



QUEENSWAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a good 1st week of the term and I am grateful that our students have demonstrated the values of our school as they return to school. I am heartened to see that they have taken responsibility to abide by Safe Management Measures (SMM) and are wearing their face masks properly. I would like to share the following with you as it brings me great joy to see Queenswayans living to our ideals.

Thank you Orientation Group Leaders (OGLs)

Firstly, I want to thank the OGLs for doing such a marvellous job in conducting the Orientation Programme for our newest Queenswayans, the Sec 1s. It was very heartening to hear the positive feedback from students about how much they enjoyed their time in getting to know the school and other students. One parent shared that her child did not choose QSS as her first choice and initially wanted to transfer to another school. However, she returned home and told her mother that there is no way she wants to go to another school now! The OGLs had to make sacrifices of time to come back during the December holidays to plan and prepare for the activities. It was very heartening to see these students from Sec 2 to 4 working so well together, especially since they also come from student leaders in the Prefectorial Board, Peer Leaders and CCA leaders. This is what being in the Queensway Family is all about, welcoming and helping everyone feel comfortable and adjusted to the new environment. I want to also thank the many teachers involved in guiding these OGLs, especially Ms Grace Lee, Mr Ng Ching Siang and Ms Arwinder Kaur for their leadership in making Orientation 2021 a great success.

2020 GCE O-Level Results

The GCE 'O' Level results were just released this afternoon, I am very pleased to share with you some of the outcomes of the results. The 2020 cohort has performed well and we are very happy for them.

The national percentage of candidates with 5 or more O-Level passes is 85.4% and our school had 98.1% of students attaining this outcome. Also, this cohort has achieved the best results in the last 10 years and this despite the challenges of learning through a challenging COVID-19 year. I must put on record my grateful appreciation for their teachers. The effort and sacrifice of time to guide and help their charges is most commendable, especially having to carry out all they did with SMM and through their face masks.

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

Sec 4E	2019	2020
Junior College	70.0	72.2
Junior College & Millennia Institute	90.0	90.3
JC/MI & Polytechnics	98.0	97.4
ITE	2.0	2.5



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I am very happy for our students who have achieved good improvements in the Distinction rates compared to last year's cohort. They are English Language, Malay, Higher Chinese, Additional Mathematics, Humanities (Social Studies/Geography), Humanities (Social Studies/History), History, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Combined Science (Physics/Chemistry), and Combined Science (Chemistry/Biology).

The following subjects also reflected a pass rate that is higher than or equal to last year's pass rate. The subjects are Malay (100%), Tamil (100%), Higher Chinese (100%), Additional Mathematics (98.9%), Humanities (Social Studies/History) (92.9%), History (100%), Combined Science (Physics/Chemistry) (100%), and Principles of Accounts (86.5%).

I congratulate the class of 2020 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:

- The QSS teachers who have worked tirelessly with them over the past 4 or 5 years they were in our school. The additional consultation sessions held before or after school to improve their academic understanding. The time spent to counsel or advise them when they struggled with various challenges. It is truly our joy to see our students develop holistically and to cap it off with good O-Level results.
- Parents of QSS who supported the students, especially in coaching our students to prepare for their Oral examinations via Zoom.
- Their teachers and juniors who encouraged them in their final weeks of preparation with words of encouragement and affirmation.
- Their parents who have given them support and encouragement over all these years. The words of advice, the support for them when they stay-up late to study and the effort to cook or make arrangements so that they felt supported. These acts of love have given them the encouragement to do their best.

Our graduating students will now need to consider their next stage of learning. Their results will determine where they can go, but it does not define their future. If they are prepared to continue to work hard, then our school's motto, Success through Diligence, will stand true for them. They have persevered through a challenging year and we hope this encourages them to continue to press forward in their pursuit of excellence in their lives.

Briefing for Sec 1 – 3 Parents/guardians and Students on the Personalized Digital Learning Programme (PDLP)

This is a gentle reminder to all Sec 1 to 3 parents/guardians and students on the briefing on the PDLP this Saturday, 16 January 2021 from 10 am to noon via Zoom. Please refer to the Parents Gateway letter that was sent last week. We would require your response the following week as we want to be able to place the orders for your child's/ward's learning device as soon as possible, so that your child/ward can benefit from the learning processes we have planned for.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal



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