



OUTRAM SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians

Letter to Parents – Term One 2020

Welcome to 2020. The new year brings new opportunities and learning experiences for all, especially for our Secondary 1 students and parents. I would like to extend a warm welcome to you as you embark on your child's exciting journey with the Outram family and I wish everyone a splendid 2020.

We would like to update all parents on the various school matters and activities for the first term of school.

Character Value for Term One – Responsibility & Teamwork

In line with the school's character education and values, we would like to emphasise two key values: Responsibility & Teamwork. We hope that our students will appreciate the vital role these values play in their character development and their life.



Registration of Parents Gateway

The school posts official school announcements, activities and forms on the Parents Gateway, such as the travel declaration. Please ensure that you have downloaded the app on your phones so you may access these important information concerning your child(ren)'s learning in school. You may easily download the app at the Apple AppStore on iOS and Android PlayStore on the android handset. Please also access this website <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/> for more information.

Updating of student particulars and contact for queries

To facilitate communication of school information, please update the school on changes in personal particulars of your child(ren) in a timely manner. Forms are available at the General Office and upon request. In addition, for any clarifications on school matters, please contact your child's form teacher or the school by phone or in person. All enquiries are welcomed.



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Mass Collection and payment of materials and programs for 2020

In mid-February 2020, parents will receive a notification letter from the school detailing all the enrichment programs and costs of materials or other items incurred in the course of the school year. Soon after, the school will issue monthly statements to inform parents of the amount payable.

For payments of enrichment programmes, co-payments by students will be deducted directly from their Pupil Edusave Funds.

Where Edusave funds are insufficient, parents are strongly encouraged to pay outstanding balances through the following modes of payment:

- Interbank GIRO (Please approach the General Office for GIRO form/GIRO Option application form)
- Website : www.axs.com.sg
- AXS Mobile Apps
- AXS Stations

Traffic Management

All parents are reminded to observe transport safety rules and procedures at all times within the school compound. For morning arrival, parents are advised to let their child alight at the back gate prior to 7.25am. Entrance from the front gate is strictly prohibited except on raining days. We would like to appeal to all parents to co-operate with our school staff and security officers to enhance traffic safety around and in our school.

There is no parking in the school compound. Parents can park at the nearest public parking facility located at Block 13, York Hill HDB open-air carpark.

Secondary 4 and 5 Polytechnic Open House Visits

All Secondary 4NA, Express and 5NA students will be visiting selected polytechnics as part of Outram's e-Career Guidance Programme from 9 to 10 January.



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Temperature Taking Exercise

There will be a temperature-taking exercise on Thursday, 16 January 2020. All students are required to have a personal Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) at all times. Please ensure that your child has a working ODT as Term 1 commences.

Secondary 3 NRIC Registration

Singaporean Secondary 3 students aged 15 and above will be required to register for the National Identity card as a requirement by Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) on 17 January. Please provide the necessary consent for the ICA unit to proceed with the stipulated registration.

Chinese New Year Celebration

The school will celebrate Chinese New Year on Friday, 24 January. Students are encouraged to wear red shirts/ T-shirts with their school skirts or pants. School dismissal will be at 10.30am on that day as it is the eve of Chinese New Year.

Secondary 1 to 5 Big Day Out

Big Day Out is an annual event under the school's affective programme that builds teacher-student and student-student relationship. This is an activity where students are also provided with the opportunity to apply SEL competencies and life skills to overcome challenges through experiential learning.

Big Day Out will be held on 13 March 2020 for all Secondary 1 to 5 students. Students will report to school as per normal and dismissal will be by 1pm.

Meet-the-Parents Day cum Secondary 2 Streaming Talk

The first Meet-the-Parents Day cum Secondary 2 Streaming Talk will be held on 27 March, Friday. Meet-the-Parents Day is a special occasion arranged for parents to touch base with your child's form and subject teachers to find out more about his or her learning needs and experiences. We believe that the meeting will enhance the school's partnership with you to help your child succeed in their educational journey. Parents who are unable to visit the school on this day can make alternative arrangements with the respective form teachers.



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Parents of Secondary 2 students are highly encouraged to attend the Streaming Talk in the evening as the talk will shed light on the different subject combinations that your child may be able to take. The school will send out more details prior to the event.

No Mid-Year Examination for Secondary 1 to 3

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. There will be no post-examination activities. The last school day in Semester 1 is 29 May 2020.

MOE School Term Calendar and School Calendar of Events for Term One

Please find attached the School Calendar of Events for Term One and the MOE School Term Calendar.

Should you need any further clarifications or have any feedback for the school, please contact our General Office at Tel: 6733 4077 and/or email us at oss@moe.edu.sg. Alternatively, please access our school website at <http://www.outramsec.moe.edu.sg> for more information.

We look forward to partnering you and your child / ward for their holistic development with us.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Boo Hian Kok (Mr)
Principal



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2020 MOE School Calendar

School Terms 2020

Semester 1	
Term 1	Thursday 2 January to Friday 13 March
Term 2	Monday 23 March to Friday 29 May
Semester 2	
Term 3	Monday 29 June to Friday 4 September
Term 4	Monday 14 September to *Friday 20 November

* The last day of the final school term for schools that will be used as venues for the GCE O-Level written examinations will be Friday 23 October 2020. However, CCA and other enrichment activities including CCA / enrichment / Sec 3 overseas trips for selected students will continue till 20 November. There will likely be less activities after 20 November 2019.

School Holidays 2020

Semester 1	
Between Terms 1 and 2	Saturday 14 March to Sunday 22 March
Between Semesters 1 and 2	Saturday 30 May to Sunday 28 June
Semester 2	
Between Terms 3 and 4	Saturday 5 September to Sunday 13 September
At the end of school year	Saturday 21 November to Thursday 31 December

2020 School Calendar of Events for Term One

Date	Event
2-3 Jan	Secondary 1 Orientation
2 Jan	Sec 2 Personal Leadership Workshop
6-7 Jan	Citizenship and Character Education Workshops
10 Jan	Secondary 1 Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) Exhibition cum Parents' Briefing Session
9-10 Jan	Secondary 4 and 5 Polytechnic Open House Visits
16 Jan	Temperature-taking Exercise
17 Jan	Secondary 3 NRIC Registration



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 Vision: Lifelong Learners . Innovative Leaders . Caring Contributors
 Values: Sense of Belonging. Perseverance. Integrity. Responsibility. Innovative. Teamwork.



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21	Jan	Sec One & Two HPV Vaccination
24	Jan	Chinese New Year Celebrations
7	Feb	Peer Student Leader Camp
12	Feb	Commemoration of Total Defence Day
20	Feb	Secondary 1 Math Trail
24	Feb	Sec Three & Four HPV Vaccination
26	Mar	Secondary 13 students Science Learning Journey (Science Centre) Secondary 2E students Science Mindfest (Science Centre)
27	Mar	Secondary 11 and 14 students Science Learning Journey (Science Centre)
13	Mar	Secondary 1 to 5 Big Day Out
14 – 22	Mar	Term 1 School Vacation
27	Mar	Meet-the-Parents Day PTM and Streaming Talk (Secondary Two)
30	Mar	Secondary 4NT MOE Cat A Elective Modules at ITE College East and West
2	Apr	