



ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL (SECONDARY)

7 September 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please note the following key information as we enter the last term of the academic year:

1. Key Events in Term 4
2. School Progression Criteria
3. Discipline Matters - Updates on Vaping
4. Reinforcing Social Skills at Home
5. Strengthening School-Home Partnerships
6. Start of School Term in 2027
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8. 164th Founder's Day Prize Winners

1. KEY EVENTS IN TERM 4

1.1 Attire for School

Term 4 starts on Monday, 14 September. Boys are to report to school by 7.50 a.m. in half-school uniform, as the weather is still hot and humid with the haze ongoing. All boys are required to be well-groomed and ready for the new school term, which includes a neat haircut with the prescribed standards in accordance with the school rules.

Please be advised that hair and grooming checks are conducted on Week 1 and 5 each term. After the first check, boys are expected to exercise self-discipline to get their haircuts whenever needed to uphold the standards required of them.

We seek your support in reminding your son/ ward of the above expectations regarding their attire and grooming.

1.2 **School-Based Assessments and End-of-Year (EoY) Examinations**

The following school-based assessments will be held in Term 4:

- a) Sec 1 and 2 (G2 & G3) Mother Tongue Language Oral Assessment online submission: 25 September, Fri, 5.00 p.m.
- b) Sec 1 to Sec 3 End-of-Year Examinations: 23 September to 5 October.

1.3 **Sec 4 & 5 National Examinations & Sec 1-3 Early Dismissal (15 Sep, Tue, 16 Sep, Wed & 15 Oct, Thu)**

Secondary 4 and 5 boys will sit for the following examinations:

- a) GCE N(A) & N(T)-Level Examinations will take place from 14 September to 13 October.
- b) GCE O-Level Science Practical Examinations will take place from 30 September to 13 October.
- c) GCE O-Level Examinations will take place from 19 October to 10 November.

In view of the GCE N-Level and GCE O-Level Listening Comprehension Examinations scheduled on Tuesday, 15 September (afternoon) and Wednesday, 16 September (afternoon), Secondary 1 to Secondary 3 boys will be dismissed at 12.10 p.m. On Thursday, 15 October (afternoon), Secondary 1 to Secondary 3 boys will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m.

1.4 **Consultations and Revision Programmes**

To prepare boys for the upcoming examinations, the following study programmes will be conducted.

- Intensive Revision for 4 Normal (Academic) will be conducted from Friday, 18 September to Thursday, 24 September.
- Intensive Revision for 4 Express and 5 Normal (Academic) will be conducted from Monday, 14 September to Thursday, 24 September.

1.5 **Commencement Ceremony for Graduating Classes (25 Sep, Fri)**

The Commencement Ceremony to honour our graduating boys will be held on Friday, 25 September, at 10.00 a.m. All Secondary 4 and 5 boys are required to be in full school attire, comprising the school shirt, pants and tie. With effect from 28 September, Secondary 4 and 5 boys will be on study leave and will only be required to report to school on the days of their scheduled national examinations.

1.6 Marking Days (6 Oct, Tues and 7 Oct, Wed)

Boys will not be required to report to school on Tuesday, 6 October and Wednesday, 7 October, which is set aside for teachers to complete the marking of the End-of-Year examination papers.

1.7 Post-Examination Activities (15 Oct, Thu & 16 Oct, Fri)

Secondary 1, 2 and 3 boys will be involved in an array of activities on Thursday, 15 October and Friday, 16 October.

Level	Activities
Sec 1	Inter-House Games, Potong Pasir Trail, Cyber Wellness Programme
Sec 2	Learning Journey to Singapore Science Centre, Mother Tongue Language Engagement Sessions
Sec 3	Careers Day, Inter-House Games

More information will be provided to boys after their End-of-Year (EoY) examinations.

1.8 Work Experience Programme [16 Oct, Fri, 19 to 21 Oct, Mon to Wed]

The Work Experience Programme (WEP) for the Secondary Three cohort will take place on Friday, 16 October (afternoon), and full days from Monday to Wednesday, 19 to 21 October. During the programme, boys will be attached to various organisations and companies to learn about the world of work and gain valuable work experience. Boys will be informed of their allocated organisations via All Ears in September.

1.9 Progression Exercise (20 Oct, Tue)

The annual Progression Exercise will be held on Tuesday, 20 October. Boys will not need to report to school on that day.

1.10 Subject Selection Exercise for Secondary 2 (16 Oct, Fri, to 20 Oct, Tue)

Secondary 2 boys will submit their choices for the Subject Selection Exercise via All Ears from Friday, 16 October 7.00 a.m. to Tuesday, 20 October 5.00 p.m.

The results of the Subject Selection Exercise will be released on Wednesday, 28 October, at 5.00 p.m.

The appeal period for the Subject Selection Exercise will be from Thursday, 29 October 7.00 a.m. to Monday, 2 November 5.00 p.m.

The appeal results will be released on Friday, 6 November, at 5.00 p.m.

1.11 School Dismissal Time (19 Oct, Mon, to 21 Oct, Wed)

In view of the GCE O-Level Examinations starting on Monday, 19 October, Secondary 1 to Secondary 3 boys will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m. from Monday, 19 October, to Wednesday, 21 October.

1.12 **End-of-Term Service (22 Oct, Thu)**

The End-of-Term Service will be held on Thursday, 22 October, and Secondary 1 to Secondary 3 boys will be dismissed at 11.00 a.m.

1.13 **Saint-Parent-Teacher Conference for Term 4 (23 Oct, Fri)**

Saint-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC) for selected Secondary 1 to Secondary 3 boys will be held on 23 October, Friday, between 8.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. Parents and guardians of selected boys will be informed.

2. **SCHOOL PROGRESSION CRITERIA**

The progression criteria for courses and levels is shown in the table below. We seek your support in setting appropriate targets for your son/ ward and guiding him in doing his best. Together, we aim to help each boy realise his potential.

Academic Level	Criteria for Progression
Secondary 1	No common academic requirement for promotion. All boys will progress to Secondary 2.
Secondary 2	• Pass in EL and 2 other subjects; OR • At least half the total number of examinable subjects offered.
Secondary 3	• Pass in EL and 2 other subjects; OR • At least half the total number of examinable subjects offered.

3. **DISCIPLINE MATTERS**

As we begin Term 4, we seek the continued partnership of parents and guardians in reinforcing the importance of responsible conduct, respect for others and personal accountability.

Bullying and hurtful behaviour

The school takes all forms of bullying **seriously**, including physical, verbal, relational and online bullying. Boys must not intimidate, humiliate, exclude or repeatedly target others, whether individually or as part of a group. Recording, sharing or commenting on hurtful incidents may also contribute to the harm caused.

Boys who experience or witness bullying should report the matter promptly to a teacher or another trusted adult. Reporting is an act of responsibility and enables the school to intervene early. The school will investigate reported concerns carefully and take appropriate disciplinary, restorative and supportive actions.

Responsible online conduct

Boys are reminded to communicate responsibly on messaging platforms, social media and online gaming channels. They should not circulate offensive content, make threatening or insulting remarks, impersonate others, or take and share photographs or

recordings without permission. Online actions can have lasting consequences and may also constitute a breach of school rules or the law.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to maintain open conversations with their son/ward about online activity and to reinforce the importance of seeking help when they encounter harmful or inappropriate content.

Vaping

The possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers and related components is illegal in Singapore. Boys found vaping or possessing an e-vaporiser will face school-based disciplinary consequences in addition to national penalties and any required rehabilitation programme.

Boys who are vaping are strongly encouraged to seek help by approaching a teacher, School Counsellor or relevant support agency. Boys who voluntarily come forward for help will not face disciplinary action merely for seeking assistance. However, consequences will apply if a student is separately caught committing a vaping-related offence.

Attendance, punctuality and conduct

Boys are expected to attend school regularly, report punctually for school and lessons, and remain in their assigned classes and activities. They should also continue to conduct themselves appropriately after examinations and during school programmes.

Boys represent the school whenever they are in school uniform. They are therefore expected to behave respectfully in public, use appropriate language and show consideration towards members of the community.

4. REINFORCING SOCIAL SKILLS AT HOME

- 4.1 To support your child's/ward's continued growth, you may wish to reinforce the following three social skills that they have learnt over the year and encourage them to apply these skills in the months ahead.
- 4.2 Key steps for these social skills are:
 - a) Organising Tasks and Time
 - 1. List all tasks that need to be completed.
 - 2. Estimate the time needed to complete each task.
 - 3. Prioritise the tasks based on their deadlines, the time required and their importance.
 - 4. Prepare a schedule to manage the tasks.
 - 5. Complete the tasks according to the schedule.

b) Reflecting and Improving

1. Think about the situation you are in.
2. Identify your behaviour and feelings.
3. Consider whether your behaviour was appropriate for the situation.
4. Identify alternative behaviours that may be more helpful.
5. Apply what you have learnt when facing a similar situation in future.

c) Asking for Help

1. Identify someone who may be able to help.
2. Check whether the person is available to help.
3. Describe the problem to the person. Be specific.
4. Listen carefully to the advice given and reflect on it.
5. Thank the person sincerely for their help.

5. STRENGTHENING SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP

Parents may contact our teachers via email for non-urgent matters. The teachers' email addresses are available on the school website for ready reference. Should you need to contact them urgently, please call our school's office at **62851944**.

As part of the school's annual review of our processes and programmes, we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the Parent Survey Form. Your feedback is highly valued and will affirm us, and also help us identify areas for improvement as we continue to strengthen our partnership with parents and enhance the support we provide to our school community. Please scan the QR code below to access the form using your Singpass.



Parent Survey Form

6. START OF SCHOOL TERM IN 2027 (4 January 2027)

The new academic year will commence on Monday, 4 Jan 2027. School starts at 8 a.m. Boys are required to report to school by 7.50 a.m. in full school uniform (button-up shirt and school shorts or pants) with their school badges pinned.

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all parents and guardians for your generous support and fruitful partnership in nurturing our boys in their holistic development this past year.

8. 164th FOUNDER'S DAY AWARDEES

The school celebrated its 164th Founder's Day on 28 August 2026. Our heartiest congratulations to all Saints and staff for their achievements and hard work. To access the full list of prizewinners and awardees, you may scan the QR code below.



Thank you and let us continue to guide our boys together to their fullest potential!

Up and On!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Lee Han Hwa
Principal