



9 September 2022

Dear HGS Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope that you had a restful holiday and a wonderful time with your family. We are excited to share the following information in this notification letter with you.

Staff Updates

We warmly welcome Mdm Soh Geok Lian, Corporate Support Officer to our HGS family.

We also bid a fond farewell to our School Counsellor, Ms Chee Fei Wan and thank her for her contributions to the school.

Health and Safety Related Matters

HGS will continue to ensure that Safe Management Measures are in place to keep our students safe. We would like to seek your cooperation and assistance with the key measures below:

- a. If your child/ward is feeling unwell (runny nose, sore throat, fever or cough), she should not come to school and should seek medical attention. Please also look out for symptoms of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) such as ulcers in the throat, mouth and tongue. Please ensure that your child/ward has fully recovered before returning to school.
- b. If your child/ward is infected with COVID, please inform the school through our Form Teachers or contact the school's General Office. If your child/ward has no or mild symptoms, she can self-isolate at home for 72 hours and take a self-administered ART test after 72 hours. If the ART result is negative, your child/ward can exit self-isolation and return to school. If ART result is positive, please continue to self-isolate and self-test (National Healthcare Protocol 2).
- c. Students returning to school after recovery from COVID-19 are not required to present medical certificates, doctor's letters or recovery memos.
- d. If your child/ward is a close contact with an infected person, please follow the national healthcare protocol 3. Your child/ward should take an ART self-test daily in the morning before going to school over the next five days. She may attend school if her ART result is negative, otherwise please self-isolate and follow protocol 2 as mentioned in paragraphs above. If her ART result is negative on Day 5, no further test is needed.

Safeguarding the health and well-being of our students is our collective responsibility.

- All students are reminded to maintain good hygiene practices such as frequent hand washing, before handling food or eating, after going to the toilet, or after they have coughed or sneezed.
- The school will do our part to ensure sufficient washing facilities with soap and we would also like to seek the cooperation of all parents and guardians to reinforce good hygiene habits at home.

Wearing of Masks

With further relaxation of the Safe Management Measures announced on 24 August, our Haig girls will no longer be required to wear their mask in the classrooms or around the school. Haig girls who prefer to continue wearing masks will also be allowed to do so. If she is taking the school bus, it will also be optional for her to wear a mask.

However, please remind your child/ward that it is still compulsory to put on her mask if she takes the public transport.

School Insurance

Every student is covered under the Group Personal Accident (GPA) Insurance Plan for Students. For more details on the coverage, (e.g. the sub-limits for different types of medical expenses incurred and the type of clinic/hospital where treatment would be covered), please refer to <https://www.income.com.sg/studentgpa>.

Strategic Thrust 1: Every Haig Girl A Leader of Character

School Events and Activities

Please refer to Annex A for events scheduled in Term 4 and take note of the days that students are not required to come to school. Below are some of the events your child/ward can look forward to:

Clean Plate Campaign

At Haig Girls', we believe in the importance of inculcating good values in our students. This term, in Week 2, we hope to inculcate the value of saving food and reducing food wastage among our students through the Clean Plate Campaign.

The Clean Plate Campaign is an initiative started by Food from the Heart (FFTH) in conjunction with World Food Day - a global movement to end hunger and reduce food waste. It emphasizes the importance of reducing food waste by creating awareness of the environmental and societal impact of food waste and instilling the habit of mindful eating. It is part of Food from the Heart's larger objective of redistributing food to the needy in Singapore. To reduce the amount of food wastage nationally, Food From the Heart advocates ending each meal with a clean plate.

From 19 – 23 September 2022, our Haig girls will be learning more about the importance of reducing food wastage and mindful eating. They will contribute to this good cause through the plate counting session, where they ensure they finish all their food during their recess. With the total number of clean plates counted over a period of 5 days at Haig Girls', Food from the Heart will donate to families who struggle to put food on their table.

Annual Class Photo-Taking Session

We have arranged for a vendor to take photographs of our Haig girls as a class on 14 and 15 September. Please ensure that your child/ward is smartly dressed in her HGS blouse and pinafore with white socks and shoes for her photo-taking session. A separate notification on the purchase of these photographs will be sent in October.

Curriculum Briefings

As part of our efforts to strengthen school-family partnerships, we will be conducting Curriculum Briefings for the 2023 P3, P5 and P6 cohorts in November. We hope to share with you, the support you can provide for your child as she progresses to the next level. More details will be shared nearer the date through Parents' Gateway.

CCA eCarnival

Our CCA eCarnival will be conducted over Zoom on Monday 7 November, together with the P3 curriculum briefing. This session is meant for our current P2 parents and students to find out more about CCAs in Haig Girls' School, so that the family can make informed CCA choices for the following year. The details will be provided in a separate notification closer to the date.

Sports Day

At Haig Girls', we believe that sports play an integral role in character development. COVID-19 had disrupted many sporting events over the past 2 years. However, this year, we are glad to reinstate our Sports Day and Inter-Class Games in school on Thursday 10 November.

Through this endeavour, we hope to:

- a) give an opportunity for our students to display the values of resilience, sportsmanship and growth mindset in a sports setting;
- b) foster teamwork among the students towards achieving a common goal;
- c) develop the love and passion to embark or pursue a healthy lifestyle.

Think! Contemporary Exhibition

TIMEOUT – Think! Contemporary is an award-winning interdisciplinary museum-based curriculum innovation initiated by our school. Our P4 students of 2021 and 2022 cohorts delved into issues related to the themes of Identity, Home, Heritage, Nationhood and Community.

Our students' artworks from 2021 and 2022 cohorts, mainly inspired by Singapore Art Museum's 'Once Upon This Island' Exhibition, will be displayed at the National Library Promenade Space. This exhibition will be open to the public from 5 November 2022 to 1 January 2023. All parents are warmly invited to the Think! Contemporary Exhibition.

HGS Art Exhibition 2022

Every year, we celebrate our students' creativity through our annual art exhibition featuring works by our P1 to P6 students. We are pleased to invite you to our exhibition from 14 Nov to 16 Nov 2022 in our school. The exhibition will be open for viewing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during these three days.

We look forward to your support as our partners in education in the holistic development of your daughter.

Yours sincerely,
Haig Girls' School

Annex A – Term 4 School Calendar

Date	Event / Activity	Remarks
Wed 14 and Thu 15 Sep	Class Photo-Taking	During curriculum time
Fri 16 Sep	PSLE Listening Comprehension	P1 to P5 students do not come to school, while P6 students will come at scheduled timing.
Wed 21 Sep	P5 EL Oral Exams	P5 students are to stay back for oral exams in the afternoon.
Thu 22 Sep	P5 MTL Oral Exams	P5 students are to stay back for oral exams in the afternoon.
Mon 26 to Wed 28 Sep	P6 Study Break	P1 to P5 students report to school as usual. Details for P6 students will be provided in a separate notification at a later date.
Mon 26 Sep	P3 EL Oral Exams	During curriculum time
Tue 27 Sep	P4 MTL Oral Exams	During curriculum time
Wed 28 Sep	P3 MTL Oral Exams P4 EL Oral Exams	During curriculum time
Thu 29 Sep to Wed 5 Oct	PSLE Written Examinations	All students report to school as usual.
Thu 6 Oct	Children's Day Celebration	Details will be provided in a separate notification at a later date.
Fri 7 Oct	Children's Day School Holiday	All students do not come to school.
Thu 13 Oct	P3 – 5 End of Year Examinations English Paper 1	During curriculum time
Fri 14 Oct	P3 – 5 End of Year Examinations Mother Tongue Language Paper 1	During curriculum time
Mon 17 to Thu 20 Oct	PSLE Marking Exercise	All students do not come to school.
Fri 21 Oct	P3 – 5 End of Year Examinations English Paper 2 & Listening Comprehension	During curriculum time
Mon 24 Oct	Deepavali Public Holiday	All students do not come to school.
Wed 26 Oct	P3 – 5 End of Year Examinations Mother Tongue Language Paper 2 & Listening Comprehension	During curriculum time
Thu 27 Oct	P3 – 5 End of Year Examinations Science	During curriculum time
Fri 28 Oct	P3 – 5 End of Year Examinations Mathematics	During curriculum time
Mon 31 Oct	P5 End of Year Examinations Higher Mother Tongue Language	During curriculum time
Mon 7 Nov	2023 P3 Curriculum Briefing and CCA eCarnival	For 2023 P3 cohort Details will be provided in a separate notification at a later date.
Wed 9 Nov	Promotion Day	All students do not come to school.
Thu 10 Nov	Sports Day (held in school)	During curriculum time
Mon 14 Nov– Wed 16 Nov	HGS Art Exhibition	Parents are invited to view the exhibits from 10am – 4pm daily.
Mon 14 Nov	2023 P5 Curriculum Briefing	For 2023 P5 cohort Details will be provided in a separate notification at a later date.
Thu 17 Nov	Prize Giving Day	Details will be provided in a separate notification at a later date.
Fri 18 Nov	P6 Graduation Day	Details will be provided in a separate notification at a later date.
Tue 22 Nov	2023 P6 Curriculum Briefing	For 2023 P6 cohort

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		Details will be provided in a separate notification at a later date.
Sat 19 Nov	Start of Term 4 School Holiday	

Annex B – Updates to COVID-19 Health Protocols

Extracted from <https://www.gov.sg/article/updates-to-health-protocols> (Published on 22 Apr 2022)

A summary of the revised health protocols is as follows:

Protocol 1: If you are unwell	<u>High-risk individuals or those with severe significant symptoms</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To undergo both ART and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test.• Those with severe symptoms: the doctor will convey you to hospital for further assessment.• For the rest: the doctor will advise you to immediately return home and self-isolate in a room while waiting for your test result.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ If you test positive, MOH will contact you on your recovery journey. If assessed suitable you may recover under MOH's Home Recovery Programme. Otherwise, you will be conveyed to a care facility. <u>Low-risk individuals with mild symptoms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary care doctors to administer healthcare ART.• If positive, refer to Protocol 2.
Protocol 2: If you are well* and test positive, or your condition assessed to be mild by a doctor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-isolate at home for at least 72 hours.• If well, may exit self-isolation and resume normal activities upon a negative self-administered ART result.• Those who continue to test ART positive to continue to self-isolate and self-test daily until:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ they obtain a negative ART result; or◦ until 12PM on Day 7 (for vaccinated individuals and children below 12 years old) or Day 14 (for unvaccinated/ partially vaccinated individuals aged 12 years old and above).• No Medical Certificate (MC) from a doctor if no symptoms. If doctor has assessed you to have a mild condition, will be issued an MC.• Return to the doctor or call 995 in emergency situations if symptoms worsen or do not improve with time.
[Note: MOH will no longer issue a HRN to close contacts from 26 April 2022] Protocol 3: If you are identified by MOH as a close contact of an infected person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take an ART self-test within 24 hours.• Required to self-test with ART daily. Only leave home with negative ART test.• No further test needed if tested negative on Day 5.