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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the GCE "O" Level results were just released yesterday, I am pleased to share with you some of the outcomes of the results. The 2019 cohort has performed well and we are very happy for them.

Firstly, I am pleased to share with you the qualification rates for their next institution of learning:

	2018	2019
Junior College	68.1	70.1
Junior College & Millennia Institute	84.1	90.0
JC/MI & Polytechnics	93.0	98.0
ITE	7.0	2.0

I am pleased to inform you that for the following subjects, our Pass Rates are above the National Average for the subject. They are: English Language (96.3%); Chinese (100%); Malay (100%); Tamil (100%); Mathematics (96.3%); Additional Mathematics (97.2%); Literature (100%); Humanities (SS, Geo) (90.7%); Humanities (SS, Hist) (92.5%); Physics (100%); Chemistry (100%); Biology (100%); Science (Phy/Chem) (91.7%); Science (Chem/Bio) (96.9%); Art (100%); Design & Technology (100%) and Principles of Accounts (86.2%).

Finally, the following subjects produced improvements in the students attaining a Distinction grade as compared to last year. The subjects are: English Language; Chinese; Higher Chinese; History; Chemistry; Biology; Science (Phy/Chem); Science (Chem/Bio); Design & Technology and Principles of Accounts.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Class of 2019 for their good GCE "O" Level results. Their achievement was not just their good attitude and hard work, but we must acknowledge the support of:

Firstly, the teachers of QSS, for their tireless effort to teach, guide and coach their charges to the good outcomes we see. Many teachers spend many hours after school, well into the night during our Night Study Programme, and some even sacrifice their weekends for the students to help them in their learning, especially towards the examinations. I am very proud of the dedicated QSS staff who are selfless when it comes to our students.

I must also thank the QSS parents, especially those in the Parents' Support Group and Church of Our Saviour, for their support in the provision of dinner and coaching of our students during the Night Study Programme. Ensuring that our students need not worry about looking for dinner allowed them time to use their time productively in the lead-up to the "O" Levels. I am very appreciative of the additional community support that motivated our students.

Outstanding Queensway Awardees

As I have emphasized frequently, education is not only about attaining good results but having the right balance with CCA and involvement with community to benefit others. I am pleased to recognize students who have done themselves, their families and our school proud. Not only have they done well in the "O" Levels, they have a strong school spirit and willingness to support their peers in their development. The following students were recognized before their peers yesterday:

1. Dylan Chan Chün Lam
2. Gayathri Devendaran Naidu
3. Javin Yeo Thiam Lok
4. Ong Chong Kai Ken
5. Poh Li Han





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6. Tan Jun Hui
7. Lim Yoke Peng

Meet-the-Parents for Sec 4 & 5 Students – Friday, 17 January 2020

I refer to the notice given on 2 Jan 2020 concerning the Meet-the-Parents this Friday. I strongly encourage that all parents/guardians attend this meeting that will begin at 6 pm sharp. Unlike other years, a key aspect of the sharing in the Hall will be conducted by the subject Heads of Department. They will share the study approach and strategies that students must take in order to do well in the subject. This will give parents/guardians an understanding of the learning processes your child/ward must have in order to attain results that are as good, if not better than this year's cohort.

Chinese New Year Celebrations – Friday, 24 January 2020

This year, Chinese New Year eve falls on Friday and school will operate till 10.30 am. Students will have lessons for the first 2 periods before the whole school gathers for the school celebrations. As Chinese New Year falls over the weekend, the Monday and Tuesday following the weekend are school holidays.

In view of the already longer school break, I appeal to all parents/guardians not to further extend the absence for your child/ward by taking additional vacation days. Teachers will want to follow-up with the teaching and learning processes, thus your child/ward will miss out on the learning if he/she is absent from school beyond the official Chinese New Year break.

Change of academic time-table due to Public Holidays

Many of you will be aware that 2020 is a year where many public holidays fall on Fridays. The result of this is that curriculum time for subjects that fall on Fridays would be compromised. The scheme of learning has been planned for students, thus my emphasis that parents do not unilaterally extend vacation time for your family when it is not a school holiday too!

In view of the many public holidays that fall on Fridays, we will be adjusting the time-table for the Friday of 31 January to be conducted on 29 January. The same will happen for 1 May, where lessons will be held on 29 April, changing two Friday time-table days to replace that of the two Wednesdays. The dismissal time for the two Wednesdays will still be 2 pm and the remedial lessons will follow that of the Friday's arrangements. We will remind students about these arrangements closer to the date.

Conclusion

As a school, we will continue to work towards our Vision of "Caring citizens and life-long learners in a school of excellence." As I shared with our newest stakeholders, the parents of Sec 1 students, a school of excellence does not result just in what my staff and I do. Rather, together with the staff, students and parents of QSS make ours a school of excellence in the way we act, involve ourselves and support the school's efforts. Many parents and students of the class of 2019 were thankful and grateful to the teachers for the care received. It was heart-warming to see the affection and appreciation displayed in the hall. Let's continue to build this spirit and culture in QSS for I know that we will find *Success through Diligence*.

Yours sincerely

Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal

