



Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and QSS students

We are coming to the close of the 1st part of Term 3 as schools take a 1 week break from 20 – 24 July. School will resume from 27 July till the September holiday break. I am grateful for your support over the past weeks. The majority of you kept your child/ward at home when he/she was not well and brought them to see a doctor. Your responsible action is most commendable as we all make this effort to keep our school COVID-free.

At the same time, you are reminding your child/ward to wear their masks and carry their thermometer when they leave for school. I am glad that we have not receive feedback from the public about our students not wearing masks. However, while the majority of our students return home immediately after school, we do get reports that some of your children are not doing so and are found gathering with students from other cohorts or students from other schools. Please monitor when your children return home. We will also be checking on the areas where our students are frequently seen loitering after school. I have already warned our students that it is their social responsibility not to gather with their friends after school and we will take disciplinary actions against those who persist to do so. They are not just exposing themselves to risks of contracting the virus, but are also exposing your family to the risks of getting COVID-19 as their friends could be asymptomatic. Please engage your child/ward on this as the law will also take effect if they are caught by the authorities.

Remedial Lessons and Consultations for Graduating Classes

Your child's/ward's teachers would have informed them of the schedule for their lessons next week. While the morning sessions are generally conducted in school, there may be sessions that are conducted on Zoom later in the day as the teachers are making the effort to accommodate to the class schedules. In addition, consultation sessions, for smaller groups of students, have been arranged to support students of varying abilities. I am greatly appreciative of our dedicated teachers who are sacrificing their holiday break time to coach our graduating students and I hope your child/ward would be as appreciative by being prepared for lessons and giving their best. The Sec 4E/5N Preliminary Examinations timetable will also be shared with parents via Parents' Gateway and students by next week. The written examinations will start on 31 August 2020.

Travelling during the 1-week break

Please be reminded that travel restrictions are still in place and your child/ward should not be travelling overseas during this mid-term break. He/She will be subjected to the regulations in place for those arriving in Singapore and will definitely miss an extended period of schooling.

Returning to school during the mid-term break

Aside from graduating students returning to school for remedial lessons in their classrooms, all other students returning to school during the mid-term break will have to register themselves using "Safe Entry" at the security





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post. There is generally no reason why your child/ward, who is not in the graduating class, needs to return to school as any CCAs having activities will have it via Zoom as part of eCCA.

GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examination – 27 July 2020

Please be informed that the Monday immediately after the 1-week break will be the O-Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension examinations. It would be helpful for your child/ward to listen to the news on radio, in the Mother Tongue language, they are taking.

We will dismiss students in Sec 4/5 at 12.45 pm as the examination rooms must be prepared and also that they will have sufficient time to take their lunch before reporting to the examination venue by 2.30 pm. All other students will be dismissed as per normal. Sec 3 students taking Higher Mother Tongue will also be dismissed earlier for lunch.

Conclusion

Earlier this term, we distributed food packages to students who are receiving financial aid. I am very grateful to Church of Our Saviour who made the arrangements for the packages to be distributed to bless the families of our students. Should any of you fall into difficult times, especially with the possibility of more retrenchments in the months ahead due to the effects of COVID-19, please do not hesitate to contact our school office or speak with your child's Class Mentor. We will help your child apply for financial assistance so that the burden of educational costs can be removed. In addition, these students receive funds weekly through their EZ-link card, which they can use at the school canteen for their recess or lunch. There are other financial aspects that I will not list here, but please contact us so that we can support your child, our student. I am also grateful that others in the community are stepping forward to help our families that are in need during this very challenging period, so please do contact my Vice-Principals or me if you need support or advice.

In Queensway Secondary, we are a family and I am also grateful to parents, especially those in the Parents Support Group, who have been lending support and assistance in various forms especially during this period of time. Our teachers have been very much extended but they continue to press on to ensure that our students get the best possible education we can provide for them. Let us continue to work together, support and encourage each other in these challenging times. I know that at the end of it, we will all come out stronger and better as we work hard together, just as our motto says, "Success through Diligence!"

Yours sincerely,


Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal

