



Principal's Letter Term 3 2026

2 July 2026

Dear Parents/ Guardians of Secondary Four and Five Students,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you and your child/ward spent quality time bonding over the Term 2 break. The theme for Semester 2 is **"Be a Better Version of Ourselves."** We will guide students to reflect on their strengths, set personal goals and cultivate positive learning habits. Our various school programmes, including assemblies, Form Teacher periods and CCE lessons, are aligned with this theme. Together, let us encourage our children to embrace challenges, learn from setbacks and believe that their abilities can grow through effort and perseverance.

1. Upcoming National Examinations in Term 3

The following national examinations will take place in Term 3:

Date	Examination	Remarks
7 July (PM)	O-Level Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Listening Comprehension Examination	Candidates are to refer to their entry proof for the examination timing.
13, 17 July (PM) 14, 15, 16 July (Full Day)	N-Level & O-Level English Language (EL) and MTL Oral Examinations	Candidates will be informed of their specific examination date and timing.

Kindly take note of the lesson arrangements for these dates with national examinations:

Date	Examination	Lesson Arrangements
7 July (PM)	O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination	All students from Sec 1 to 5 will be dismissed at 12.15pm.
13, 17 July (PM)	N-Level & O-Level EL and MTL Oral Examinations	- All students from Sec 1 to 5 will follow the normal school timetable for the day. - Candidates having examinations on these dates will be dismissed at 1.00pm.
14, 15, 16 July (Full Day)		- These three days are designated as Home-Based Learning (HBL) days. - All Secondary 1 to 5 students are not required to report to school on these days. Lesson instructions will be made available via the RSS HBL microsite. - Only candidates with examination scheduled on these dates need to report to school at their designated timings.

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School Distinction Award



Teaching & Learning



Student All-Round Development



Character and Citizenship Education



Staff Well-Being & Development



Partnership



Singapore Quality Class



People Developer Standard



Lee Hsien Loong Award for Innovations in the Normal Course



Lee Kuan Yew National Education Award



Lotus Award Sustained Achievement



National Arts Education Glow Award 2013



2. Preliminary Examinations

The 4N preliminary examinations will be conducted from 23 July to 6 August 2026.

The 4E5N preliminary examination will be conducted from 14 – 27 August 2026.

The 4N and 4E5N preliminary timetables had been shared with you earlier via Parents Gateway on 25 May 2026.

Students who are unwell and unable to take the Preliminary Examination must produce a medical certificate (MC) upon return to school. There will be no re-sitting of the paper for students and the paper will be given as a practice assignment.

3. Academic Support for Sec 4 & 5 Students

To better prepare your child/ward for the preliminary examinations and national examinations, the school has put in place the following support measures:

(a) In-Class Revision

Teachers will be conducting targeted revision in class. Your child/ward has been given the revision topics and schedule and has been advised to use this to guide the planning of his/her personal revision timetable.

(b) Focused Study

Focused Study is a special consultation and revision programme conducted by teachers in the afternoons. It consists of small group consultation and teaching sessions. Your child/ward will be informed of the details by the relevant subject teachers.

(c) Provision of Study Areas

The school library and the adjacent rooms will be open for self-study daily in the school week. We encourage students who need a conducive learning space to stay back after school in the afternoons to do self-study or to consult with teachers. Light snacks are provided.

Parents/Guardians, if you would like to extend support for the revision or provision of light snacks, please email our General Office at riverside_ss@moe.edu.sg.

4. Key School Events in Term 3

Term/Week	Date	Activity
T3W2	6 Jul	Youth Day School Holiday
T3W2	7 Jul	O-level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination
T3W2	10 Jul	Youth Day Commemoration
T3W3	13 – 17 Jul	N-level EL and MTL Oral Examinations O-level EL and MTL Oral Examinations
T3W3	14 – 16 Jul	Sec 1 – 5 HBL
T3W4	20 Jul	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration
T3W5	28 Jul	Sec 1 – 5 HBL

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Term/Week	Date	Activity
T3W4 – W6	23 – 24 Jul, 31 Jul – 6 Aug	4N Preliminary Examination
T3W5 – W8	30 Jul, 4, 6 & 11 Aug	4E5N Science Practical Preliminary Examinations
T3W6 – W7	31 Jul – 14 Aug	Sec 1 – 3 Weighted Assessment
T3W6	7 Aug	National Day Celebrations
T3W7	9 – 10 Aug	National Day Public Holiday
T3W7 – W10	14 – 27 Aug	4E5N Preliminary Examination
T3W9	28 Aug	Sec 1 – 5 HBL
T3W10	3 Sep	Teachers' Day Celebrations
T3W10	4 Sep	Teachers' Day School Holiday
T3W10	5 – 13 Sep	Term 3 Break

Term 3 is an intensive revision period as your child/ward prepares for the preliminary and national examinations, do support your child with your care and love.

Journeying together with you.

Yours sincerely

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