



TAMPINES SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

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As we approach the last term, we would like to take the opportunity to share with you some key information and dates of important events happening at TPSS.

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1. Conduct of National Examinations and Curriculum Support

The Secondary 4 and 5 students will be sitting for their national examinations.

- N-level Written Examinations – 16 to 25 September, 7 to 17 October;
- Mother Tongue B Oral Examination – 23 September; and
- O-level Written Examinations – 21 October to 15 November.

Students should refer to their own entry proofs for a list of exact examination dates and timings.

They must report to the exam venue at least 30 minutes before the examination commences. They must be neatly attired in their full school uniform, and have the personal identification document and entry proof with them to take the examination.

To make full use of the curriculum time during the break in between the N-level written examinations, lessons between **26 Sept and 4 Oct** will be focused on helping your child/ward better prepare for the remaining N-A and N-T level papers on 7 - 11 Oct.

To help students prepare for the O-level examination, the graduating students will be given study leave from 14 October onwards.

For NA students offering O-level Mathematics, there will be an additional lesson conducted on 17 October from 1000 – 1200 hrs to support them in their examination preparation.

2. Structured School Assessments

The Sec 1 to 3 students will be sitting for their End-of-Year (EOY) Examinations.

- Sec 1 Exp/NA Mother Tongue Oral Exam - 16 to 19 September;
- Sec 3 English Exp/NA/NT Oral Exam - 16 to 19 September;
- Sec 2 English Exp/NA/NT Oral Exam – 23 to 26 September;
- Sec 3 Exp/NA Mother Tongue Oral Exam - 23 to 26 September;
- Sec 3 EOY Written Exam - 1 Oct to 11 Oct; and
- Lower Sec EOY Written Exam - 3 Oct to 11 Oct

Information about the topics tested as well as the examination structure will be separately disseminated to the students. The examination schedule can also be accessed on the school website under the Student Portal > Timetables in Term 4.

If your child/ward is absent during the End of Year Examination, their absence must be covered with a medical certificate submitted to their form teacher when they return to school.

3. No school for students on Marking Day and during Pre-Promotion Exercise

Students do not have to attend school on the following days as we have designated these days to carry out marking and administrative work.

- 14 October - EOY Marking Day
- 18 October - Pre-promotion Exercise

4. Graduation Ceremony

On 4 October, the Secondary 4 and 5 students will attend a closed-door Graduation Ceremony to mark the completion of their academic journey at Tampines Secondary School. The ceremony will take place from 1030 to 1230 hrs, after morning lessons. Lunch will be provided as part of the event.

5. Secondary 3 Subject Combination Exercise

The Secondary 2 students will be undergoing the Subject Combination Selection Exercise after the EOY Examinations to indicate the subjects they wish to offer in Secondary Three. This exercise will take place from 22 October to 23 October.

Detailed information on Upper Secondary subjects will be available on the school website by **5 September** entitled '**Sec 3 Subject Combination Exercise 2020**' to help your child/ward make an informed decision on subject selection. A subject combination talk will take place on 21 and 22 Oct for students to better understand the requirements for taking the subjects of their choice.

Do take the opportunity to have a conversation with your child/ward on selecting subjects that are suitable for them based on aptitude and interest so that they are able to make the best choices for their future.

6. Sec 3 NA and NT Elective Modules

As part of the enrichment programmes organised specially for Normal Academic and Normal Technical students, Secondary 3 students will be taking part in Elective Modules that give them experience in the following industries:

- Automotive Engineering
- Culinary Science

- Music Production
- E-commerce and Entrepreneurship

The Elective Modules will be conducted in school with a Learning Journey out of school for each module. More details will be provided in a separate letter.

7. Co-Curriculum Week

In our aspiration to educate Tampinesians to be Learners, Thinkers and Leaders and provide a holistic education, in the final week of school, there will be a host of programmes for Sec 1 - 3 to enrich and extend your child's/ward's learning. The dismissal times for each day are as follows:

Mon (21 Oct)	Tues (22 Oct)	Wed (23 Oct)	Thurs (24 Oct)
7.30am – 1.30pm	8.00am – 1.00pm	7.30am – 1.30pm	7.30am – 1.30pm

An overview of the key programmes is as follows:

Level / Stream	Key Programmes
Sec 1 EXP, NA, NT	Humanities Trail, Science Experiential Learning, Math Learning Activity, Mother Tongue Fortnight, Book Talk
Sec 2 EXP, NA, NT	Mother Tongue Fortnight, English Trail, Tinkering, Humanities Experience: Learning On The Move (LOTM)
Sec 3 EXP	ECG Talk, Financial Literacy Workshop, LLP Learning Journey: Theatre Experience, Learning Journey to Singapore Discovery Centre,
Sec 3 NA, NT	ECG Talk, Financial Literacy Workshop, LLP Learning Journey: Theatre Experience, Elective modules

Do take an active interest in your child's/ward's participation by finding opportunities at home for them to share what they have experienced.

8. Parent Teacher Conference (25 October)

The school will be conducting a Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) on 25 October. The conference will take place from 7.30 am to 5.00 pm. This session is intended for selected students and parents/guardians will be informed by form teachers and subject teachers if they need to attend. Parents/guardians who do not have to attend, but wish to meet the form teachers or subject teachers, may email the teachers to make arrangements to meet on the day as well. The list of our teachers' emails can be found on our school website.

Students who are accompanying their parents should be dressed in full school uniform. For students whose parents do not have to meet the teachers, there will be no lessons for the day and they do not have to attend school unless they have been assigned CCA duties to support the PTC.

9. Secondary 3 Consolidation Week

The Secondary 3 students will be required to attend the Secondary 3 Consolidation Week (29 Oct - 1 Nov). The intent of this programme is to ensure that students have a good understanding of the curriculum covered in Secondary 3.

In conclusion

Annex A contains a list of the key school events for Term 4. You may also refer to our school website (<http://www.tampinessec.moe.edu.sg>) that is regularly updated to provide you with timely information.

We appreciate your efforts to keep updated of school programmes and look forward to your continued partnership in the education of your child/ward.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Shane Kwok

Principal

Annex: Key School Events in Term 4, 2019

Date	Event	Involvement
16 Sept - 25 Sept	N Level Written Examinations	Sec 4N & 4T students
16 Sept - 20 Sept	Sec 4E/5N Prelim Examinations	Sec 4E & 5N students
16 Sept - 19 Sept	Sec 1 Exp/NA Mother Tongue Oral Exam	Sec 1E & 1N students
16 Sept - 19 Sept	Sec 3 Exp/NA/NT English Oral Exam	Sec 3 students
23 Sept	O level Oral Exam: Mother Tongue B	Sec 4 MTB students
23 Sept - 26 Sept	Sec 2 Exp/NA/NT English Oral Exam	Sec 2 students
23 Sept - 26 Sept	Sec 3 Exp/NA Mother Tongue Oral Exam	Sec 3E & 3N students
26 Sept - 4 Oct	N Level Special Timetable	Sec 4N & 4T students
1 Oct - 11 Oct	End-of-Year Written Examinations	Sec 3 students
3 Oct - 11 Oct	End-of-Year Written Examinations	Sec 1 & 2 students
4 Oct	Graduation Ceremony	Sec 4E, 4N, 4T & 5N students
7 Oct - 17 Oct	N Level Written Examinations (cont'd)	Sec 4N and 4T students
14 Oct	Study leave for O level candidates commences	Sec 4E, 4N & 5N students
14 Oct	Marking Day	Students do not have to attend school
15 Oct - 16 Oct	Script Checking Days	Modified curriculum for students
17 Oct - 23 Oct	Sec 3 NA/NT Elective Modules	Sec 3 NA/NT students
18 Oct	Pre-Promotion Exercise	Students do not have to attend school
21 - 22 Oct	Sec 3 Subject Combination Exercise Subject Talk	Sec 2 students
21 Oct - 24 Oct	Co-curriculum week	Sec 1 - 3 students
22 Oct	ECG Talk	Sec 3E & 3N students during curriculum time
24 Oct	Last day of school Release of 2019 student report cards	Sec 1 – 3 students
25 Oct	Parent Teacher Conference Day	For selected students and their parents/guardians only. No lessons for students.
28 Oct	Deepavali Public Holiday	School is closed
29 Oct - 1 Nov	Sec 3 Consolidation Week	Sec 3 students
4 Nov - 8 Nov	TIE trips	Selected students involved
<p>(26 October 2019 – 1 Jan 2020) <i>End of Year School Holidays</i> Students are not required to come to school unless they have CCA or other special programmes to attend.</p>		