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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I trust that you have spent some quality time with your child/ward during the 1-week March holidays. In this letter, I will be sharing the highlights of the Term 1 Week 10 Sabbatical Programme, some of the achievements that our students have made, upcoming events as well as school updates.

Highlights of Term 1 Week 10 Sabbatical Programme

One of the signature programmes in Zhenghua Secondary is our Term 1 Sabbatical Programme where our students take a break from formal learning, and are engaged in activities to learn 21st Century Competencies such as communication and collaboration skills, develop greater self-awareness, self-management and relationship management.

With a focus on building a stronger class spirit and identity for the Sec 1 classes, the students completed challenges as a class such as laser tag competition and manoeuvring drones through an obstacle course that the class has built. The Sec 2 Sabbatical Programme was centred on career guidance to help the students discover their strengths and areas of growth as well as to explore possible career pathways based on one's personality and capability. The highlight was the learning journey that each class embarked on to a place linked to one of these sectors - hospitality, business and arts, sustainable management and STEM.

Our Sec 3 students planned and led their peers in executing the different segments of their 3-day non-residential camp, including tent pitching, outdoor cooking and outdoor survival, risk assessment, logistics management and itinerary planning. Throughout the process from planning to execution, they acquired and honed their leadership, interpersonal and collaborative skills while getting to know their classmates better. Finally, as the graduating cohort, the Sec 4/5s experienced a three-day ECG symposium where more than 60 speakers from various industries and institutions shared their experiences and advice to our students. On the last day, our students also attended a workshop on how to prepare themselves for JC Direct School Admission or Poly Early Admission Exercise that will commence in the middle of this year.

Celebrating our student achievements

I am pleased to share that both our NCC and NPCC units received the Distinction and Gold Awards respectively as conferred by MOE HQ, Student Development Curriculum Division. This would not be possible without the commitment of the students in these two CCAs, and the dedication of the teachers for the great work done to ensure our students are engaged meaningfully despite the challenges posed by restrictions and safe management measures posed due to COVID-19.

Two of our students from Dance Club, Nur Sabrina Salahudin (3E3) and Muhammad Zhulraiyan Bin Mohd Zhulkifli (4E1) also made it to the final round of D:2 Dance competition, part of this year's Chingay 2022 Celebrations. They put up a captivating performance, and their achievement was highly commendable given that they were selected out of over 60 entries received by the organisers. You can view the performance via this link and scroll to the 32-minute mark (<https://www.facebook.com/passionchingayclub/videos/193817816270873/>).

Finally, 5 of our students participated in the annual Singapore Secondary Schools Debating Championships (SSSDCs), and attained the 9th position out of 26 participating schools in Division III. Chua Ying Hui (3E1) was named the Best Speaker between the 2 schools (Zhenghua VS HCI International) in Round 1, while Jovin Ong (3E3) was named Best Speaker between the 2 schools (Zhenghua vs Mayflower) in Round 2. As the team started training in Week 3 this year, the teachers witnessed the tremendous growth of the team as they grew in confidence over the course of the preparation for the Championships.

Update from LTA: Road and Bus Route Changes in the Senja Area from 3 April 2022

From 3 April 2022, there will be some changes in road direction for parts of Senja Link and Senja Road. In addition, there will be some changes in bus stops and bus routes. More information can be found in the attachment with the map layouts for better visualisation, but here are the key changes:

- a. Changes to road direction
 - i. Senja Link (between Senja Road and Bukit Panjang Ring Road) will change from a two-way road to a one-way road
 - ii. Senja Road (from east of the junction with Senja Link, until Bukit Panjang Ring Road) will change from a two-way road to a one-way road
- b. Relocation of bus stop 44821 beside Blk 651 Senja Link to new bus stop 44821 along Senja Road
- c. Bus route amendments for Services 920, 972, 972M and 976, while Service 971 will be discontinued

Directional and information signs will guide motorists along the affected routes. Motorists are advised to drive carefully and follow the signs. You can also check onemotoring.lta.gov.sg for traffic updates and plan route. Bus changes will also be updated in the *MyTransport.SG* mobile app.

Living with Covid

We will resume daily temperature-taking for Term 2 Week 1, after which we will stand-down from Week 2 onwards. Temperature-taking will then take place once a term from Term 3 onwards. I would like to remind students and parents to continue to practice social responsibility, and not come to school if he or she is unwell, especially those with acute respiratory infection (ARI) symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose and sore throat.

Parent-Teacher Meeting and Issuance of Term 1 Result Slips

You would have read our PG message on the first Parent-Teacher Meeting on 25 March, and I will also be meeting the parents of Sec 4/5 cohort on the same day on 25 March, 5pm, for the

sharing on Post-Secondary pathways. By the end of this week, your child/ward would also have received the individualised Result Slips for the Term 1 Weighted Assessments. Within your child/ward's Result Slips, you would also find the Form Teachers' comments on his/her progress in terms of holistic development. You are encouraged to engage your child/ward in a conversation, and you may want to seize this teachable moment to reinforce the following messages:

- **I affirm your effort** – Assure him/her that you recognise the hard work they have put in, and this can be through simple gestures and words of encouragement.
- **You are unique** – Everyone has their unique sets of strengths, interest and abilities, so do not compare with them with their peers. If your child/ward shared that he/she has fallen short of their expectations, guide them on how they can set realistic targets and put their plans into actions.
- **We learn for life** – Your child's growth is more than just a set of results. Just as important is the character and values they have developed over time. Mistakes help them grow, so he/she should go through the feedback and corrections for the Weighted Assessments to learn from them. You may also want to engage them on their learning gleaned from their CCAs thus far as well as the Term 1 Sabbatical programme.

Conclusion

We are looking forward to a fulfilling Term 2 ahead, and you may refer to the table on the next page for the key events in Term 2. I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping every Zhenghua student live out the school motto of 'Engage and Create' for a better future for themselves and for the nation!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ng Hock Soon', written in a cursive style.

Mr Ng Hock Soon
Principal

KEY EVENTS IN TERM 2

Date	Event
Friday 25 March	Parent-Teacher Meeting I (All levels via zoom) 1.00 – 5 pm (Sec 4/5); 1.00 – 6pm (Sec 1 – 3)
	Talk on Post-Sec Education Pathways for Parents of Sec 4/5 students from 5.00 to 6.30 pm (via Zoom)
Friday 1 April	Blended Learning Day (Sec 1 to 4/5)
Friday 8 April	International Friendship Day Commemoration cum Student Leaders' Investiture
Thursday 14 April	Blended Learning Day (Sec 1 to 4/5)
	Upper Sec Subject Combination Briefing for Parents of Sec 2 students from 5.00 to 6.30 pm (via Zoom)
Friday 15 April	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
Friday 22 April	Awards Day
Thursday 28 April – Friday 13 May	Sec 2 and 4/5 Mid-Year Examinations
Sunday 1 May – Monday 2 May	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 3 May	Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday)
Sunday 15 May – Monday 16 May	Vesak Day (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 17 May	Marking Day
Wednesday 18 May – Tuesday 24 May	Checking of Scripts
Monday 23 May – Friday 27 May	MT Intensive Programme for students taking GCE O Level Mid-Year Mother Tongue Examination
Wednesday 25 May – Thursday 26 May	Post-Exam Activities for Sec 1-3, 4NA and 4NT students
Friday 27 May	Parent-Teacher Meeting II (All levels) 1.00 – 6.00 pm (via Zoom)
Monday 30 May – Tuesday 31 May	GCE 'O' Level Mother-Tongue Language Examinations
Monday 30 May – Friday 24 June	June school holidays
Wednesday 1 June – Friday 10 June	June Study Camp for Sec 4 Express & 5 NA students, and 4NA students offering SBB subjects