



16 March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Looking Ahead: Term 2 2023

We thank God for a fruitful term in the first quarter of 2023. Besides the Start Right and Orientation programmes, our students had, among many things, the privilege of participating in the 2023 National Schools Games, attending enrichment courses, preparing for the Carnival, as well as undergoing experiential learning through the exciting Learning Festival. Indeed, there were many learning opportunities and student development experiences galore.

The theme for Term 2 is “Encouraging Hearts, Enabling Unity.” This is adapted from Kouzes & Posner’s 5 Leadership Practices and we hope to build up our students’ competencies in encouraging one another and working together as a team. Through the various events and activities, students will be reminded to encourage hearts and enable unity as opportunities present themselves.

Here are some events to look forward to in Term 2.

Oh! It’s Fairfield! Carnival 2023

Saturday, 29 April is the day that the Fairfield Family has been eagerly waiting for. Many tickets have been sold and both students and staff have been working hard to ensure that this will be one Carnival that will be remembered for years to come. With the theme “Make Me A Blessing”, we have invited the special-needs and less-privileged communities to join in the fun and be our special guests. Organisations which are supporting and working with these communities have also been invited to participate in setting up stalls. You too can be a blessing when you invite friends and neighbours—or someone you seek to bless—to the carnival.

Methodist Walk and Outdoor Adventure Camp for Sec 1s

The Methodist Walk will be held on Saturday, 25 March. Sec 1 students will have to report to school before 6:40am at the Lower Deck of the Indoor Sports Hall. Thereafter, the teachers will lead them to ACS(I) where the walk will start. The event should end by 10:30am and dismissal will be at ACS(I). Do consider donating to this cause as 100% of funds raised will directly support our school via building grants, education aids and financial assistance. You can donate through [giving.sg](https://s.giving.sg) at <https://s.giving.sg/iBsUR1C> or scan the QR code below.



The FLEX week for the Sec 1s will begin with a workshop on Social Awareness on Tuesday, 16 May. From 17 to 19 May, the cohort will have their 3D2N outdoor adventure learning camp at Camp Christine, Jalan Bahtera. There will be opportunities for our students to discover their strengths as they apply the outdoor skills of simple navigation and outdoor cooking in an outdoor environment. Other highlights of the camp include cycling and an introductory Kayaking Orientation Programme. The students will be back in school latest by 12pm on Friday, 19 May.

Sec 2 'Community' Focus

The theme of the FLEX programme for the Sec 2s is 'Community'. During this 4-day programme, the students will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the various special needs and disabilities, and thus develop empathy for this group of people in our community. The Sec 2s will also explore family values in the FamQuest programme by FamChamps, as they learn about the importance of the family unit in the community. Students will also get the chance to go dragon boating and create memories as a class, while focusing on the class unit in the school community.

Sec 3 ITE Elective Modules, FLEX Challenge and Student Initiated Learning (SIL) Sharing

The 3N(T) students will be going for their ITE elective modules from 27 to 29 March. These are two full-day programmes which will run from 8am to 5pm. Two-way transport will be provided for the students. Students will get a sneak peek into life in ITE and learn more about the various courses available. Many of our Sec 3 students embarked on their FLEX Challenge and Student-Initiated Learning (SIL) initiatives at the beginning of the year. The months of learning and enrichment will culminate in the FLEX week where the students will showcase their learning and celebrate their commitment and independence in this challenge. Those who did not sign up for the FLEX Challenge will be sharing about their SIL in class and enthuse one another with their discoveries.

Sec 4/5 Masterclass Series

As the N- and O-Level exams draw closer, the Sec 4/5 students will undergo a series of Masterclasses from 16-19 May to help them better prepare themselves mentally. Each day, they will spend the morning getting inspired by a guest speaker and/or hone their skills to better manage their time and stress levels. Thereafter, students sitting for the N-Level exams will spend the rest of their day having lessons as usual. Those who are sitting their O-Level Mother Tongue exams will go through the Mother Tongue "Sprint-to-the-Finals" programme. This programme aims to improve students' spoken, written, and listening skills through intensive use and practice of Mother Tongue Language (MTL) over the few days leading to their exams. Students who are exempted from MTL may remain in school to do their own studies or consult their subject teachers. They may also choose to go home after the Masterclasses.

Term 2 is also a term when the Sec 3 students step up as leaders in their CCAs as their seniors relinquish their duties and focus on their O-Level MTL Exams in June. This will be a good time of on-the-job-learning as the student leaders face the challenges of leading their peers and the school. Do spend some time to find out about what your child/ward is going through in terms of their learning and experiences of leadership. You can also engage your children/wards in Sec 1 or 2 as they would also have opportunities to lead themselves and exert some form of influence on their peers.

May God continue to help us to flourish as a family and community.

Yours Faithfully



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