

12 March 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM TERM 1

1. The Start Right Programme allowed our teachers to check in with Crestans on their socio-emotional well-being after a long break. It was also a time to help our Sec 1 students transit smoothly from primary school to secondary school. Through a range of activities, our Crestans bonded with one another, while learning how to support their peers. We were heartened to see the seniors stepping up to help the Sec 1 students, especially when they advised their juniors regarding CCA options. Teachers also used this time to understand the needs of our Crestans' families better through home visits. With clear expectations set in the Start Right Programme, Crestans were ready to start the new year on the right foot!
2. Our Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) and sports programme provided Crestans a chance to explore their interests and passions, as well as develop important life skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and communication. We observed much enthusiasm from Crestans when students from the Sports CCAs represented the school at the National School Games (NSG) in February 2024.
3. A Class Committee Ceremony was also conducted to recognise the different leadership roles our Crestans take up in the classroom. It was a proud moment for them as our School Leaders, Heads of Department, and Form Teachers personally pinned the leadership badges onto our Crestans' uniform.
4. During the Chinese New Year celebration, we continued our unique Crest tradition—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.
5. We ended Term 1 with the Keep Right Programme. Fun activities were planned for our students to lead them to reflect on Term 1. The Sec 1 students enjoyed the Freshman Adventure Camp with their classmates and bonded well at this overnight camp that ended spectacularly with a campfire! The Sec 2s had their Go Overseas And Learn (GOAL) programme where they had a cultural immersion experience through hands-on activities in Cambodia, Vietnam, or Sarawak. For the Sec 3s, they participated in the Frisbee interclass games, and learned how to apply their Mathematics concepts at the Gardens By the Bay. The Sec 4s had a great time giving back to the community through a range of class-based Values-In-Action (VIA) projects and visited various companies as part of their Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Learning Journey.
6. In short, Term 1 was an exciting and productive term, and I am pleased to share that the Crestans have been making excellent progress.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN TERM 2

7. 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.

### STUDENT COUNCIL INVESTITURE

8. The Student Council Investiture will take place on 8 May 2024, Wednesday. 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) and Senior Councillor 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.

### CREST AWARDS DAY 2024

9. We will be holding our annual Crest Awards Day, and the details are summarised in the table below.

<b>Crest Awards Day</b> For 2023 student recipients.	Date : 15 May 2024, Wednesday Time : 1.45 – 2.45 pm
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\*Parents of award recipients will not be invited for the ceremony this year.

We will capture the highlights of the ceremony and share them on Crest's Facebook page and Instagram account.

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

10. 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, and the test will be conducted from 29 April 2024 to 17 May 2024 (Term 2 Week 7 to Week 9) during PE lessons.
11. There will be a school **Sports Day** on 23 May 2024, Thursday, at Millennia Institute. Students will report directly to the venue. More details will be provided closer to the date.
12. A **CCA Leaders Investiture** will be conducted on 17 May 2024, Friday to recognize the Secondary 4 students for their contributions in their respective CCAs, and officially appoint the Secondary 3 CCA leaders. **All Secondary 4 students will step down from CCA at the end of Term 2 to prepare for their National Examinations.**

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

13. There will be no mid-year examination for all Secondary 1 to 4 students. In its place will be a termly Weighted Assessment for academic subjects, which will be held from 22 April to 10 May (Term 2 Week 6 to Week 8). Details will be provided by the subject teachers.
14. In preparation for the GCE N-Level examinations, Secondary 4 students will sit for their EL oral examination simulation, as well as the preliminary oral examination for both EL and MTL in Term 2. The details are shared in the **Term 2 Assessment Schedule (Annex B)**.

15. The 2024 GCE N-Level examinations timetable (as of 8 March 2024) has been published by Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB), please refer to **GCE N-Levels Examinations Timetable (Annex C)**.

#### **AESTHETICS PROGRAMME**

16. Sec 1 students will be experiencing the **'Shake it Up' Cajon and Stomp Percussion Programme** during their Music and Dance curriculum. Students will be learning how to play the cajon and create percussive rhythms using recycled items, thereafter integrating their rhythmic composition into a dance routine. The intentional use of recycled items is also to educate our students on the importance of sustainability. The programme will culminate with a showcase on the 24 April 2024, Wednesday, during our school assembly. All Sec 1 students will receive a certificate of participation, in addition to the following awards:
- Most improved student (1 per class)
  - Best performer (1 per class)
  - Class resilience award (4 for the whole cohort)
  - Best class performance (3 for the whole cohort)
17. The Sec Two cohort will be going through the **Artist-In-School Scheme (AISS)**. This programme that spans across Terms 1 and 2 (29 January - 5 Apr 2024) is co-designed with local artists who will coach the students in engaging the community through digital art. Students will be visiting Yuhua Village and the community centre during their Art curriculum time to create illustrations, comic artworks and portraits of the residents in Yuhua. The artworks will eventually be presented to the Yuhua Community and displayed in school.
18. The Visual Arts Club will be participating in the upcoming **Singapore Youth Festival 2024** Art Exhibition. We wish them a fruitful learning experience.

#### **USEFUL LINKS FOR SEC 4 PARENTS**

19. Following the Sec 4 Parents' Dialogue on 12 January 2024, parents may access the following links for more information to guide their child in their education journey, especially regarding the ITE Early Admission Exercise (EAE) and progression to ITE courses in 2025.

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

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

ITE aggregate points calculator

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

ITE 2024 admission booklet (to check cut-off points for courses) <https://go.gov.sg/ite-admissionbooklet>

Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Parents' Guide

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

## **IGNITE SKILLS CHALLENGE 2024**

20. Organised by the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), the IgnITE Skills Challenge is an annual national competition for students in the Normal Course. The objectives of the competition are to introduce students to technical skills and to foster a deeper understanding of courses offered by ITE. Challenges are designed to be engaging and fun, so as to make learning enjoyable and memorable. This year, Crest will be sending 18 teams to participate in challenges across 11 categories. Workshops to equip students with the relevant skills for the challenges will be conducted by ITE from 7 Mar 2024 to 28 Mar 2024. Thereafter, the preliminary rounds will be held from 15, 16 & 17 Apr 2024. The finals, for teams that make it through the preliminary round, will be held on 21 May 2024, Tuesday. We wish our teams the very best in the competition.

## **INDUSTRY EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMME**

21. Secondary 3 students will be undergoing their Industry Experiential Programme (IEP) from 21 October 2024 to 16 November 2024 where each student will be attached to a company to undergo industry exposure. To qualify for ITE Skills Subject Certificate (ISSC), students have to complete the IEP.

A selection process will be put in place by our partner companies in Terms 2 and 3. Students will be informed of the date and time of their interviews.

We strongly encourage the students to open a bank account under their names by the end of March as the companies will need these details for the crediting of their IEP allowance. More details of the IEP will be sent via PG at the start of Term 2.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **SCHOOL & MISCELLANEOUS FEES**

22. GIRO deduction for the above fees for Term 2 will be on 2 May 2024, Thursday. 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.

### **CREST PARENTS' ACTIVE LINK (PAL)**

23. Lakeside Family Services has been appointed by MSF since 2019 to deliver parenting support services to Crest Secondary School. Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P) is an evidence-based programme that equips parents with techniques to promote your children's (aged up to 16 years) psychological, social and emotional competence. Triple P is built on a tiered system that provides different degrees of parental support.

Click on the following link or scan the QR code to watch an introductory video to Triple P.

[Triple P introduction 2024 \(6 minutes with testimonies\).avi](#)



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

### **Triple P Level 2 (L2) seminars**

For this year, parents can attend L2 seminars over Zoom. To ensure greater flexibility and more options for parents, 2 schedules have been provided for parents to choose from, either Run 1 or Run 2.

Seminar Topics	Run 1 (Thursday 7pm)	Run 2 (Saturday 9am)
Raising Responsible Teenagers & Raising Competent Teenagers (2.5hrs)	25 April 2024, Thu (7-9:30pm)	27 April 2024, Sat (9-11:30am)
Getting Teenagers Connected (2hrs)	2 May 2024, Thu (7-9pm)	4 May 2024, Sat (9-11am)

### **Indication of Interest Form**

The link below will direct parents to the Indicate Interest Form. This allows recommendations of different Triple P programmes to all parents.

The link in the flyer is here: <https://go.gov.sg/lfs-iiform2024>. It will take less than 5 minutes to complete the form.

On top of parenting support, Lakeside Family Services can also help channel parents to other relevant community resources to support families more holistically. All services are fully sponsored by MSF.

### **PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT-CONFERENCE**

24. Parents/Guardians are requested to take note that there will be a Parent-Teacher-Student-Conference on 27 May 2024, Monday, where the Form Teachers will meet you face-to-face in Crest Secondary School and discuss with you the development of your child/ward. The whole day has been set aside for this important conference. We will update you on the details soon. Please kindly book a convenient time slot to meet up with your child/ward's Form Teachers when you receive the information. We look forward to seeing all of you.

**FINAL NOTE**

25. We are committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all Crestans. We have been working with your child to promote positive behaviour and responsible decision-making, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing these values at home.
26. Thank you for your continual support of Crest Secondary School and your child's education. We look forward to working with you and your child in the coming term to foster a love of learning together as One Crest Family!

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Benjamin Kwok**  
**Principal**

*\*This is a computer-generated letter. No signature is required.*

**ANNEX A****TERM 2 SCHEDULE OF KEY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Programme/Activity</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
29th Jan 2024 - 5 Apr 2024	Sec Two Visual Arts Community Engagement Programme (AISS : 'Me, My School, My Community)	Venue: School & LJ at Yuhua Village during VA lessons
7 Mar 2024 – 28 Mar 2024	2024 IgnITE Skills Challenge – Physical Workshops	Venue: ITE Colleges (for registered participants)
18 Mar 2024 - 26 Apr 2024	'Shake it Up' Cajon and Stomp Percussion Programme	Venue: School
21 Mar 2024 (Thu)	HBL Day (Sec 1 to 4)	
3 Apr 2024 (Wed)	HBL Day (Sec 1 to 4)	
15 Apr 2024 – 17 Apr 2024	2024 IgnITE Skills Challenge – Preliminary Challenge	Venue: ITE Colleges (for registered participants)
15 Apr 2024 (Mon)	HBL Day (Sec 1 to 4)	
15 Apr 2024 (Mon)	Career Fair and Forum	Venue: School
22 Apr 2024 – 3 May 2024	EL Learning Journey to Yuhua Village for Sec 1	Venue: Yuhua Village Time: During EL lessons
29 Apr 2024 – 17 May 2024	National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test for Sec 2 and 4	Venue: School Time: During PE lessons
29 Apr 2024 - 3 May 2024	Kindness Week	Venue: School
<b><u>Seminar 1</u></b> Run 1: 25 Apr 2024 (Thu) Run 2: 27 Apr 2024 (Sat) <b><u>Seminar 2</u></b> Run 1: 2 May 2024 (Thu) Run 2: 4 May 2024 (Sat)	Triple P Seminars - Positive Parenting Programme  <b>Seminar 1</b> - Raising Responsible Teenagers & Raising Competent Teenagers <b>Seminar 2</b> - Getting Teenagers Connected	See details in letter under <b>CrestPAL</b>
2 May 2024 (Thu)	Payment of School & Miscellaneous Fees	GIRO/Cash/Cheque/ PayNow/NETS
7 May 2024 (Tue)	HBL Day (Sec 1 to 4)	

8 May 2024 (Wed)	Student Council Investiture	Venue: School
15 May 2024 (Wed)	Crest Awards Ceremony	Venue: School 1.45 pm to 2.45 pm
17 May 2024 (Fri)	CCA Leaders Investiture Last Day of CCA for Secondary 4s	Venue: School
21 May 2024 (Tues)	2024 IgnITE Skills Challenge – Finals	ITE College West (For finalists only)
21 May 2024 (Tues)	EL Learning Journey for Sec 2 (Tourist for a Day)	Venue: Various places of interest around Marina Bay
21 May 2024 (Tues)	EL Learning Journey for Sec 3	Venue : Bird Paradise
21 May 2024 (Tues)	Sec 4 ISSC + ECG Industry Visit Learning Journey	Venue: Various locations
23 May 2024 (Thu)	School Sports Day Event	Venue: Millennia Institute
23 May 2024 – 31 May 2024 (Tentative)	ITE Early Admission Exercise Application	Venue: School Online: <a href="http://www.ite.edu.sg">www.ite.edu.sg</a>
24 May 2024 (Fri)	Sec 3 MTL/CCE Heritage Trail LJ	Venue: TBC
24 May 2024 (Fri)	Sec 4 Class Outing (Target Review)	Venue: Bird Paradise
27 May 2024 (Mon)	Parent-Teacher-Student-Conference (PTSC) for All Students (either face-to-face or via virtual platforms)	Venue: School

**\*SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START FROM 25 MAY 2024 TO 23 JUNE 2024**



**TERM 2 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Subject</b>
15 Apr 2024 - 19 Apr 2024	Week 5	EL Oral Exam Simulation ( <b>Sec 4 only</b> ) conducted after curriculum hours
22 Apr 2024 – 2 May 2024	Weeks 6 – 7	English Language
6 May 2024 - 10 May 2024	Week 8	Mother Tongue Languages
6 May 2024 - 10 May 2024	Week 8	Mathematics
6 May 2024 - 10 May 2024	Week 8	Science
6 May 2024 - 13 May 2024	Weeks 8 - 9	EL & MTL Preliminary Oral Exam ( <b>Sec 4 only</b> ) conducted after curriculum hours

**SECONDARY 4  
2024 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE N(T) & N(A)-LEVEL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject Name</b>	<b>Duration of Paper</b>	<b>Mode of Assessment</b>	
22 Jul 2024 (Mon)	14:15 -	English Language Syllabus A P4 English Language Syllabus T P4	20m	*Oral	
23 Jul 2024 (Tues)	08:15 -	English Language Syllabus A P4 English Language Syllabus T P4	20m		
	14:15 -	English Language Syllabus A P4 English Language Syllabus T P4	20m		
	14:15 -	Basic Chinese P3 Basic Malay P3 Basic Tamil P3	15m		
24 Jul 2024 (Wed)	08:15 -	English Language Syllabus A P4 English Language Syllabus T P4	20m		
	14:15 -	Basic Chinese P3 Basic Malay P3 Basic Tamil P3	15m		
25 Jul 2024 (Thu)	08:15 -	English Language Syllabus A P4 English Language Syllabus T P4	20m		
	14:15 -	Basic Chinese (Revised) P3 Basic Malay (Revised) P3 Basic Tamil (Revised) P3	15m		
09 Sep 2024 (Mon)	08:00 – 09:50	English Language Syllabus A P1	1h 50m		Written
	10:30 – 12:20	English Language Syllabus A P2	1h 50m		
	14:00 – 14:30	Basic Chinese (Revised) P1 Basic Malay (Revised) P1 Basic Tamil (Revised) P1	30m		
	15:15 – 15:55	Basic Chinese (Revised) P2 Basic Malay (Revised) P2 Basic Tamil (Revised) P2	40m		
10 Sep 2024 (Tues)	14:00 – 14:45	English Language Syllabus A P3	45m	*LC	
	16:00 – 16:30	Basic Chinese (Revised) P3 Basic Malay (Revised) P3 Basic Tamil (Revised) P3	30m		
11 Sep 2024 (Wed)	14:00 – 15:20	English Language Syllabus T P1	1h 20m	Written	

12 Sep 2024 (Thu)	14:00 – 14:45	English Language Syllabus T P3	45m	*LC
13 Sep 2024 (Fri)	14:30 – 15:45	Science Syllabus T (Revised) P1	1h 15m	Written
16 Sep 2024 (Mon)	14:30 – 15:50	English Language Syllabus T P2	1h 20m	Written
18 Sep 2024 (Wed)	14:00 – 15:00	Science Syllabus T (Revised) P2	1h	Written
25 Sep 2024 (Wed)	09:00 - 10:00	Culinary & Restaurant Operations Internet Of Things Applications	1h	Written
	12:00 - 13:00	Mobile Web Applications	1h	Written
26 Sep 2024 (Thu)	09:00 - 10:00	Mechanical Design Applications	1h	Written
	12:00 - 13:00	Retail & E-Commerce	1h	Written
30 Sep 2024 (Mon)	14:00 – 15:30	Mathematics Syllabus T P1	1h 30m	Written
1 Oct 2024 (Tues)	08:00 – 10:00	Mathematics Syllabus A P1	2h	Written
3 Oct 2024 (Thu)	08:00 – 10:00	Mathematics Syllabus A P2	2h	Written
7 Oct 2024 (Mon)	08:00 – 09:30	Mathematics Syllabus T P2	1h 30m	Written

*\*Candidates will take turns to be examined on the day of examination. The duration and end time may vary for each candidate.*

*\*Candidates must be seated in their assigned exam rooms, 30 mins before the start time of the exam.*