

18 March 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

HIGHLIGHTS FROM TERM 1

1. We started 2022 on a good note with our Start Right Orientation Programme for all levels to help Crestans, especially our new Sec 1 students and the Sec 3 students who are placed in various ISS combination classes, to bond together as a class. Through a range of activities, our hope is that Crestans get to understand one another better, and support their peers in their Crest journey. This is especially important with COVID-19 still limiting our options for group activities. We were heartened to see the seniors stepping out to help the Sec 1 students, especially when they advised their juniors regarding CCA options.
2. The online dialogue session with Sec 1 students and parents provided assurance to those who wanted to know more about the Personalised Digital Learning Programme, and how parents could guide their child/ward in the responsible use of the computing devices.
3. Despite SMM constraints, we still managed to celebrate Chinese New Year with our unique Crest tradition—the Crestan Lions. Innovatively designed with recycled materials by the Sec 2 students, the Crestan Lions always bring much joy and laughter to everyone, staff and students alike.
4. Towards the second half of Term 1, we had a higher number of staff and students who were affected by the Omicron strain of COVID-19. Despite that, school remained open and lessons continued with minimal disruptions. Some selected classes had to perform ART sweeps and 1 class had to pivot to home-based learning when the number of cases exceeded a certain threshold. Together, we put in place Safe Management Measures (SMM) and adhered to the enhanced SMM as advised by MOH/MOE.
5. We ended Term 1 with many fun activities for students from all levels. The Sec 1 students enjoyed the Crest Ohana Camp with their classmates. Even though it was not an overnight camp, the students bonded well. The Sec 2s visited ITE Colleges for the Experience ITE Programme; the Sec 3s visited Singapore Discovery Centre, and participated in a Virtual Overseas Learning Journey to various Asian countries. Last but not least, the Sec 4s had a grooming workshop and had a great time giving back to the community through a range of class-based Values-in-Action (VIA) projects.
6. In short, the school was very much alive in the last week of Term 1!

COVID-19 MEASURES IN TERM 2

7. We seek the understanding of parents/guardians that the school will respond and keep in line with national SMM guidelines, as well as take reference from MOE, so that we can ensure the safety of our students, staff and stakeholders. The school will adjust our planned activities to ensure that meaningful learning can continue to take place in Term 2. In this letter, we share the key activities that are planned to be carried out.

STUDENT MATTERS

COVID-19 VACCINATION

8. To ensure the safety and well-being of all, students are reminded to go for their booster shots when it is due.

NEW DISMISSAL TIMES IN TERM 2

9. With the revised SMM, all levels will be dismissed at the same time as follows:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sec 1- 4	3:15pm	2:45pm	2:45pm *	2:45pm	12:30pm

On Wednesdays, *Sec 4 students may be dismissed at 2:15pm if the students are not having the lunch break in school.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN TERM 2

10. We attach the **Term 2 Schedule of Key Programmes and Activities (Annex A)** for your reference. Some of the key programmes and activities are highlighted in the rest of this letter.

SECONDARY 1 TO 4 TERM 2 ASSESSMENTS AND GCE N-LEVELS EXAM TIMETABLE

11. There will be no mid-year examination for all Secondary 1 to 3 students. In its place will be Termly Weighted Assessment for academic subjects, which will be held from 18 April to 13 May (Term 2 Week 5 to Week 8). Details will be provided by the subject teachers.
12. The Secondary 1 and 2 students will have their vocational Taster Module tests on 9 May 2022 (Monday). They will report to school in the morning and attend lessons as per normal. Students will take their tests during the last few periods of the day. We will announce the dismissal timing for that day via Parents Gateway (PG) by the end of April 2022.
13. In preparation for the GCE N-Level examinations, Secondary 4 students will sit for their mid-year examination and preliminary oral examination in Term 2. The details are shared in the **Secondary 4 Term 2 Assessment Schedule (Annex B)**.
14. The 2022 GCE N-Level examinations timetable has been published by Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB), please refer to **GCE N-Levels Examinations Timetable (Annex C)**.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA)

15. All Secondary 2 and 4 students will take the **National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test** in Term 2. The test comprises six stations, including a 2.4 km run. Students will be provided with ample opportunities to build up their fitness gradually. The test will be conducted from 21 March to 8 April (Term 2 Week 1 to Week 3) during PE lessons.
16. We will have a **CCA Bonding Week**, from 21 to 28 March. The objective of this CCA Bonding Week is to promote teamwork within the CCA. The CCAs involved are Guitar Club, Dance Club, Service Club, New Media Club, Athletics, Scouts, Girl Guides, Visual Arts Club and Floorball. Details will be provided by the CCA teachers.

17. There will be a **CCA Handover Ceremony** on 27 April to recognize the Secondary 4 students for their contributions, and officially appoint the Secondary 3 CCA leaders. All Secondary 4 students will step down from CCA after 27 April to prepare for their National Examinations.
18. Our school will be participating in the **National School Games (NSG)** this year. The 5 Sports CCAs, namely Athletics, Badminton, Basketball Boys and Girls, Floorball and Football have registered for the NSG. The NSG, to be conducted in March and April, will be carried out with necessary modifications and SMM in place to ensure the safety of our students and staff. We wish our Sports CCA students a fruitful experience this NSG season. Teachers from the Sports CCAs will inform your child about their involvement accordingly.

SEC ONE AESTHETICS 'SHAKE IT UP' CAJON PROGRAMME

19. Sec 1 students will be experiencing the 'Shake it Up' Cajon Programme during their Music and Dance curriculum. Other than composing their own music piece, students will be learning how to play the cajon. Their cajon rhythm composition will then be integrated into the dance curriculum, where students get to apply their newly acquired music skills, thereby making learning visible. This learning experience will end off with a showcase on 13 May during school assembly, and our students will all receive a certificate of participation, in addition to the following awards:
 - Most improved student (1 per class)
 - Best performer (1 per class)
 - Best display of class teamwork (3 for the cohort)
 - Best class performance (3 for the cohort)

USEFUL LINKS FOR SEC 4 PARENTS

20. Following the Sec 4 Parents' Dialogue on 11 March 2022, parents may access the following links for more information to guide their child in their education journey, especially with regard to ITE EAE and progression to ITE courses in 2023.

List of ITE *NITEC* and *Higher NITEC* courses –

<https://www.ite.edu.sg/courses/full-time-courses/nitec-and-3-year-higher-nitec>

ITE traineeship courses –

<https://www.ite.edu.sg/docs/default-source/traineeship/ite-traineeship-2021-course-booklet.pdf>

ITE aggregate points calculator –

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vRkoeQOotphGhJZmc7vkelkOsAR02hhvFwlg_o3g8YIs/copy

ITE 2022 admission booklet (to check cut-off points for courses) -

<https://www.ite.edu.sg/docs/default-source/admissions-docs/full-time/publications/admission-booklet/gce-n-admission-booklet-2022.pdf>

ECG parents' Guide –

<https://go.gov.sg/ecgparentguide>

CREST AWARDS DAY 2022

21. We will organising this year's Crest Awards Day over 2 sessions. Details are summarised in the table below.

Crest Awards Day Session 1 For 2021 Sec 1 & 2 student recipients.	Date : Mon, 4 Apr 2022 Time : 2.15 – 3.30 pm	For both ceremonies, one member of Crest's Board of Director, will be the GOH to give out the top awards
Crest Awards Day Session 2 For 2021 Sec 3 & 4 student recipients.	Date : Fri, 8 Apr 2022 Time : 10.30 – 12.30 pm	

Due to SMM restrictions, parents of award recipients will not be invited for the ceremonies this year. We will capture the highlights of the ceremonies and share them on Crest's Facebook page.

IGNITE SKILLS CHALLENGE 2022

22. The IgnITE Skills Challenge 2022, a skills competition organised by ITE for all N-Level students, is an event that we look forward to every year. This year, Crest will be sending a total of 44 teams to participate across 14 skills categories. The preliminary rounds of the competition will be held from 12 to 14 April, while the finals will be held on 19 May. We wish our students the very best in this challenge!

STUDENT COUNCIL INVESTITURE

23. We will have our Student Council Investiture on 22 April. On this day, our Sec 2 students will be officially appointed as Student Councillors, and several Sec 3 students will be taking on Executive Committee (ExCo) positions. During the investiture, we will also be presenting Certificates of Appreciation to our Sec 4 Student Councillors to thank them for their service to the school. We wish them the very best as they hand over their duties to their juniors and focus on preparing for their national examinations.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

SCHOOL & MISCELLANEOUS FEES

24. GIRO deduction for the above fees for Term 2 will be on 4 May (Wednesday). For parents/guardians who have not yet opted for GIRO deduction, we strongly encourage you to do so. Those not on GIRO, or whose GIRO applications are unsuccessful, please make payment via PayNow (UEN: 201136224W) or approach the Administration Office to make the payment via cash/cheque/NETS. The cheque should be crossed and made payable to "CREST SECONDARY SCHOOL". For PayNow, please indicate the student's name and last 4 digits of NRIC in the reference field.

NRIC REGISTRATION EXERCISE

25. The annual NRIC registration exercise will be conducted in school on 26 Apr (Tuesday). Personnel from ICA will process the registration for all Secondary 3 students, together with selected students from other levels. More details will be provided in due course.

CREST PAL

26. Lakeside Parenting Support Services will be organising the Triple P Level 2 (3 seminars) programme for schools over Zoom. Please sign up by 22 Apr 2022 if you have not attended these seminars earlier. The dates and zoom invitation link are included in this QR Code:

Seminar 1 - Raising Responsible Teenagers: 22 Apr (Fri) 8 – 9 pm
Seminar 2 - Raising Competent Teenagers: 29 Apr (Fri) 8 – 9 pm
Seminar 3 - Getting Teenagers Connected: 6 May (Fri) 8 – 9 pm



Scan the QR Code to register.

27. Crest PAL would like to invite parents to be a part of our parent support group. Kindly indicate your interest by scanning the QR Code below if you have not done so earlier.



PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

28. Parents/Guardians are requested to take note that there will be a Parent-Teacher Meeting on 27 May (Friday), where the Form Teachers will meet and discuss with you the development and progress of your child/ward via virtual platforms. Do book a convenient time slot to meet up with your child/ward's Form Teachers when the invitation is sent out to you on a later date.

FINAL NOTE


29. We thank all parents and guardians for your understanding and cooperation during this difficult period of time. We want to assure you that the safety of your child/ward is our paramount concern, and we have taken every possible measure to ensure this. We have also educated all students on the importance of proper hygiene, including washing their hands with soap regularly, and wiping down the table after eating so as to keep it clean for the next person using the space. We hope that these good hygiene practices will become a daily habit for all our students.

30. We will get through this pandemic together as One Crest Family, One SG United !

Yours sincerely,

Mr Seet Tiat Hee
Principal

TERM 2 SCHEDULE OF KEY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Date	Programme/Activity	Remarks
21 Mar – 1 Apr	2022 IgnITE Skills Challenge – Physical/Virtual Workshops	Venue: ITE Colleges / School (for registered participants)
21 – 28 Mar	CCA Bonding Week	Venue: Various
21 Mar – 8 Apr	National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test for Sec 2 and 4	Venue: School Time: During PE lessons
28 Mar – 29 Apr	National School Games	Venue: TBC
4 – 14 Apr	EL Learning Journey to Yuhua Village for Sec 1	Venue: Yuhua Village Time: During EL lessons
4 Apr (Mon)	Crest Awards Ceremony (2021 Lower Sec Recipients)	Venue: School 2.15 pm to 3.30 pm
8 Apr (Fri)	Crest Awards Ceremony (2021 Upper Sec Recipients)	Venue: School 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
12 – 14 Apr	2022 IgnITE Skills Challenge – Preliminary Challenge	Venue: ITE Colleges / School (for registered participants)
22 Apr (Fri) 29 Apr (Fri) 6 May (Fri)	Equip Parents Series - Triple P Seminars Seminar 1 - Raising Responsible Teenagers Seminar 2 - Raising Competent Teenagers Seminar 3 - Getting Teenagers Connected Register to get zoom details	
22 Apr (Fri)	Student Council Investiture	Venue: School
26 Apr (Tue)	NRIC Registration Exercise	Venue: School
27 Apr (Wed)	CCA Handover Ceremony	Venue: School
5 – 11 May	Term 2 Mid-Year Examination for Sec 4 (Written Papers)	See details in <u>Annex B</u>
4 May (Tue)	Payment of School & Miscellaneous Fees	GIRO/Cash/Cheque/ PayNow/NETS
6 May (Fri)	EL Learning Journey for Sec 2 (Tourist for a Day)	Venue: Various places of interest
6 May (Fri)	EL Learning Journey for Sec 3 (Changi Experience Studio)	Venue: Changi Experience Studio
9 May (Mon)	Vocational Taster Modules Theory Tests for Sec 1 and 2. Dismissal timing will be informed via PG in April.	Venue: School
13 May (Fri)	Aesthetics 'Shake it Up' Showcase	Venue: School
19 May (Thu)	2022 IgnITE Skills Challenge – Finals	ITE College Central (For finalists only)
26 May – 1 Jun	ITE Early Admission Exercise Application	Online: www.ite.edu.sg
26 May (Thu)	Last Day of Semester 1	Students will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m. as usual
27 May (Fri)	Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) for All Students (via virtual platforms)	PG message will be sent by 16 May for the booking of PTM slots with Form Teachers. Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SECONDARY 4 TERM 2 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Duration	Assessment	Remarks
21 Mar (Mon) - 13 May (Fri)	-	ITE Skills Subject (ISS) Practical Assessments	Workshops
11 Apr (Mon) - 14 Apr (Thu)	-	NT English Language Mid-Year Examination Paper 4 (Oral)	After School in the School Hall
11 Apr (Mon) - 14 Apr (Thu)	-	NT Mother Tongue Languages Mid-Year Examination Paper 2 (Oral)	After School in the School Hall
5 May (Thu)	1h 20m	NT English Language Mid-Year Examination Paper 2 (Written)	Allocated Exam Venue
	1h 15m	NT English Language Mid-Year Examination Paper 1 (Written)	
6 May (Fri)	30m	NT Mother Tongue Languages Mid-Year Examination Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)	Allocated Exam Venue
	1h 30m	NT Mathematics Mid-Year Examination Paper 1 (Written)	
	2h	NA Mathematics Mid-Year Examination Paper 1 (Written)	
9 May (Mon)	50m	NT Mother Tongue Languages Mid-Year Examination Paper 1 (Written)	Allocated Exam Venue
	1h 30m	NT Mathematics Mid-Year Examination Paper 2 (Written)	
	2h	NA Mathematics Mid-Year Examination Paper 2 (Written)	
10 May (Tue)	45m	NT English Language Mid-Year Examination Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)	Allocated Exam Venue
	1h	NT Science Mid-Year Examination Paper 1 (Written)	
	1h 15m	NT Science Mid-Year Examination Paper 2 (Written)	
11 May (Wed)	Mid-Year Exam Marking Day		
17 May (Tue) - 23 May (Mon)	-	NT English Language Preliminary Examinations Paper 4 (Oral)	After school in the School Hall
17 May (Tue) - 23 May (Mon)	-	NT Mother Tongue Languages Preliminary Examinations Paper 2 (Oral)	After school in the School Hall
Remarks			
The Reporting Timings and Venues for the Mid-Year Examination will be issued to the Secondary 4 students in Term 2.			

**SECONDARY 4
2022 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE N(T) & N(A)-LEVEL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE**

Date	Time	Subject Name	Duration of Paper	Mode of Assessment
12 Jul – 18 Jul	14:30 – 18:00	English Language Syllabus T P4	20m	Oral
3 Aug – 5 Aug		Basic Chinese P2 Basic Malay P2 Basic Tamil P2	15m	
12 Sep (Mon)	16:30 – 17:30	Basic Chinese P3 Basic Malay P3 Basic Tamil P3 Broadcast starts at 17:00 hr.	30m	LC
13 Sep (Tue)	14:30 – 15:45	English Language Syllabus T P3 Broadcast starts at 15:00 hr	45m	LC
16 Sep (Fri)	14:30 – 15:20	Basic Chinese P1 Basic Malay P1 Basic Tamil P1	50m	Written
19 Sep (Mon)	08:00 – 09:15	English Language Syllabus T P1	1h 15m	Written
	10:00 – 11:20	English Language Syllabus T P2	1h 20m	Written
3 Oct (Mon)	14:30 – 16:00	Mathematics Syllabus T P1	1h 30m	Written
4 Oct (Tue)	08:00 – 10:00	Mathematics Syllabus A P1	2h	Written
5 Oct (Wed)	14:30 – 16:30	Mathematics Syllabus A P2	2h	Written
6 Oct (Thu)	08:00 – 09:00	Science Syllabus T P1	1h	Written
	09:45 – 11:00	Science Syllabus T P2	1h 15m	Written
10 Oct (Mon)	14:30 – 16:00	Mathematics Syllabus T P2	1h 30m	Written