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#### **Dear Parents / Guardians**

#### **Letter to Parents – Term Two 2020**

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that everyone has had a restful break amid the national health challenge Singapore is facing. Outram Secondary School will continue to vigilantly carry out precautionary measures recommended by the Ministry of Education to keep our school a safe and conducive environment for our students.

### Character Value for Term 2 - Integrity & Innovative

In line with the school's character education, we would like to emphasise the following school values during this term. The value of integrity as we all know is maintaining honesty even when no one is observing. It is integral to every contributing and concerned citizen we aim to develop. In addition, the spirit of innovation keeps one at the forefront of discovery and breaking through, ensuring the entrepreneurial dare of our nation. It is the hope and mission of Outram Secondary School to imbue all students with these essential values as part of their holistic development.

#### **Covid-19 Precautionary Measures**

In addition to the measures taken in Term 1, the school will continue to conduct the following precautionary measures in line with the Ministry of Education's latest guidelines. Steps are taken to ensure hygiene standards and to avoid inter-mingling of students. They include the following:

- 1) Temperature taking will take place at the beginning of school in the morning and at the start of after-school activities in the afternoon
- 2) All assemblies, mass gatherings, external learning journeys and competitions will not be carried out till further notice
- 3) CCAs are suspended for two weeks until 3 April 2020
- 4) School activities are carried out in small groups
- 5) Fixed exam-style seating in the classroom
- 6) Implementation of daily wipe-down routine for tables used by students in the canteen and classroom
- 7) Staggered recess timings



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- 8) Deferment of SYF Arts Presentation
- 9) National School Games to remain suspended till end of June holidays
- 10) Changes in school-wide events in Term 2 include:

Cancelled events:	a. Fitness Run scheduled on 6 April	
	b. Secondary 3 Adventure Camp from 26 to 28 May	
Events subject to	c. 114 <sup>th</sup> Speech Day scheduled on 15 May	
confirmation and	d. Meet-the-Parents Day on 29 May	
change:	e. Student Council Leadership Camp from 25-27 June	

As the Covid-19 situation is fluid, the school will continue to observe and respond with appropriate actions to maintain a safe environment for students and staff. All measures and guidelines above will be adjusted in a timely manner based on the latest Ministry of Education's guidelines.

School attendance remains compulsory. Therefore, all students are required to observe the regular practices of the school and produce a medical certificate for their absence, unless served Leave of Absence (LOA), Stay-Home Notice (SHN) or Home Quarantine Order (HQO).

#### **Mid-Year Examinations**

The overview of the Mid-Year Examination for Secondary 4 and 5 students is as below:

From 17 April to 14 May 2020	MTL and EL Listening Comprehension and Oral
	Examinations
From 30 April to 15 May 2020	All written papers

A detailed timetable has been provided to all Secondary 4 and 5 students. Do note that absence from any examination will require a valid medical certificate.

All Secondary 1 to 3 students will have classroom lessons until the end of Semester 1 as they do not sit for the Mid-Year Examination.



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## **Outram Project Experiential Learning (OPEL)**

As part of the school's efforts to provide students with a holistic educational experience, all Secondary One and Two students will undergo an experiential learning program on 14, 18 and 19 May. OPEL aims to provide students with the opportunity to learn and benefit from a wider platform beyond a typical classroom lesson. During the OPEL week, students will undertake different projects and work with teammates to deliver a final product and an oral presentation.

#### Calendar of Events for Term 2

The calendar of events for Term 2 is appended on the next page for your perusal.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Boo Hian Kok (Mr)

Principal



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		2020 Term Two – Calendar of Events
Date		Event
10	April	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
1	May	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
7	May	Vesak Day (Public Holiday)
17 April –	14 May	Secondary 4 and 5 Mid-year Examinations (Listening Comprehension and Oral)
30 April –	15 May	Secondary 4 and 5 Mid-year Examinations (Written)
14, 18, 19	May	Secondary 1 and 2 OPEL Week
20 – 29	May	MTL Intensive Program for Sec 4E5N
26 – 29	May	Secondary 4NT and 4NA ALP (Applied Learning Program) Week
29	May	Meet-The-Parents Day
1	June	GCE O Level MTL Written Examination Papers 1 and 2
2	June	GCE O Level MTLB Written Examination Papers 1 and 2
30 May –	28 June	School Holidays
29	June	Start of Term 3