



TAMPINES SECONDARY SCHOOL

A CARING COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS, THINKERS AND LEADERS

252 Tampines Street 12 Singapore 529427 | Tel: 6783 5423 | Fax: 67843059 | Email: tpss@moe.edu.sg

27 June 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian

TPSS Circular Term 3 2021

We thank you for your support and collaboration when the school had to switch to Home-Based Learning (HBL) at the end of Term 2. Your understanding was critical as we responded to the changes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. As school re-opens for Term 3, the teachers are looking forward to welcome students back to school.

1. Update on COVID-19 Safe Management Measures

a) Health and safety measures at TPSS

In view of the evolving COVID-19 situation, it is important to continue with precautionary measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community. As such, the following measures will be carried out:

- Wearing of masks in school at all times;
- Daily screening and temperature-taking will continue;
- Regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces and disinfection of premises daily;
- Students will practise frequent hand-washing throughout the school day and practise wipe down of tables and shared equipment after use;
- Fixed exam style seating in the classrooms;
- Recess timings to continue supporting segregation of students by cohort level.

Students and staff with Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) symptoms will be required to stay away from school and are advised to see a doctor immediately. Please also be aware of MOE's revised Leave of Absence and Approved Absence policies, which have been shared through Parents Gateway (PG) on 25 June 2021.

b) CCA Implementation

To ease the return of the students to school, e-CCAs are to be conducted in Week 1 and Week 2. Based on MOE guidelines, face-to-face CCAs will resume in Week 3.

c) Implementation of TraceTogether (TT)

Students should have the TraceTogether App in their phone or their TraceTogether token with them throughout the school day to facilitate accurate contact tracing, should the need arise. Visitors and staff must check in using their TT token or app to be allowed entry into the school. They must have the token or app with them throughout.

2. Staggered Return of Students in Week 1

To ease into full resumption of school when Term 3 begins on Monday (28 June 2021),

- Secondary 3 to 5 students will return to school;
- Secondary 1 and 2 students will be on HBL till Wednesday (30 June 2021) and will return to school on Thursday (1 July 2021).

We encourage parents and guardians to support students by ensuring they are ready for HBL and/or return to school. The Semester Two Timetable can be found at:

<https://tampinessec.moe.edu.sg/others/students-portal>

It is not compulsory for students to report to school in full uniform. They can wear the school Polo T-shirt or House T-Shirt. Please refer to the Tampines Companion for the attire, grooming and attendance expectations of all students. The Tampines Companion can be found at:

<https://tampinessec.moe.edu.sg/qqf/slot/u799/Student%20Companion%202021.pdf>

3. Academic Matters in Term 3

a) Conduct of national examinations

In Term 3, Sec 4 and 5 students will be sitting for the GCE O Level Mother Tongue (MT) Listening Comprehension examination, as well as the GCE O and N level MT and English Language (EL) Oral examinations. All examinations take place in the afternoon.

Date	Examination
6 July	O Level MT & MTB Listening Comprehension
7 July	O Level MTB Oral
8 to 16 July	O Level MT Oral
12 to 16 July	N Level EL Oral
22 July to 3 August	O Level EL Oral
11 to 17 August	O Level Higher MT Oral Exam
29 July to 2 August	N Level MT Oral Exam

Please note that to facilitate the conduct of the GCE O Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Exam on 6 July 2021 (Tuesday), students will be dismissed at 1 pm.

Specific details about the conduct of the national examination have been communicated to the students. Students are to report punctually to the exam venue on their assigned day of examination. They must be neatly attired in their school-based attire and have their personal identification document and entry proof with them to sit for the examination.

Please note that students will not be allowed to sit for the GCE oral and listening comprehension examinations if they:

- have tested positive for COVID-19;
- are placed on Quarantine Order (QO) or Stay Home Notice (SHN);
- are issued with Leave of Absence (LOA) due to close contact with a confirmed case or as a result of staying in same household with individuals on QO;
- are on medical leave due to Acute Respiratory Infection; or
- are on Approved Absence, as a result of staying in same household with members (aged 6 and above) who have flu-like symptoms.

As oral exams are conducted over several days, candidates who miss the exams on their scheduled dates with valid reasons, can take the exams on another date within the oral exam window or to sit for make-up oral exam. Students should inform their form or respective subject teacher as soon as possible so that such arrangements can be made.

b) Structured school assessments

Students will be sitting for the following school assessments in Term 3:

Preliminary Examination (Weeks 5 - 6)	<i>For Sec 4NA and 4NT students</i> Full papers to assess students' readiness for the national examinations.
Preliminary Examination (Weeks 9 - 10)	<i>For Sec 4E , 5NA and 4NA Out-of Stream (OOS) students</i> Full papers to assess students' readiness for the national examinations.

c) Academic Support Programme

To support our graduating students in the last lap of preparations for the national examination, the school has put in place the Academic Support Programme which will commence from Term 3 Week 2 after school. If your child/ward has been selected to attend the programme, he/she will be informed and given more details by the respective subject teachers. Please support your child/ward by encouraging him/her to ask questions and seek clarifications from the subject teachers during this crucial period of exam preparation

4. School Communication

In line with MOE's approach, the school will continue to leverage PG as one of the main means of communicating with parents. Parents are requested to enable push notifications on the PG app to receive timely updates about school events as well as information sent directly by MOE.

If you wish to contact the school for general inquiries, you may call the school at 67835423 or email at tpss@moe.edu.sg. If you wish to inquire specifically about your child's / ward's progress in school, a list of our teacher's email addresses can be found on the school website at <https://tampinessec.moe.edu.sg/our-people/form-teachers>

Please note that, except in emergency situations, teachers may not respond to communication initiated after 6.30 pm until the next working day.

In Conclusion

Annex A contains a summary of the key school events for Term 3. You may also refer to our school website (<http://www.tampinessec.moe.edu.sg>) for the most updated information. As always, we appreciate your efforts to keep updated on our school programmes and we will continue to work closely with you to achieve the best for all Tampinesians.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Lan Mingjun
Principal

Summary of Key School Events in Term Three 2021

Date	Event	Involvement
5 July	Youth Day School Holiday	School closed for the day
6 July	GCE O Level MT & MTB Listening Comprehension Exam	Sec 4E, 4NA (OOS) and 5N students Sec 1 to 3 will be dismissed at 1 pm to facilitate conduct of the exam.
7 July	GCE O Level MTB oral Exam	Sec 4E, 4NA (OOS) and 5N students
8 - 16 July	GCE O Level MT Oral Exam	Sec 4E, 4NA (OOS) and 5N students
12 – 16 July	GCE N Level EL Oral Exam	Sec 4NA / NT students
20 July	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	School closed for the day
22 July – 3 August	GCE O Level EL Oral Exam	Sec 4E, 4NA (OOS) and 5N students
29 July – 2 August	GCE N Level MT Oral Exam	Sec 4NA / NT students
26 – 28 July	4NA / NT Preliminary Exam (Part 1)	Sec 4NA / NT students
3 – 5 August	4NA / NT Preliminary Exam (Part 2)	Sec 4NA / NT students
6 August	National Day School Celebrations	Modified curriculum for the day
9 – 10 August	National Day Public & School Holidays	School closed for the day
11 – 17 August	GCE O Level Higher MT Oral Exam	Sec 4 / 5 students taking Higher Mother Tongue languages will be dismissed at 1.30 pm
23 August - 1 September	4E / 5N Preliminary Exam (Part 1) Part 2 commences after Term 3 School Break	Sec 4E, 4NA (OOS) and 5N students
2 September	Teachers' Day Celebrations	Modified curriculum for the day
3 September	Teachers' Day School Holiday	School closed for the day

6– 12 September	Term 3 School Break	Students need not come to school unless they have supplementary lessons.
--------------------	---------------------	--

