



PUNGGOL SECONDARY SCHOOL 培道中学

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin Term 2, we would like to thank you for your strong support, understanding and patience in the first term of this year. We look forward to your continued support of your child/ward's education both in school and at home. We would also like to update that the school canteen will resume almost full operations in Term 2 as the relevant stallholders have cleared the necessary checks by MOH. Hence, we would no longer be providing bento sets and buns in Term 2.

2022 GCE N and O-Level Results

We are happy to share with you the performance of our class of 2022 at the national examination. They did very well, posting one of the best results the school has seen in many years. For the 4 Normal Technical students, 100% of them continued to progress to ITE while for the 4 Normal Academic students, the percentage of students qualifying for 5NA improved from 67.7% in 2021 to 83.8% in 2022. For the 4 Express students, 50.5% of them qualified for the Junior Colleges which was an improvement from 37.5% in 2021. Similarly, 93.2% of them qualified for the polytechnic which was an improvement from 90.8% in 2021. For the 5 Normal Academic students, 100% of them qualified for the polytechnic which was a significant improvement from 66.7% in 2021. All these would not have been possible without the hard work of the students and teachers as well as the support from the parents/guardians.

We are extremely proud of our class of 2022 who persisted through the challenges of the past 2 years and who are now, closer to their dreams. We believe that the current Punggolites will continue to receive a well-balanced holistic education, and be in good stead to pursue their aspirations after graduation.

With the commencement of Term 2, we would also like to update you on some school matters. Please note that the school term time for Term 2 is from Mon 20 Mar to Fri 26 May. The June vacation runs from Sat 27 May to Sun 25 Jun. Attendance is compulsory for all students during term time.

Reporting Time and Attire for Students

All students are reminded to be punctual for school and school-organised programmes/activities. Punctuality is a demonstration of respect and responsibility. Your child/ward will be marked late if he/she is not in the school grounds for the National Anthem and pledge-taking at 7.30 am. We encourage our students to be in school earlier so as to be prepared for the start of the day.

All students are also reminded to be neatly attired for school. Students are to maintain a neat hairstyle. Hair should not incorporate undercuts or any other inappropriate/fanciful styles (e.g., perm, coloured hair) that the school may deem inappropriate. Students are expected to adhere to the school rules stated in the E-Handbook on the expected grooming and attire.

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Home Based Learning (HBL) Days for Sec 1 - 3

Please note the following dates for HBL. On HBL Days, students are not required to report to school. Students will continue to be engaged in teaching and learning using their Personal Learning Devices (PLD).

Term 2
Fri 31/03/2023
Fri 14/04/2023
Fri 28/04/2023
Fri 12/05/2023
Fri 26/05/2023

Term 2 Weighted Assessment (2023)

The Weighted Assessment 2 (WA2) for Term 2 will be held between weeks 2-8. These Weighted Assessments make up 15% of the year's overall results. We thank you for your continued support as your child/ward prepares for the Weighted Assessments.

Please note the following:

- WA2 will be conducted during curriculum time.
- Only a medical certificate is accepted as a valid reason for absence from the WA. Letters from parents will not be accepted.
- Your child/ward's respective Year Head will be sending the WA2 schedule in Term 2 Week 1.

Parent Engagement sessions

The school will be conducting several Parent Engagement sessions and Parenting Talks in Term 2 to partner you in supporting your child/ward's aspirations.

Level/Group	Date	Mode & Time	Topic
Sec 4	Fri, 24 Mar	Zoom session, (6.30 pm - 8 pm)	Post-Secondary Education Pathways Talk
Sec 2	Thur, 30 Mar	Zoom session, (6.30 pm - 8 pm)	Subject Combination and Post-Secondary Education Talk
Parenting Talk 2	Thur, 27 Apr	Zoom session, (7.30 pm - 9 pm)	Nurturing Digital Natives the Positive Parenting Way – A systematic and evidence-based approach
Career Sharing session by parents	Fri, 19 May	In School (10.45 am - 1 pm)	Parents are invited to share with the Secondary 4 and 5 students

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			about their respective careers during the CCE lesson.
Parent-Child bonding session	Sat, 20 May	In School (9 – 11 am)	Hands-on activity between parent and child (limited to 10 pairs of student and parent).

Meet-the-Parents Session (MTPS)

Secondary 4/5 Meet-the-Parents Session (MTPS) will be held between 31 Mar – 7 April. Form Teachers will contact you during this period during office hours to discuss your child/ward's progress in school and how we can work together to support your child/ward as they prepare for their national examinations.

Secondary 1 - 3 Meet-the-Parents Session (MTPS) will be held on 22 May. The session will be conducted through tele-conferences. Parents Gateway will be the platform for parents/guardians to book their 15 min conference appointment slots with the Form Teachers. Bookings will be on a first-come-first-served basis and made available nearer the date. If you are unable to attend the meeting on 22 May, the Form Teachers will contact you between 23 - 31 May during office hours instead.

Student Development Week 2023

As part of the holistic development of students, the school has specially planned a series of student development activities for your child/ward from 22 to 26 May (i.e. last week of Term 2). These activities are intended to enhance the joy of learning, and provide positive learning experiences for the students to discover their talents, strengths and interests, and build their resilience. **Students will still report to school by 7.30am for the morning assembly.** Attendance is compulsory.

Please see below for the overview of the student development activities:

Level	Activity
Sec 1	Learning Journey, Values In Action (VIA), Sports Orienteering
Sec 2	Learning Journey, Values In Action (VIA), Mock Subject Combination exercise, Outdoor Learning Adventure cohort camp (25 – 27 May)
Sec 3	Learning Journey, Values In Action (VIA), Applied Learning Programme (ALP)
Sec 4/5 O-Level MTL students	Mother Tongue Language Intensive lessons
Sec 4/5 Non O-Level MTL students	Blocked Timetable

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Student Leaders Investiture 2023 (21 April 2023, Friday)

The annual Student Leader Investiture event is held in Term 2 to celebrate the appointment of our incoming Secondary 3 Student Leaders as well as to show our appreciation and gratitude to the graduating Secondary 4 Student Leaders for their contributions and service to the school. This is the time of the year where the baton changes hands as our incoming Secondary 3 Student Leaders step up to take over their seniors' leadership roles. Our Student Leaders comprises the Executive Committee members of the Student Council Board, Student Councillors, CCA leaders, Peer Support Leaders, Sports Leaders and After School Engagement Leaders.

66th Speech and Awards Day (12 May 2023, Friday and 15 May 2023, Monday)

We will also be commemorating our school's 66th Speech and Award Day on 12 May for the graduating cohort, and 15 May for the Sec 1 – 3 cohorts. This is an opportunity for us to recognise and affirm our students' and the school's achievements over the past year.

Student Leadership Development Training for Sec 2 & 3 (June Holidays)

Newly appointed Secondary 2 and 3 Student Leaders will be selected to participate in a Student Leadership Development Training Programme in June during the holidays. This 1 day training programme aims to develop their confidence, empathy and optimism as a leader. These attributes are crucial for them as they take on various leadership roles in school to serve and inspire their peers. Through this training, the Student Leaders will continue to refine their leadership skills in self-management, communication, collaboration and decision making.

Lastly, we believe that with the support of all the parents and guardians, Term 2 will once again be meaningful and fruitful as we continue to develop our students and see them grow.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Valerie Tng
Principal

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