17 January 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

A happy 2022 to all of you! On behalf of the staff in Woodgrove Secondary School (WGS), we would like to welcome both you and your child/ward to join our WGS family and embark on a new academic year with us.

This letter serves to update you on upcoming events and information pertaining to Term 1.

Connecting with us

a. Contact information

Names and email addresses of the School Executive Team (School Leaders, Administration Managers, Operations Managers, Heads of Departments, Subject/Level Heads and Year/Assistant Year Heads) can be found on the school website at the subpage 'About Us/School Executive Committee'. In addition, the contact details of the Form Teachers taking the various classes can also be found at the sub-page 'About Us/Staff Directory'.

If you have any queries and/or would like to speak to any school personnel, you may email the relevant personnel directly or you may leave a message with the staff at the general office and we will get back to you.

b. Getting to know you - Parent-Teacher Virtual Meet-up Session

The school has organised a virtual meet-up for parents of Secondary 1 students to meet their child's/ward's Form Teachers via Zoom on 25 Jan (Tues) at 3 - 4 pm. The session will begin with a welcome address by our School Leaders, followed by presentations from key personnel on CCA Selection, Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP) and Student Development Team (SDT) Matters from 3.00 - 3.30 pm. From 3.30 - 4.00 pm, parents may engage with the Form Teachers of the respective classes. The team of subject teachers teaching your child/ward will also be introduced during this segment.

2 Upcoming Events

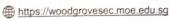
a. Secondary 1 Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Orientation and Selection

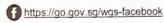
The WGS Secondary 1 CCA Orientation 2022 will be held on 17 - 21 Jan. Information related to each CCA will be posted on the school website. All Secondary 1 students will be given the opportunity to participate in both the Sports CCAs trials and Performing Arts auditions on 18 and 20 Jan. Students who perform well during the Sports CCAs trials and/or Performing Arts auditions will improve their chances of joining the CCAs they have performed well in.

Date	Activity
17 - 21 Jan	CCA Orientation (E-Showcase)
18 and 20 Jan	Sports and Performing Arts Auditions
24 - 28 Jan	CCA Selection
11 Feb	CCA Allocation
14 or 15 Feb	CCA Starts

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b. National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)

In 2020, the Ministry of Education launched the Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP) for all secondary school students to help students strengthen their digital literacy competencies. Every secondary school student will own a school-prescribed Personal Learning Device. In WGS, the school has made arrangements for you to purchase the Lenovo 500e-2nd-Gen Chromebook for your child's/ward's use in school. Further details about device procurement will be shared via **Parents' Gateway** on **24 – 28 Jan**.

c. Chinese New Year Celebration

WGS will usher in the year of the Tiger on **31 Jan** (Mon). Students are to report to school in their school uniform. The celebrations will end at **10 am**. As 1 - 2 Feb are Chinese New Year public holidays, students will report back to school on 3 Feb (Thurs).

3 Curriculum and Assessment Matters

a. Schemes of Work and Weighted Assessment 1

The Schemes of Work (SOWs) for the various subjects as well as the dates and topics tested for the Weighted Assessment 1 (WA1) may be found in 'Academic Matters' on the school website from 21 Jan (Fri) onwards.

b. Research Study of Singapore Proficiency Assessment of Reading Comprehension (SPARC)

Secondary 1 students who are taking the Express and Normal (Academic) English Language syllabus will be participating in a research study by the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB). The research consists of a computerised test that students will be taking on 26 Jan (Wed) from 3 - 4.30pm.

c. Blended Learning

In 2021, all secondary schools implemented Blended Learning for students. One component of Blended Learning is Home-Based Learning (HBL). During HBL, students will be assigned work (both online as well as offline) to be completed at their own pace at home. In WGS, the following days have been designated as HBL days:

- · Term 1 Week 9, 4 March
- · Term 1 Week 10, 11 March
- Term 2 Week 1, 25 March
- Term 2 Week 3, 8 April
- Term 2 Week 5, 22 April

We look forward to partnering you closely as we support our students in their education. Here's to a great year ahead. Stay safe and healthy!

Yours faithfully,

Chua Chor Huat Principal

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