



OUTRAM SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians

Letter to Parents – Term Four 2021

Welcome back to Term Four! I hope all students and parents have had a safe and refreshing time during our September one week break. In this term, preparation for the end-of-year and national examinations kick into high gear. Our teachers will be guiding the students in the final lap towards the End-of-Year examinations as well as the GCE O and N Level examinations for the graduating students. Indeed, it is the best time for us to put the school's values of perseverance and responsibility into fine practice.

Updates to Safe Management Measures (SMMs) in Schools

As Singapore enters into a Covid-resilient endemic state, MOE has gradually eased Safe Management Measures (SMMs) in schools. Here are the updates to the SMMs in schools from 11 August 2021 onwards. They apply to all students, regardless of their vaccination status:

- (a) Resumption of in-person Co-Curricular Activities (CCA), including those involving external vendors and at external venues, with a cap of 50 pax.
- (b) All mask-off indoor activities remain suspended. Mask-off outdoor activities (e.g. for sports) and all mask-on activities (indoor and outdoor) are allowed for groups of up to 5.
- (c) Group activities (including unstructured play) will be allowed in groups of up to 5 individuals. These activities should be class-based and students should keep their masks on.

Updated SMMs for National and School-based Examinations

In line with MOH guidelines, all examinations (school-based and national) will be conducted in a single venue for up to 250 pax with strict zoning (no more than 50 pax per zone). This takes effect from 19 August 2021 and is regardless of level and vaccination status of candidates.



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A set of new instructions for SMMs (announced on 28 August 2021) will take effect on GCE examinations that are conducted from September 2021. Parents, please refer to the notice posted on PG on 28 August 2021.

A set of these instructions have been given to your child / ward. You may also access the MOE website for details: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/20210828-updated-arrangements-for-the-2021-national-year-end-written-examinations>

Precautionary measures include:

- Temperature taking and visual screening of all candidates and examination personnel.
- All candidates and examination personnel must wear their surgical masks at all times during the examinations. The use of face shields would not be allowed unless due to special needs or medical condition.
- Using a well-ventilated venue such as hall or classrooms for the examinations
- Frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces such as desks and laptop mouse before the next candidate uses them.
- There will be designated toilets or staggered toilet breaks for groups of candidates where appropriate, to avoid congregation and intermingling between groups.
- Staggered dismissal timings as well as segregated entry and exit routes to minimise intermingling of candidates and avoid congregation.
- For more details, please visit: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/faqs-covid-19-infection>

GCE N and GCE O-Level Written Examinations

Important reminders for all candidates sitting for the national examinations:

- Report to the examination centre at least 45 minutes before the start of the paper.
- Be neatly dressed in the school attire.
- Bring along your identity card and entry proof.



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End-of-Year Examinations

Students have received the detailed end-of-year examination schedule in Term 3. It is also available on the school website: <https://outramsec-moe.edu.sg-admin.cwp.sg/oss/timetables-for-2021>. Parked under the **Links** tab, you can easily retrieve it by clicking on the **Search** button. The timetable has also been posted on Parents Gateway (PG) on 2 August.

Here are some important notes for your attention:

- During the examination period, students who do not have papers on a particular day need not report to school.
- Students taking the examination cannot leave the school between papers or before the paper ends.
- Latecomers will not be given extra time.
- A medical certificate (MC) or notice of QO/LOA[QO]/ [SHN]/ AA must support any absence from the examination.
- Lessons and CCAs resume on 11 October 2021, Monday. The last day of school term is 29 October 2021, Friday.
- Covid-19 Safe Management Measures (SMM) will continue to be implemented during the conduct of the end-of-year examinations
- For more updates on Common Last Topics, Precautionary Measures and FAQs, please access: <https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/covid-19-updates>

Marking Day and Promotion Day

Marking Day is slated to be on 8 October (Friday) while Promotion Day is on 18 October (Monday). Students need not report for school on these two days.

Post Examination Activities

A slew of activities have been organised for students' varied learning experiences from 11 October to 29 October 2021. A detailed schedule will be distributed to the students duly.



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Meet-the-Parents (MTP) Day

The virtual Term 4 Meet-the-Parents Day will be held on 29 October 2021 for selected students and parents. All students are to report to school as usual. School will be dismissed at 10am. The MTP will be conducted via zoom and other online applications. More information will be sent at a later date.

Virtual Open House

In light of Covid-19 safety measures, the school is conducting a virtual Open House, available on the school website (<https://outramsec.moe.edu.sg/>) from 8 November 2021. You are encouraged to invite interested friends and relatives to visit the website for the virtual school tour.

Calendar of Events for Term Four

Please find attached the Calendar of Events for Term Four.

Travel Declaration

We advise all students to continue to **defer all travel overseas** unless it is permissible under the prevailing MOH's travel advisory. Students who plan to travel overseas must share with their Form Teacher their travel plans, and *submit the Travel Declaration form by 29 October 2021* at the online link [2021 Travel Declaration For Student](#) or by hardcopy available from your Form Teachers or the General Office.

International students (ISes) who are travelling out of Singapore are reminded to apply for entry approval to return to Singapore via the Safe Travel Office (STO) online portal (<https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/STO>).

We look forward to partnering you and your child/ ward in the final lap of 2021 and we wish all our graduating students the very best at the national examinations! Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Principal



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2021 Term 4 – Calendar of Events

Date	Event
16 Sep	Sec 3ENA Listening Comprehension Exam (after school)
23 Sep	Sec 1ENA and 2ENA Listening Comprehension Exam (after school)
21, 23 Sep	CPA Practical
13 – 17 Sep	Sec 4E / 5NA Preliminary Examination (Part II)
15 – 23 Sep 04 – 14 Oct	GCE N Level Written Examination
14, 15, 19 Oct	Sec 1 & 2 VIA & Opel Showcase
20 Oct	Sec 3 ALP Day
19, 20, 21 Oct	Sec 1, 2 and 3 Big Day In
05 Aug – 07 Oct	Sec 1 – 3 End-of-Year Examination (including oral examinations)
04 – 14 Oct	GCE O Level Science Practical Examination
07 Oct – 16 Nov	GCE O Level Written Examination
08 Oct	Marking Day
18 Oct	Promotion Day
29 Oct	Meet-the-Parents Day (Virtual)
04 Nov	Deepavali (School Holiday)
08 – 10 Nov	Peer Leader & Student Council Camp
20 Nov – 03 Jan (22)	End-of-Year School Vacation

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2022 School Calendar

Semester 1	
Term 1	Tue 4 Jan to Fri 11 Mar
Term 2	Mon 21 Mar to Fri 27 May
Semester 2	
Term 3	Mon 27 Jun to Fri 2 Sep
Term 4	Mon 12 Sep to Fri 18 Nov

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