at the end of Term 3 Week 1)

Day	Time	Venues
Monday, Wednesday (Odd weeks) and Thursday	After curriculum hours	Respective classrooms



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ii) Afternoon Study Programme (ASP) – For Secondary 4NT, 4NA, 4Exp / 5NA Students

For ASP, students will be given a conducive venue in school to carry out their self-study. Subject teachers will be present to provide consultation sessions for students wishing to clarify their doubts. The ASP would be made compulsory for a group of identified students who have been informed by their teachers.

4NT/4NA/4E/5 Afternoon Study Programme (ASP) – Term 3, week 2 week 4 to week 10 (actual dates will be released to the identified students at the end of Term 3 Week 1)

Day	Time	Venues
Monday	4.30 pm to 6.00 pm	AVA Room
Wednesday	3.00 pm to 6.00 pm	
Thursday	4.30 pm to 6.00 pm	

iii) Timed Practice (TP)- For 4Exp/5NA

On days with TP sessions, 4Exp/5NA students would be given practice papers for various subjects according to the school's schedule.

Timed- Practice (TP) - Term 3, week 2; week 4 to week 8 (actual dates will be released to the all the students at the end of Term 3 Week 1)

Day	Time	Venues
Tuesday	3.00 pm to 5.30 pm	Respective classrooms
Wednesday (Odd Weeks)	3.00 pm to 5.30 pm	
Friday	2.30 pm to 5.00 pm	

5. Weighted Assessments and Preliminary Examinations

As in Semester 1, assessments for Secondary 1 to 3 students will be spread out over several weeks this term. In addition to written tests, students will continue to experience Alternative Assessment practices designed to deepen their learning and develop a broader range of skills.

For Secondary 4 and 5 students, the Preliminary Examinations will take place as follows:

Secondary 4 Normal (Technical) & Normal (Academic): 4 August to 15 August 2025

Secondary 4 Express & Secondary 5 Normal (Academic): 27 August to 3 Sept and 15 Sept to 17 Sept 2025

You may access the Preliminary Examination timetables through our school website:

<https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/school-information/exam-matters/>



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We encourage all students to manage their time well and approach these assessments with focus and preparedness. As parents/guardians, do continue to motivate your child/ward to give his or her best to each assessment. If needed, please contact our Senior School Counsellor, Mr Sim Kwang Mong at sim_kwang_mong@schools.gov.sg for counselling support, Ms Christina Ho at Ho_Yuin_Ching_Christina@schools.gov.sg for career counselling and Mrs Yap Hwee Ting at goh_hwee_ting@schools.gov.sg for special needs matters.

6. Important Dates for Term 3, 2025

Please refer to pages 6 and 7 for information on some of the key events/ activities for term 3. With your continued support, we remain committed to nurturing your child's/ward's holistic development and preparing them for the future.

ONWARD!

Yours sincerely,

Ms Tan Hwee Pin
Principal



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ANNEX A

Term 3 Key Events (Term 3, 2025)

Dates	Event	Remark (if any)
4 July (Fri)	Annual Sports Fiesta Venue: GESS	No CCA on 4 July.
7 July (Mon)	Youth Day (School Holiday)	School is closed for Admin Staff Training
8 July (Tue)	GCE 'O' Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination	School will be dismissed at 12.55 pm for Sec 1-3, 4NA and 4NT students (who are not involved in the exam). No CCA on 8 July.
9 July (Wed)	Temperature Taking Exercise	All students must bring their thermometers to school.
11 July (Fri)	Breakfast with Sec 2 parents (8.15 am – 9.15 am)	
14 July (Mon) - 18 July (Fri)	<u>National Exams</u> 14 July : GCE 'O' and 'N' Level Oral Exam (PM) 15-17 July: GCE 'O' and 'N' Level Oral Exam (whole day) 18 July: GCE 'O' and 'N' Level Oral Exam (PM)	15-17 July: Sec 1-3 students will have Home-Based Learning. No CCA on 15 and 18 July.
15 July -17 July (Tue-Thu)	Art and D&T Coursework intensive programme	
21 July – 25 July (Mon-Fri)	Mother Tongue Learning Fortnight	
22 July (Tue)	Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day	
30 July (Wed)	Sports Wednesday	
4 Aug (Mon)	4Exp Chemistry Practical Prelim Exam	
4 Aug -15 Aug (Mon-Fri)	4NT/4NA Level Prelim Exam	
7 Aug (Thu)	4Exp Physics Practical Prelim Exam	
8 Aug (Fri)	National Day Celebrations	School will be dismissed at 10 am. No CCA on 8 Aug.
11 Aug (Mon)	National Day School Holiday	



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Dates	Event	Remark (if any)
12 Aug (Tue)	4Exp/5NA Science Practical Prelim Exam	
13 Aug (Wed)	3 Exp EL End-Of-Year Oral Exam (PM)	
14 Aug (Thu)	4Exp Biology Practical Prelim Exam	
15 Aug (Wed)	Sec 3NA & 3NT EL End-Of-Year Oral Exam (PM)	
27 Aug (Wed)	Start of 4E/5N Prelim Exam	
29 Aug (Fri) & 2 Sept (Tue)	No CCA	
4 Sept (Thu)	Teachers' Day Celebrations	School will be dismissed at 10.30 am
5 Sept (Fri)	Teachers' Day - School Holiday	
5 Sept- 14 Sept (Fri-Sun)	September Holidays	Protected time for teachers
15 Sept (Mon)	Start of Term 4	



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