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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. A very warm welcome to our new Secondary 1 students too! With the lifting of almost all safe management measures, we are looking forward to running the full line up of very exciting student programmes in the year ahead. All these specially planned programmes aim to build up our students' character, prepare them well for post-secondary institutions, and most importantly provide them with the necessary skills and values to succeed well into the future.

As outdoor education is an essential aspect of the Loyang View student experience, Secondary 1, 2 and 3s will resume their full cohort camps this year, with our Secondary 3s going on their 5D4N OBS camp next month. Our Secondary 2s will also embark on their 3D2N camp in Term 1, and our Secondary 1s will go for theirs in Term 2. Through these camps, students learn to be resilient, adaptable, and find novel ways to overcome challenges. In Term 2, we will also be looking forward to having our cross-country race after many years of having suspended it due to covid restrictions.

To prepare our students well for the future, our Secondary 4s and 5s will go on their Future-Ready Programme in Term 1 to learn more from the various industries and post-secondary institutions. This would give them a better sense of the various pathways and careers that they would like to pursue after graduating from our school. We are also especially excited to resume the many overseas exchange and cultural trips for our Secondary 3s this year. Most of these trips will be held in November and I am sure these would broaden our students' perspective of the world.

All our Secondary 2 to 5s are now equipped with their Personal Learning Devices (PLD). Our Secondary 1s should be able to receive their PLDs in Term 2. Blended learning where students embark on out-of-school/ home-based learning (HBL) will be conducted across all levels this year on the following dates in the table below. Students will embark on self-directed learning on these days as well as use this time to learn a new skill via their student-initiated learning projects.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Week 3, Tuesday, 17 Jan	Week 2, Wednesday, 29 Mar	Week 3, Friday, 14 Jul
Week 6, Monday, 6 Feb	Week 4, Wednesday, 12 Apr	Week 5, Tuesday, 25 – Thursday, 27 Jul (GCE N-Level EL and MTL oral exams, and GCE O-Level EL, HMT and MTLB oral exams)
Week 8, Wednesday, 22 Feb	Week 5, Friday, 21 Apr (eve of Hari Raya Puasa)	Week 9, Monday, 21 Aug
Week 10, Monday, 6 Mar	Week 9, Thursday, 18 May	

In line with giving our students more time and space to pursue self-directed learning, we have revamped our timetable this year. Each period will now be in 30-min blocks, and most students will get to end each day earlier. Most CCAs will also now be conducted once a week on Thursday afternoons. However, some sports and performing arts will still have to meet more than once a week in the run-up

to their respective 'B' and 'C' Division competitions, and their SYF Arts Presentations. A summary of what a typical week looks like is as follows:

	Flag-Raising	Morning First Periods	Curriculum Hours	CCA Time
Monday	8.30 a.m. In classroom	8.35 – 9 a.m. Form Teacher Time	9 a.m. – 2.30 / 3.30 p.m.	-
Tuesday	7.30 a.m. In Parade Square	7.35 – 8 a.m. MTL Reading & One-to-One Chat with Form Teacher	8 a.m. – 2 / 3 p.m.	3.30 – 6.30 p.m. (<i>some CCAs only</i>)
Wednesday	7.30 a.m. In classroom	7.35 – 8.30 a.m. Character and Citizenship Education	7.30 a.m. – 1 / 2.30 p.m.	-
Thursday	7.30 a.m. In Parade Square	7.35 – 8 a.m. EL Reading & One-to-One Chat with Form Teacher	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	2.30 – 6.30 p.m.
Friday	7.30 a.m. In Hall	7.35 – 8 a.m. NewsEd (A sharing on current affair topics)	8 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Friday afternoons set aside for enrichment activities

As shared last year, we have since introduced a school polo T-shirt as part of the school uniform. This will help students stay cool on hotter days and still look smart. Students will be allowed to wear either the polo t-shirt or their formal shirt/blouse to school. On days when students have PE lessons, they are to change into their PE attire for their PE lessons. The polo T-shirt is optional for students and is currently on sale in school. From Week 3 onwards, students will no longer be allowed to report to school in their PE T-shirt.

We also shared that the school will be a centre for the Mendaki Tuition Scheme (MTS) for LVSS students on Wednesday afternoons in 2023. Classes would be available once there is a minimum number of registered LVSS students. This initiative is available to Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents of all races. Interested parents and students, please register via the MyMENDAKI portal, at <https://my.mendaki.org.sg/>. Should any parent/guardian need a hard copy of the registration, your child/ward may collect it from the General Office.

Let me end this first letter of the year by encouraging all students to put in their very best effort in every endeavour and take part in all school programmes and activities wholeheartedly in the year ahead. Parents and guardians, please partner us in exhorting your children/wards to work hard, work smart, learn from their mistakes, and live up to the school values. Each and every one of them has the power to be the best that they can be. Our school will put in every effort to support them and to prepare them well for the future. On your part, do continue providing the best guidance and care for your child and take the time to understand your child's likes and dislikes, fears and aspirations, and what goes on in his or her school life. Do reinforce their good behaviours and set clear boundaries. Our teachers and all our staff members look forward to working closely with you to shape our students' character and to help them succeed well in life. The Form Teachers will also contact you from time to time to provide updates on your child's/ward's progress. The names and email addresses of the 2023 Form Teachers can be found on our school website.

Please read on for details of the upcoming school activities for the term ahead.

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Information on Term 1 School Matters

Term 1 Calendar of Events

Our Term 1 Calendar of Events is found in Annex A for your reference. We would like to provide you with timely information so that you are able to take note of important dates and events. However, we seek your understanding if changes are made during the year. We will keep you updated of such changes. Also, we are in the midst of placing our school calendar on our website so that it is more accessible to our students and parents.

We would like to share some information on the following upcoming character programmes and events.

a) Back to School Programme

As part of the school's efforts to ensure our students start the school year on the right foot, and to promote a smooth transition to their new level, we have designed a 2-day programme for our Secondary 2 to 5 students. This allows them time and space to be in the right frame of mind, and ready to be back.

The Secondary 1 students, being new to the school, are currently experiencing the 4-day orientation programme to get to know their peers and the LVSS community, as well as, activities to familiarise themselves with our school culture. The Orientation Programme will culminate in a campfire on Friday, 6 January, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Parents/Guardians of Secondary 1 students are invited to the event. Information has been sent to parents via Parents Gateway on 2 January.

b) Chinese New Year Celebrations

Chinese New Year celebrations aim to deepen students' awareness of traditional values and cultural practices related to the festivities. We hope that the activities planned will be meaningful student experiences as they further build their bonds with friends and teachers. As part of the celebrations, students are encouraged to reuse and recycle materials to decorate their classrooms.

Chinese New Year celebrations will be held on **Friday, 20 January**. Students are encouraged to wear red shirts/blouses on that day. Students who do not wish to wear red shirts/blouses must wear their school uniform or school polo T-shirt as usual. Students will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m.

c) Loyang View Stretch Programme (LVSP)

The LVSP caters to the needs of high-readiness students. LVSP students will be given rich opportunities to learn skills for independent inquiry and design thinking, as well as, peer collaboration and leadership competencies. Students are identified for the LVSP through a 2-stage exercise in Secondary 1 while selected students will be invited to join the programme in Secondary 2 and Secondary 3.

d) Future-Ready Programme

In line with developing our students as Future-Ready leaders, we will be equipping our students with the necessary knowledge, skills, and values to make informed decisions for successful transition and decision-making on career pathways. The programmes will be tiered and aligned to their needs at respective levels.

- Secondary 1: Discover interests and strengths [SkillsFuture Career Interest Profiling]

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- Secondary 2: Consider the purpose behind one's dreams, hopes and aspirations [Skills Quest]
- Secondary 3: Identify goals and calibrate expectations of oneself and others [Chronicles of Life]
- Secondary 4 & 5: Make informed decisions and own them [Career Exploration & Visits to Post-Secondary Education Institutions and Industries]

e) Total Defence Commemoration

We will be commemorating Total Defence Day on Wednesday, 15 February to mark Singapore's fall to the Japanese in 1942. The commemorative activities during our CCE lesson will be designed to remind our students that we ourselves must defend Singapore and that Total Defence is crucial to the continued security, survival and success of our country.

f) Farmer's & Maker's Market

As part of our Urban Farming Programme, students from each Secondary 2 class would have been rostered to tend to assigned plots around the school to grow, maintain and harvest vegetables and herbs throughout the term. The harvest, together with other items designed and hand-made by our Craft & Technology students, will be sold during Farmer's & Maker's Market (Term 1) to raise funds for our selected beneficiary, Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore.

g) MOE-OBS Challenge (MOC) Programme for Secondary 3 students

As part of the National Outdoor Adventure Masterplan, our Secondary 3 students will be embarking on a 5-day, 4-night residential camp from Monday, 27 February to Friday, 3 March at Pulau Ubin. The MOC seeks to develop ruggedness, resilience and build cohesion amongst youths. During the OBS course, students undergo a shared Outdoor Adventure Learning experience and are provided opportunities to learn to work together in new, challenging, and authentic situations with their peers to overcome various challenges. More information on this and the MOE-OBS Challenge programme will be shared with students.

h) Secondary 2 Cohort Camp

For our Secondary 2 students, they will be embarking on a 3-day, 2-night residential camp from Thursday, 2 March to Saturday, 4 March at MOE Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre (OALC). OAL Cohort Camps provide authentic contexts in which students apply what they have learnt from Character and Citizenship (CCE) and Outdoor Education in Physical Education (OE in PE) lessons. The richness and complexity of experience, such as working with their peers to overcome challenges or navigating in a new environment during a journey, allow them to extend and deepen their learning from the classroom into real-life. More information will be provided at a later date.

We look forward to your support as our partners-in education in the holistic development of your child/ward.

Here's wishing one and all a very healthy, successful and fulfilling 2023 ahead!

Yours faithfully



Mr Eugene Lin
Principal

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Annex A

Term 1 Calendar of Events

Week	Date	Event	Remarks [Programmes are conducted during curriculum hours unless indicated otherwise]
1	Tue, 3 Jan	Start of Academic Year 2022	
	Tue, 3 Jan to Wed, 4 Jan	Back to School Programme	Sec 2 – 5 students
	Tue, 3 Jan to Fri, 6 Jan	Secondary 1 Orientation Programme	Parents are invited to Orientation Campfire on Fri, 6 Jan, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
	Thu, 5 Jan	Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) begins	Sec 2 – 5 students (weekly)
2	Tue, 10 Jan	CCA sessions for selected students	Sec 2 – 5 students involved in NSG or SYF (weekly till end of season)
	Wed, 11 Jan	Temperature-taking Exercise	All students are to bring their thermometer.
	Thu, 12 Jan	CCA Experience for Sec 1 students	Sec 1 students (weekly till 26 Jan)
3	Mon, 16 Jan	Loyang View Stretch Programme [Welcome session]	Selected Sec 1, 2 and 3 students From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
	Tue, 17 Jan	Home-based Learning Day 1	Students do not report to school. Students are expected to log in at 7.30 a.m. to start the day.
	Wed, 18 Jan	Values-in-Action (VIA) community outreach	Sec 4E & 5N students From 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
	Fri, 20 Jan	Chinese New Year celebrations	Normal dismissal time at 12.30 p.m.
4	Mon, 23 Jan and Tue, 24 Jan	Chinese New Year Public Holiday	No school for all students.
	Thu, 26 Jan	Individual photo-taking	Sec 1 and 5 students only More details will be provided at a later date.
	Fri, 27 Jan	Emergency Exercise	
		Learning for Life (LLP) – Sports Education Programme	Sec 2 students only (weekly till 10 Feb) From 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. More details will be provided at a later date.
	Applied Learning Programme (ALP) – James Dyson Programme	Selected Sec 3E students (weekly till 24 Feb) From 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	
5	Mon, 30 Jan	Loyang View Stretch Programme	Selected Sec 1, 2 and 3 students From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Also, on 20 Feb)
5 – 6	Wed, 1 Feb to Wed, 8 Feb	Annual Health Screening by HPB	Sec 1 and 2 students only
6	Mon, 6 Feb	Home-based Learning Day 2	Students do not report to school. Students are expected to log in at 7.30 a.m. to start the day.
	Thu, 9 Feb and Fri, 10 Feb	HPV Vaccination	Sec 1 & 2 female students only
	Fri, 10 Feb	ALP Enrichment	Sec 1E3 only From 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. More details will be provided at a later date.

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7	Mon, 13 Feb	MTL Fortnight Opening Ceremony	
	Wed, 15 Feb	Total Defence Day Commemoration	
	Fri, 18 Feb	FEP: LLP – Dragon-boating	Sec 3 students only From 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
		FEP: ALP Enrichment	Sec 1E2 only From 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
8	Mon, 20 Feb to Fri, 24 Feb	Mental Wellness Pop-Up Exhibit	
	Wed, 22 Feb	Home-based Learning Day 3	Students do not report to school. Students are expected to log in at 7.30 a.m. to start the day.
	Fri, 24 Feb	ALP Enrichment	Sec 1E1 only From 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
	Fri, 24 Feb	Loyang View Stretch Programme Learning Journey	Selected Sec 1, 2 and 3 students From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
9	Mon, 27 Feb to Fri, 3 Mar	MOE-OBS Challenge Programme	Sec 3 students only 5-day, 4-night residential camp
	Wed, 1 Mar	Sec 2 Challenge	Sec 2 students only Dismissal is at 12.30 p.m.
	Wed, 1 Mar to Fri, 3 Mar	Future-Ready Programme	Sec 4 students only Dismissal for 1 and 2 Mar is 12.30 p.m.
		English Enrichment	Sec 1 students only Dismissal is at 12.30 p.m.
	Thu, 2 Mar	ALP Enrichment	Sec 1A3 only From 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
	Thu, 2 Mar to Sat, 4 Mar	Sec 2 Cohort Camp	Sec 2 students only 3-day, 2-night residential camp
	Fri, 3 Mar	ALP Enrichment	Sec 1A2 students only From 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
10	Mon, 6 Mar	Home-based Learning Day 4	Students do not report to school. Students are expected to log in at 7.30 a.m. to start the day.
	Mon, 6 Mar to Wed, 8 Mar	Elective Module	Sec 2N students only From 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
	Wed, 8 Mar	Tamil Language Learning Journey	Sec 1, 2 and 3 TL students only From 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
		Chinese Language Learning Journey	Sec 3 CL students only From 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
	Fri, 10 Mar	Sports Carnival	Sec 4 and 5 students only
		Farmer's and Maker's Market	Sec 2 students are leading the event. Open to all students
-	Sat, 11 Mar to Sun, 19 Mar	Term 1 school holidays	No school for all students.

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