



Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of QSS,

Today marks the end of Full Home-Based Learning. I am thankful and appreciative of the efforts of our teachers who have worked hard over this past month and developed new skills and strategies in their teaching repertoire. The majority of our students have also been responsible with their learning and have made efforts to develop themselves to be more disciplined and responsible as students. Well Done! Let's keep up the attitude and return from the school holidays with new drive and perspectives.

The school holidays begin tomorrow and school is scheduled to re-open on 2 June 2020, depending on how the COVID-19 situation is in Singapore. I know all of us are hoping to get back to normalcy and so we must do all we can to support the national measures. At the risk of being repetitive, let me highlight the following again:

- If you are sick, please see a doctor immediately. Should you not get better, please go back to the same clinic
- Should you sneeze or cough, please use a tissue paper to cover your nose/mouth
- Immediately discard the tissue paper in a bin and wash your hands with soap and water
- When you leave your home, you MUST wear a mask at all times till you return home
- When travelling in public transport, maintain a safe distance of 1m from the next passenger and only occupy seats marked for use
- Do not leave your home except for essential matters such as buying groceries, etc
- Should you wish to exercise by jogging or walking, please do this alone and not with your friends
- Do not visit relatives who do not live in the same household, especially aged grandparents as we know that the elderly are more susceptible to the virus and usually have more serious outcomes. Communicate with them via other means

Activities during the school holidays

Holiday homework and reading list

You would have received via SLS the holiday homework to keep you engaged with learning. Your teachers will follow-up on the work after school reopens for Term 3. Included are also reading materials that you may wish to engage yourself with this holidays. Please do not spend all your time watching movies or playing computer games. Reading broadens your perspectives and improves your command of the language that will enhance your joy of learning.

Queensway QuarantONED Challenge

You would have received an email from Ms Teo Yong Chin, concerning the above. This gives you an opportunity to keep yourself fit and also for you to share your ideas with our Queensway community. Have fun while you score points for your House in this challenge and also win interesting prizes!





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Support for students with needs

Right up till today, we have students coming back to school to study. I am glad that our students find the school a conducive place for your learning. To support our students, we have invited students who will continue to benefit from a regular programme to come back to school during the May school holidays. Students will have to obtain the consent of parents to join in this programme and it is strictly-by-invitation. You may contact our school if you want to find out more about it.

Support for Graduating Students

You would have heard of the measures to be taken to support graduating students during the 3rd & 4th week of the school holidays. We will send out the programme to parents/guardians of our graduating students and our students by next week. This is to allow for our graduating students to plan for their need to return for such consultations and to complete their course work, as necessary.

Please be assured that all safety measures such as safe distancing of 1m will be exercised. All students must also wear their masks at all times and will be required to bring their personal Oral-Digital Thermometer (ODT), a very important personal equipment in these times. Students will also come to school and be dismissed by batches to prevent mingling amongst students from different classes. We will require parents/guardians to complete the consent form via Parents Gateway before we commence our programme, so I would appreciate your support for our planning.

Conclusion

It has been a growing experience for all of us. Over this period, I am heartened to see our students maturing and taking on responsibilities and care for themselves, their families and our school. Crisis can bring out the best or worst in a person. It is about our perspective towards the situation. Some of our students like to say this, "If life throws you lemons, make lemonade!"

If you reflect on what they say, life may not always provide sweetness or good things. Life may be sour and hard, but what can you do with what you have? Groan, grumble, complain or see that with what is thrown your way, make something good of it. Others can enjoy what you produce, like lemonade, and if it is worth doing, you could even make some money with it and use it to bless others.

So this holidays, think of how you can be a blessing to your family and our community. Choose to do the right things, bring cheer to as many as possible in a safe manner and be thoughtful. I wish everyone a good break. Stay Home, stay safe and Stay Healthy!

Yours sincerely,


Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal

