



21 March 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We welcome your child back to school this term and hope that she had an enjoyable break during the March holidays. As we move into the second term, we are excited to continue to build on the culture of excellence that our students and teachers have started.

Staff Updates

We warmly welcome the following NIE student-teachers to the HGS family for their attachment:

- Miss Han Zhen, Isabel (English & Science)
- Miss Seah Wen Hui (Music)
- Miss Nur Khairin Nadzirah Binte Abdul Jafar (English & Mathematics)

Celebrating Learning and Achievements

We are pleased to share with you the learning and achievements of our students in the Performing Arts and Sports. We are proud of our students who have given their best and demonstrated our school values, including students who have taken part in various competitions and have not won awards. We would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our teachers and instructors for their dedication and hard work, and to all parents for their support and involvement. Highlights of our key achievements in Term 1, 2017, are in [Annex A](#).

Health and Safety Related Matters

Personal and Social Responsibility

We would like to remind our students and parents of the importance of personal hygiene and responsibility.

- All students are reminded to maintain a high standard of personal hygiene, including frequent hand washing such as before and after eating, after visiting the washroom and after coughing or sneezing. On the school's part, we will ensure that there are sufficient washing facilities with soap for our students. We seek the cooperation of all our parents and guardians to reinforce good hygiene habits at home.
- If your child is unwell, she should not be in school and should see a doctor. Please ensure that your child has fully recovered with official clearance from the doctor before returning to school.

School Safety

Safety is of utmost importance to all at HGS. We strive to ensure that we provide a safe and secure environment for all students and staff. Hence, as part of our efforts to ensure the safety of all our students, we appeal to all parents and guardians to abide by the following safety measures:

Access to the School

- All visitors (including parents and guardians) are required to sign in/out with the security guards at **Gate 2** where they will receive a visitor's pass. After receiving the pass, visitors will need to report to the General Office so that the office staff can attend to your needs. Please do **not** go directly to the classroom or staff room to see teachers or students.
- Parents/Caregivers are requested **not** to enter the school to wait in the canteen, school foyer, etc, unless there are special circumstances that require you to do so. If so, please inform the school about your special circumstances, for our consideration. With the seating capacity catered only for our staff and students, we seek your co-operation in allowing our staff and students the space to do just that.

- Parking lots within the school compound are reserved for vehicles with authorised school's parking decals.

School Safety Measures (Road Safety)

As part of our school's efforts to ensure students' safety, we appeal to all parents to adhere to the following school safety guidelines when driving within the school compound:

- Please drop your children off at the designated Drop Off Point.
- Ensure that your daughter alights briskly from the vehicle so that traffic is not held up during arrival and dismissal time.
- Please adhere to a speed limit of 15km/h within the school compound.
- During recess time (**9.40am - 10.40am**), vehicles are **not allowed** to enter the school compound. This is to ensure students' safety during recess time.
- If you are picking up your child at dismissal time, we seek your understanding to enter the school compound **15 minutes after dismissal time** (from 1.55pm on Mondays to Thursdays and from 12.55pm on Fridays), when the school buses have left the school compound.

Opening Hours of School Gates

The opening hours of the school gates for the morning arrival, afternoon dismissal and late afternoon CCA / remedial / D3T2 / enrichment lessons dismissal to facilitate students moving in and out of school are as follows:

Gate No.	Location	For	Opening Hours
1	Main gate	Vehicles only	6.00am – 6.00pm
2	Side gate next to Gate 1	Students and walk-in visitors only	6.30am – 6.00pm
3	Along Tembeling Road	Students only	<u>Mon to Thu</u> 7.00am – 7.30am 1.40pm – 2.10pm <u>Fri</u> 7.00am – 7.30am 12.40pm – 1.10pm
4	Along Everitt Road	Students only	<u>Mon to Thu</u> 6.30am – 7.30am 1.40pm – 2.10pm <u>Fri</u> 6.30am – 7.30am 12.40pm – 1.10pm
5	Along Koon Seng Road, next to Indoor Sports Hall block	Vehicles only (out-gate)	<u>Mon</u> 6.30am – 7.30am 1.40pm – 2.40pm 3.30pm – 4.00pm 5.00pm – 5.30pm <u>Tue</u> 6.30am – 7.30am 1.40pm – 2.40pm 3.30pm – 4.00pm <u>Wed & Thu</u> 6.30am – 7.30am 1.40pm – 2.40pm 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Gate No.	Location	For	Opening Hours
			4.30pm – 5.00pm <u>Fri</u> 6.30am – 7.30am 12.40pm – 1.40pm 3.00pm – 3.30pm 4.30pm – 5.00pm

Students Going Home on Their Own

For the safety of our students, when students are not taking the school bus home or are not attending CCA / remedial / D3T2 / enrichment lessons, we would appreciate that parents/guardians inform the bus driver and/or teacher in charge directly. Please assist to remind your child/ward that she should go home immediately after school and not visit their friends without your prior permission. If your child/ward does not take the school bus, please ensure that she, especially if she is in P1 or 2, goes home with an authorised adult.

We seek your understanding to **cooperate fully with our security guards** and to **demonstrate respect and courtesy towards all staff members**.

School-Parent Partnership

Our school believes that parents are our partners and a meaningful collaboration with our parents supports our students' holistic development. We would like to partner you to develop your child to be the best that she can be. Your child will benefit the most when we put her at the heart of what we do, understand our shared responsibilities and work together to bring out the best in her. Having a close partnership with us will help you to better understand your child's learning experience in school, so that you can provide her with the necessary family care, support and reinforcement at home.

Punctuality

All students should be punctual for school and should be in school before 7.30am, which is when the flag-raising ceremony begins. This is in line with our school value of 'Commitment', and the responsible behaviour that is involved when our students live out this value. We would appreciate it if parents make the effort to take their children to school on time.

If a student arrives after 7.30am, she will need to enter the school via Gate 2. The names of students who are late will be recorded – a letter will be sent to the parents of students who are late more than 3 times within a term and disciplinary action may be taken against these students.

Care for Personal Belongings

Students are responsible for their own personal belongings and should avoid bringing valuables or excessive amounts of money to school. As leaders of character, students must be committed to take care of their belongings. They should also take responsibility to pack their school bags daily and ensure that they have the necessary materials needed for school the next day.

Change of Address or Phone Number

The school has a central database for all student information. Please notify the form teacher as soon as possible regarding changes/additions to home, office, emergency phone numbers, addresses and other relevant information. This is vital to ensure ongoing and prompt correspondence with parents.

Absence from School

Regular school attendance is critical to a child's learning. Hence students must be present on all school days. If you are considering taking your child away during term time, please think about it carefully and discuss your plans with your child's form teacher as your child should not miss lessons unless there is a valid reason. Please write to seek the Principal's permission at least one week in advance should your child need to be excused due to official commitments such as

external competitions and exams. If your child is ill, your child should submit a medical certificate on your child's return to school.

Term 2 Calendar of Events

Our Term 2 Calendar of Events is in [Annex B](#) 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 do seek your kind understanding if changes are made during the year. We will keep you updated of such changes via notifications, emails, SMS alerts and our school website.

We look forward to your support as our partners-in-education in the holistic development of your daughters. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Lo Yen Nie
Principal

Celebrating Learning and Achievements

Performing Arts

Performing Arts	2016 LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art)	Distinction	Stacia Yee Xin Er, 1 Charity Farrah Eleah Farhann, 1 Charity Xu Xin 'Ai, 1 Grace Lim Yee Shuen Megan, 1 Grace Wu Liying, 1 Grace Nur Sheera Atiyya Binte Muhamad Razali, 1 Humility Sofiya Tay Binte Muhammad Taaj, 1 Humility Asmita Basak, 1 Humility Low Kylie Ting, 1 Humility Ahn Lyn Hampartsoumian, 1 Joy Lea Mazaya G Isaak, 1 Joy Poh Yue Xuan, 1 Joy Zheng Emma Yeuk Chan, 1 Joy Gupta Aditi, 1 Joy Alya Binte Mohamad Husaini, 1 Joy Elena Marisol Perez, 1 Joy Aarthiy Saravana Kumar, 1 Patience Lee Sze-Ern Kate, 1 Patience Nethra Gopikrishna, 1 Patience Aanya Haralalka, 2 Charity Batrisyia Adlina Binte Hairi Nur' Suffian, 2 Charity Kate Erica Le, 2 Grace Looi Ee Xin (Zheng Yuxi), 2 Grace Lee Sze-Chyi Claire, 2 Joy Kamath Ayira, 3 Grace Mihika Dadwal, 4 Charity Aira Lim, 4 Grace Dasari Tanisha, 4 Grace Riddhima Mishra, 4 Humility Looi Ee Ting, 4 Kindness Rena Kaur Bhullar, 5 Charity Victoria Anna Lam, 5 Charity Subiksha Santhanam, 6 Kindness
		Merit	Mahtani Rhea Rajesh, 3 Humility Sharifah Lu'lu' Shakira Binte Syed Fauzee Alsagoff, 3 Kindness

Sports

Bowling	Primary Schools Bowling League 2016/2017	Girl's Masters - 7 th Position	Nur 'Iffah Binte Andy Azaly, 6 Grace
		Overall Team - 5 th Position	
	PBC Youth Challenge Super Series 2017 Series 1	Girls under 12 - 8 th Place	Nur 'Iffah Binte Andy Azaly, 6 Grace

Soccer	SPSSC FAS National Primary School Football Championships Senior Girls 2017	National Football Competition	Angie Katalina Gallon, 5 Humility Chan Woon Yee, 6 Charity Janelle Ng Zi Ling, 6 Charity Poorva Maithani, 6 Charity Victoria Syn Hui En, 6 Grace Clare Angelica Ho Min Hui, 6 Joy Humairah Binte Leyaket Ali, 6 Joy Tasha Foong Po Yui, 6 Joy Ayisha Raihana D/O Mohamed Absal, 6 Kindness Hana Silmi, 6 Humility Jennifer Mai Smith, 6 Kindness Poon Wen Fang Sharon, 6 Kindness
Track & Field	SA Primary School Relay Championships 2017	4x100m D Division Girls - 2 nd Place	Bryna Lai Min Han, 4 Charity Amelya Edora Binte Mohammad Elffy, 4 Humility Melcia Goh Zi Ning, 4 Humility Nakano Ayane, 4 Humility

Term 2 Calendar of Events

Date	Events	Remarks
20 Mar	Start of Term 2	
29 Mar	P5 Student Leadership Training	For selected P5 Student Leaders
30 Mar – 1 Apr	P5 Outdoor Adventure Camp @ Dairy Farm Adventure Centre	For P5 students
3 Apr	2017 Student Leaders' Investiture	Invited guests only
4 Apr	ICAS Digital Technologies for P2 - P6 students	2.30pm – 4.00pm (For students who have registered)
3 – 7 Apr	Physical Fitness Test (P4 and P6 students only)	During PE Lessons
10 Apr	International Friendship Day	Whole School
14 Apr	Good Friday	Public Holiday
18 Apr	ICAS Science	2.10pm - 3.30pm (For students who have registered)
20 Apr	P3 Semestral Assessment 1 (SA1) EL Oral Exam	During curriculum time
	P6 SA1 MTL Oral Exam	After curriculum time
24 Apr – 26 May	No CCA, D3T2 and remedial lessons until Semester 2	
24 Apr	P6 SA1 EL Oral Exam P5 SA1 MTL Oral Exam	After curriculum time
25 Apr	P4 SA1 EL Oral Exam	During curriculum time
26 Apr	P5 SA1 EL Oral Exam	After curriculum time
1 May	Labour Day	Public Holiday
2 May	P3 and P4 SA1 MTL Oral Exam	During curriculum time
3 May	P3 - P6 SA1 EL Paper 1	
4 May	P3 - P6 SA1 MTL Paper 1	
8 May	P3 - P6 SA1 EL Listening Comprehension & Paper 2	
9 May	P3 - P6 SA1 Math	
10 May	Vesak Day	Public Holiday

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11 May	P3 - P6 SA1 MTL Listening Comprehension & Paper 2	
12 May	P3 - P6 SA1 Science	
15 May	P5 - P6 SA1 HMTL Paper 1 & 2	
24 May	Parent-Child-Teacher Conferencing (PCTC) <i>(Pupils are to attend PCTC with their parents. Pupils need to report to school in the morning.)</i>	2.10pm – 5.00pm For P1 - P6 students and their parents/guardians.
25 May	PCTC <i>(Pupils are to attend PCTC with their parents. Pupils need <u>not</u> report to school in the morning.)</i>	8.30am – 5.00pm For P1 - P6 students and their parents/guardians.
26 May	Sports Day	8.00am - 11.00am Pupils are to report to the Bishan Stadium by 7.40am. All parents are invited.
27 May – 25 Jun	School Holidays	
21 – 23 Jun	P6 Focus Study Camp	<u>21 and 22 Jun</u> 7.30am – 1.40pm <u>23 Jun</u> 7.30am – 12.40pm
25 Jun	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
26 Jun	Day after Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday