



QUEENSWAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I want to thank you as parents/guardians for your strong support in helping to keep our school safe for students and staff. Firstly, for those who have received notice that someone in your household are being served with Stay Home Notice (SHN) or Home Quarantine Order (HQO) you have been prompt in getting your child/ward to inform their class Mentors and keeping them at home. MOE's circular sent to you yesterday highlights some changes to be made in this process, but please continue to get your child/ward to inform their Class Mentors. You have also been reminding your child/ward about the proper wearing of face masks from the time they leave home till they return home. Together with reminding your child/ward about bringing their Oral Digital Thermometer to school, these has help us to keep our school safe for all students and staff to learn and develop in.

A further action you would want to seriously consider, if your child/ward has not done so, is to bring your child/ward for his/her vaccination. Reports indicate that those who are vaccinated experience lesser effects and recover faster should they contract the COVID-19 virus, as unfortunately there are still quite a number of unlinked cases in the community that are being reported daily.

I am sure you would have read in the newspapers that the current Delta-variant of the COVID-19 virus is more transmissible as also seen patients with longer hospital stays. In this regard, I have a greater concern that our graduating students who will be taking their GCE 'N' and 'O' levels remain healthy through to the completion of their examinations. We have reminded our students that they have to take their Preliminary examinations seriously especially in the event that they are not able to take their GCE due to COVID-19. This is not to say that the other students can be less careful, but as their examinations are school-based, we have processes to manage it.

GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Language Results 2021

I am pleased to share with you that our Sec 4 and 5 'O' level students did our school proud by producing value-added results at the GCE 'O' level examination held in June. I am particularly pleased to share that the Sec 4 Malay and Tamil students achieved the highest Distinction rate for the last 6 years. These results, I hope will encourage our graduating students to continue to give their best as they work towards the rest of their O-Level subjects later in the year. Students who wish to work on improving their Mother Tongue results will have the opportunity to do so if they wish to. All Sec 4 and 5 students are required to return their response forms by Wednesday, 25 August 2021.

Update on Diligence Fund

As part of our 60th Anniversary Celebrations, the QSS Alumni decided to launch the Diligence Fund. Our QSS Alumni has been supporting awards and recognition of our students through scholarships and bursaries. They also recognise our student groups who excel in CCAs bringing honour to our school. Additionally, they provide financial support for needy students in our school, to meet exceptional needs and to support these Queenswayans who need additional help to be able to do their best in their schooling years.

To make a bigger push towards getting former Queenswayans to bless their alma mater by blessing their juniors, the QSS Alumni set an ambitious target of raising \$200,000 towards the Diligence Fund that would ensure readily available funding to support our students towards theirs and our school's success. Our school's motto is "Success through Diligence", thus the naming of the fund as the Diligence Fund.



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At our 60th Anniversary Speech Day, I was pleased to be able to announce to our students and all present that an old boy of QSS, in his desire to help the fund get off to a good beginning presented a cheque of \$50,000 towards the Diligence Fund. Since then, I am pleased to share with you that the Diligence Fund has grown to \$150,000. I am very grateful for the effort of the QSS Alumni members reaching out to their peers who studied at QSS to help grow this fund to support and bless our current students.

I am aware that there are quite a number of parents of our students who studied at QSS or you have relatives who studied at QSS. In support of the QSS Alumni, you may wish to contribute or share this information of the Diligence Fund with those who may wish to contribute to it.

Safe Cycling

Over the past few years, we have seen an increase in the number of people using bicycles as a mode of transport or for leisure, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic. This may include students who cycle to and from school, or during the weekends with friends and families.

Some of these students who cycle may be fixie enthusiasts. Fixies, also known as fixed-gear bicycles, generally do not have hand-operated brakes, but instead rely on the rider's pedal resistance to stop. This makes it challenging for riders to brake quickly, endangering themselves and other path and road users.

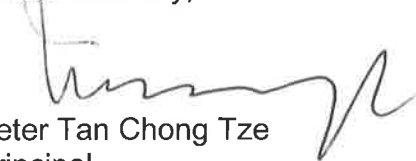
To improve safety, from 1 September 2021, all bicycles ridden on public paths and roads must have at least one functioning handbrake. I am sharing this information so that as parents/guardians, you can check on the bicycle your child/ward uses to ensure greater safety.

Student Leaders Investiture

On Monday, we had the opportunity to appreciate the outgoing student leaders who have served as Prefects, Peer Support Leaders, House Captains and CCA leaders. These students gave of themselves to serve their fellow students and our school through a very challenging COVID-19 year. They helped keep the enthusiasm and spirits of Queenswayans high despite having to do everything under Safe Management Measures. I salute their spirit and drive, giving their best in all they did. As they now step-down to prepare for their GCE 'N' and 'O' Levels, we wish them the very best in their academic endeavours.

We were also pleased to welcome the incoming cohort of student leaders who have taken on the roles and responsibilities to lead QSS forward. While eager to give their best, they displayed a spirit of humility as they assumed their roles. I am confident that they will give their best as Queenswayans strive towards finding Success through Diligence!

Yours sincerely,



Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal