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Dear Parents / Guardians

Letter to Parents – Term 2 2024

Greetings from Outram Secondary School!

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that everyone has had a restful break with your family and loved ones during the March holiday break.

Focus for Term 2 – Leaders of Integrity

In line with our school vision, we would like to focus on the school value of *Integrity* this term – integrity is about choosing to do what is right even when no one is observing. It is an integral value we strive to develop in each Outramian to becoming a contributing and concerned citizen.

Safeguarding the Safety of All: Road Safety Reminders

To ensure the safety of our students, we appeal to parents/ guardians who are driving their child(ren)/ ward(s) to school to abide by the vehicular arrangements of the school:

- There is strictly no parking for parents/ guardians dropping off or picking up their children before or after school.
- All vehicles are to enter the school through the back gate before 7.25 am.
- After 7.25 am, vehicles are not allowed into the school compound for safety reasons. Parents/ guardians may drop their child(ren)/ ward(s) off at the public carpark opposite the front gate (Block 13, York Hill HDB open-air carpark) and students may then use the zebra crossing to enter the compound on foot.
- Parents/ guardians may also wait at the same carpark to pick their child(ren)/ ward(s) up after school dismissal.





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- **Please do not stop along the road of York Hill for drop-off or pick-up where there are clear zig-zag markings** alerting drivers that there is a pedestrian crossing up ahead. Vehicles are not allowed to overtake, wait, or park in the area of this road marking. Pedestrians are not allowed to cross the road at these zig-zag areas as well.
- Entry to school for pick-up or drop-off through the front gate is strictly prohibited except during wet weather.

Please be reminded to strictly observe transport safety rules and procedures within the school compound. We would like to appeal to all parents/ guardians to co-operate with our school staff and security officers to enhance traffic safety around and in our school.

Supporting Our Athletes in Action

(a) Updates on the National School Games (NSG) in Term 1

The NSG kick-started the 2024 season of games for 3 sports groups in Term 1. These are the teams and stages of games our young sportspersons have completed:

Team	Stages and Rounds	Term
Netball (B Division)	Completed the South Zone Preliminary Rounds	January to February
Basketball (B Division)	Completed the South Zone Preliminary Rounds	January to February
Water polo (B Division)	Competing at the National Preliminary Rounds and qualified for the National Winners' Pool	Ongoing since January

On 30 January 2024 at the Singapore Sports Hub OCBC Arena, the different sports teams assembled to take the Athletes' Oath. They listened attentively to the Minister for Education, Mr Chan Chun Sing's uplifting speech on sporting values and opportunities for student athletes. On 4 March 2024, Mr Keith Tan, our Principal, exhorted the students on sporting norms and aspirations for the school and delivered his thanks to all committed athletes and their dedicated teachers. The oath-taking event is publicised on our school's official Facebook page.

We would also like to congratulate our sports boys and sports girls for their tenacity in competition preparation and participation. Pitted against powerhouses, our Outramian sport athletes maintain





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their quality of play and sportsmanship. We are proud of our young athletes who embody the school values of Perseverance and Teamwork!

(b) Updates on the National School Games (NSG) in Term 2

In Term 2, these are the games that will commence. Let's cheer our junior athletes on!

Team	Stages and Rounds	Term
Basketball (C Division)	C Division South Zone Preliminary Rounds	March to August
Netball (C Division)	C Division South Zone Preliminary Rounds	March to August
Water polo (B Division)	Competing at the National Winners' Pool	March to April
Water polo (C Division)	Competing at the National Preliminary Rounds	July to August

Nurturing the Holistic Development in Our Students: Updates on CCA sessions in Term 2

We have made some adjustments to our timetable and on our main CCA Days (Mondays and Wednesdays) in Term 2, with all lessons ending at 1.35 pm, and CCA sessions commencing at 2.15 pm on these days, as follows:

CCA	Mondays starting at 2.15 pm	Wednesdays starting at 2.15 pm	Selected Fridays starting at 2.30 pm
Water Polo	S'pore Sports School (SSP) End at 5.45 pm Transport to & from SSP	PSOEB Swimming Pool End at 5.45 pm Transport to PSOEB	PSOEB Swimming Pool End at 5.45 pm No transport provided
Swimming	Mar 2024 (Delta Swimming Pool (DSP)) End at 5.00 pm	PSOEB Swimming Pool End at 5.00 pm Transport to PSOEB	





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CCA	Mondays starting at 2.15 pm	Wednesdays starting at 2.15 pm	Selected Fridays starting at 2.30 pm
Swimming	Transport to DSP		
	Apr & May (Jalan Besar Swimming Pool (JBSP)) End at 5.00 pm Transport to JBSP		
Sport Climbing	Sports Hall – Sec 2 to 4 Students End at 5.30 pm	Sports Hall – Sec 1 to 4 Students End at 5.30 pm	Alternate Week (non HBL day) Sports Hall – Sec 1 Students End at 5.30 pm
Basketball	Indoor Sports Hall End at 5.30 pm	School Hall End at 5.30 pm	
Netball	School Hall End at 5.30 pm	Indoor Sports Hall End at 5.30 pm	Indoor Sports Hall End at 5.30 pm
Media Design Club	Comp Lab End at 4.45 pm		
Sports & Recreation Club	Snooker Room From 2.00 – 4.00 pm		
Concert Band	Music Room End at 5.30 pm	Music Room End at 5.30 pm	
Dance	Dance Studio End at 4.45 pm	Dance Studio End at 4.45 pm	
NCC (Land)		NCC Room End @ 5.15 pm	





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Nurturing Self-Directed Learner: Blended Learning@Home Day for Sec 1 to 5 Students

In Term 2, the students will continue with BL@Home on the dates as follows:

OSS BL@Home Schedule (Term 2 2024)

Date / Level	Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4 & 5
12 April	✓	✓	✓	✓
26 April	✓	✓	✓	✓
10 May	✓	✓	✓	*

*Sec 4 & 5 students offering O-level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) or MTL B will report to school for MTL/MTL B Written Examination on 10 May.

Sec 4 students offering N-level English Language (EL) will also report to school for EL Oral Examination on 10 May.

Online lessons will follow the regular timetable where lessons start at 7.45 am. Teachers will design and facilitate meaningful technology-mediated learning experiences for the students. Instructions for BL@Home lessons will be posted on the Student Learning Space (SLS) platform where students can access it from home. Students who do not have internet and/or computer facilities at home must report to school for supervised learning by 7.25 am on BL@Home days.

ECG@Outram: Applied Learning Elective Module (ApLM@ITE) at ITE and POLY

The school selects Applied Learning Modules (ApLMs) offered by both the Polytechnics and Institute of Technical Education to prepare students for the exciting courses they can pursue in their post-secondary education. ApLM are enrichment modules that broaden the learning experiences of students and complement the secondary school curriculum with a focus on the practical application of knowledge. These modules provide our students with applied learning opportunities – learning that involves doing and applying, learning about the real world, and learning for life. ApLM also allow students to discover their interests and strengths and make informed education and career choices. Students who complete the module will be awarded a Certificate of Completion.





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SCHEDULE FOR ApLM@ITE

25 March (Mon) to 27 March (Wed) 2024, 7.30am to 5.30pm

Courses	Location
The Thunder and Lightning of Video Production	ITE West
Gamify with Virtual PC	ITE West
Small Business Entrepreneurship	ITE West
Dancing AI Drones	ITE West
Beauty Services	ITE East

SCHEDULE FOR ApLM@Singapore Polytechnic

8.00am to 5.00pm

Courses	Dates
Fundamentals of Robot Programming	11 - 13 March 2024
Electronic Design and Development	13 - 15 March 2024
Aerospace Fundamentals with Flight Simulation	20 - 22 March 2024
Essentials of Marketing	26 - 28 March 2024

Updates on School Events

Sec 1 Personal Learning Device (PLD) Roll-Out

Sec 1 students will receive their PLD (Chromebook) on **25 March, Monday** during curriculum time.

Sec 2 Streaming Engagement with Parents (Virtual)

The school will conduct a virtual engagement with parents on information pertaining to Sec 2 end-of-year streaming exercise on **14 April, Friday** from 5.00 to 5.45 pm. More details will be sent out to Sec 2 parents on Parents Gateway (PG) in Term 2.





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No Mid-Year Examinations

With effect from 2024, all Secondary 1 to 3 students will only sit for Weighted Assessments in the first 3 terms, and end-of-year examination in Term 4. Secondary 4 and 5 students will only sit for Weighted Assessments in the first 2 terms and the Preliminary Examination in Terms 3 and 4.

118th Speech Day

The school will celebrate its 118th Speech Day on **17 May, Friday**, with all students, staff and invited guests. School will be dismissed at 11.30 am.

Vaping Updates

E-vaporisers are illegal in Singapore. Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers carries a maximum fine of \$2,000. It is also an offence to import, distribute, sell or offer for sale e-vaporisers and their components. Any person convicted of such offences is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment of up to six months or both for the first offence, and a fine of up to \$20,000, or imprisonment of up to 12 months or both for the second or subsequent offence. All prohibited tobacco items will be seized and confiscated.

MOE takes a firm stand against vaping. Vaping is categorised as a serious offence. When students are caught using or in possession of e-vaporisers, the prohibited product will be confiscated, and their parents will be informed. The schools will report the offender to HSA and manage vaping-related offences through existing disciplinary frameworks. These include taking school-based disciplinary actions, such as suspension or caning (for boys). Students caught vaping will also be placed on cessation support programmes where counsellors will guide them through their cessation journey to effect long-term behavioural change.

Parents have an important part to play in their children's education. There are resources and relevant information that parents can access on Parent Hub. Parents are encouraged to have a serious conversation with their children about vaping to prevent it from becoming a life-long habit. More information about the harms of vaping is available on Parent Hub at <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>.





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<u>Smoking / Vaping</u>	<u>1st time offender</u>	<u>2nd time offender</u>	<u>3rd time and above</u>
Use/possession/distribution/sale of cigarettes or other tobacco-related products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vape will be confiscated Offence of Vaping will be officially recorded under your name in the school system/ VASER System Parents will be informed Reported to HSA as a offender – Notice of Composition Fine will be mailed to your address. 1 day Internal suspension and /or Caning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vape will be confiscated Offence of Vaping will be officially recorded under your name in the school system / VASER System Parents will be informed Reported to HSA as a 2nd time offender – NOC imposed by HSA. Internal suspension (2 days) 2 day Internal suspension and /or Caning Attend compulsory smoking cessation workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vape will be confiscated Offence of Vaping will be officially recorded under your name in the school system Parents will be informed Reported to HSA as a repeated offender – Notice of Composition Fine will be mailed to your address. Internal suspension (increased no. of days) and /or Caning Attend compulsory smoking cessation workshop

Project Wolbachia: Release of Male Wolbachia-Aedes Mosquitoes every Tuesday & Friday to Help Fight Dengue in the Neighbourhood

As part of Project *Wolbachia* – Singapore, the National Environment Agency (NEA) will be releasing male *Wolbachia-carrying Aedes aegypti* (*Wolbachia-Aedes*) mosquitoes to help fight dengue in the neighbourhood starting from 26 March 2024. Releases will be carried out at residential areas which may include the vicinity of schools every Tuesday & Friday mornings (6.30 am – 11.00 am). You and/or your child may notice more mosquitoes at the school's vicinity but need not be worried, as male mosquitoes do not bite unlike their female counterpart. Please refer to the attached letter and Annex A for more information from NEA.





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Meet-the-Parents Session

The Term 2 Meet-the-Parents Session will be conducted on **24 May, Friday** from 9.45 am to 4.30 pm. More details will be furnished later.

Calendar of Events for Term 2 and important Exam Dates for Terms 3 and 4

The calendar of events for Term 2 is appended on the next page for your perusal. In addition, please see important key school events and National Examination dates for Terms 3 and 4.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Keith Tan
Principal





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2024 Term 2 – Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Level(s)
18 Mar	Start of Term 2	
11 to 28 Mar	Applied Learning Modules (ApLMs) Singapore Poly, 3-day course duration	Selected Sec 3E, 4E students
25 – 27 Mar	Applied Learning Modules (ApLMs) ITE	Sec 3NT, 3NA, 4NT, 4NA students
29 Mar	Good Friday Public Holiday	
4 Apr	EL Oral Practice	Sec 4NT, 4NA students
5 Apr	Literature Drama Appreciation (ACJC's The Tempest production)	S3ENA Literature students
8 Apr	Commemoration of International Friendship Day	All levels
10 Apr	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday	
12 Apr	Blended Learning@Home	All levels
15 Apr	Hari Raya Celebration	All levels
18 Apr	EL Oral Practice	Sec 4E, 5NA students
18 April	MTL Oral Examination	Sec 4E, 5NA MTL students
19 Apr	Sec 2 Streaming Engagement with Parents (Virtual)	Sec 2 Parents
26 Apr	Blended Learning@Home	All levels
1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday	
3 May	EL Oral Examination (Prelim)	Sec 4E, 5NA students
6 May	Learning Journey (ECG visits to companies) & ECG Day	Sec 1 to 3 and Sec 4 & 5 students
9 May	MTL Oral Examination	Sec 4NT & 4NA MTL Sec 4HCL & 4MTLB students





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10	May	Blended Learning@Home	Sec 1 to 3
10	May	MTL Preliminary Written Exam (Mid-year)	4E5N MTL & 4 MTLB students
10	May	EL Oral Examination (Prelim)	Sec 4NT, 4NA students
14 – 21	May	MTL Intensive Program	Sec 4E5N MTL and Sec 4 MTLB students
17	May	118 th Speech Day	All levels
22	May	Vesak Day Public Holiday	
24	May	Meet-the-Parents (details to be furnished later)	All parents
25 May - 23 Jun		School Holidays	
27	May	GCE O Level MTL Written Examination (AM)	Sec 4E5N & selected 4NA MTL students
		GCE O Level MTLB Written Examination (PM)	
28 – 29	May	Student Council Day Camp	Student Councillors, PSs

2024 Term 3 – Week 1 Calendar of Events, Key School Events and National Examination Dates			
Date		Event	Level(s)
17	Jun	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	
24	Jun	Start of Term 3	
25 – 28	Jun	School Level Camps	All levels
1	Jul	Youth Day School Holiday	
3	Jul	GCE O Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4E5N & selected 4NA MTLB students
4-12	Jul	GCE O Level MTL Oral Examination (PM sessions)	Sec 4E5N & selected 4NA MTL students
8	Jul	Student Leaders' Investiture	Student Leaders





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12	Jul	Blended Learning@Home	Sec 1 to 3 students
12	Jul	GCE N(T) and N(A) Design and Technology Coursework Submission - 5pm	Sec 4NANT D&T students
21	Jul	Blended Learning@Home	Sec 1 to 3 students
22 – 25	Jul	GCE N Level MTL Oral Examination GCE O Level HMTL and MTLB Oral Examination	Sec 4 & 5 students
22 – 26	Jul	GCE N Level EL Oral Examination GCE O Level EL Oral Examination	Sec 4 & 5 students
23 - 25	Jul	Blended Learning@Home	Sec 1 to 3 students
26	Jul	GCE O Level Design and Technology Coursework Submission - 5pm	Sec 4E5N D&T students
8	Aug	National Day Celebration	All levels
9	Aug	National Day Public Holiday	
29 Jul – 7 Aug		4NT and 4NA Preliminary Examination	Sec 4NANT students
23	Aug	Blended Learning@Home	Sec 1 to 3 students
19 – 28	Aug	Sec 4E5N Preliminary Examination Part 1	Sec 4E5N students
29	Aug	Teachers' Day Celebration	All levels
30	Aug	Teachers' Day School Holiday	
31	Aug	End of Term 3	
31 Aug – 8 Sep		Term 3 School Holidays	
2024 Term 4 – Key School Events and National Examination Dates			
Date	Event		Level(s)
9 Sep	Start of Term 4		
9 – 11 Sep	Sec 4E5N Preliminary Examination Part 2		Sec 4E5N students
9 – 19 Sep	GCE N Level Written Examination Part 1		Sec 4N students





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10	Sep	GCE N(A) Level EL Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4NA students
10	Sep	GCE N(T) Level MTL Listening Comprehension	Sec 4NT students
12	Sep	GCE N(T) Level EL Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4NT students
12	Sep	2ENA EL Oral Examination SA2	Sec 2ENA and 2NA SBB students
19	Sep	3ENA EL Oral Examination SA2	Sec 3ENA and 3NA SBB students
20	Sep	Graduation Day Ceremony (Sec 4 and 5)	All students
23 Sep – 3 Oct		End of Year Examination	Sec 1 to 3 students
25	Sep	GCE O Level MTLB Oral Examination (Year-End)	Selected Sec 4 & 5 students
30 Sept – 8 Oct		GCE N Level Written Examination Part 2	Sec 4N students
2 – 15	Oct	GCE O Level Science Practical Examination	Sec 4E5N students
4 & 7	Oct	Marking Days (No school)	
16	Oct	GCE O Level EL Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4E5N students
		GCE O Level MTLB Listening Comprehension Examination	Selected Sec 4E5N students
17 Oct - 11 Nov		GCE O Level Written Examination	Sec 4E5N students, selected 4NA & 3E students
25	Oct	End of Term 4 and school year	
26 Oct - 31 Dec		End-of-Year School Holidays	
28 Oct – 1 Nov		Sec 3 Bridging Programme	Sec 3NA & 3E students
31	Oct	Deepavali	

