



ZHENGHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

On behalf of all staff in Zhenghua Secondary, I wish everyone a happy new year! For our Secondary 1 students, we warmly welcome you to the Zhenghua family, and I trust that you look forward to the 4-day Orientation that has been planned for you in the first week of school.

Brief Introduction

Like the Secondary 1 students, I am also fairly new to the Zhenghua family as I officially assume Principal-ship of the school since 15 December 2021. Hence this would be a good opportunity for me to introduce myself to you. I believe that teaching is a calling, and having been positively impacted by many inspiring and caring teachers when I was a student, I decided to pay it forward by taking up the MOE Teaching Award right after completing my GCE A Levels. I started teaching as a Chemistry teacher in a Junior College for 9 years, and was later appointed as Vice-Principal of the school. I then served a stint as a Deputy Director in Curriculum Policy Office, MOE Headquarters, where we develop and review national policies that shape our curriculum, and support schools in facilitating sound and effective teaching and learning practices. This was followed by another posting as a Vice-Principal of a Secondary School before I attended this year's Leaders In Education Programme that prepares selected education officers for leadership in schools. As such, I believe that I would be able to apply my experience as Principal/Zhenghua Secondary to build on the strong foundation laid by my predecessors and the staff of the school.

As a school in Bukit Panjang established since 1999, we have become known for our strengths in character building and future-oriented curriculum which are the key tenets essential to realise our school vision of 'Every Student, A Principled and Future-ready Leader'. In my dialogue with prospective parents and students during the November Open House, I am heartened by the confidence of our students who have been great ambassadors in the Zhenghua community. Our school values of 'Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity and Compassion' define the Zhenghua identity of both staff and students, and I believe these are the values you would like your child/ward to demonstrate as we prepare them for life.

2021 GCE N level results

We would like to congratulate the N level classes of 2021 for their good performance at the GCE N level examination. The NA cohort had the best performance since 2016. 15 NA students obtained a score of 12 or less for English, Mathematics and Best 3 subjects, and 7 NT students with a score of 5 or less for English, Mathematics and 1 Best subject. As we recognise that character is as important as academic grades, we also commended 8 students from the N level classes for receiving the Edusave Character Award during the Result Release day. The photos taken can be found on our School Website under the 'Achievements' tab

(<https://zhenghuasec.moe.edu.sg/achievements/>). We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Zhenghua staff and parents for their guidance and support for Zhenghuarians!

Change of Key Appointment Holders

With the start of the new school year, I would like to take this chance to bid farewell to some Key Personnel, and thank them for their contributions to the school. At the same time, the table below shows the appointment of new Key Personnel to augment the School Management team.

We bid farewell to...	We welcome these new appointments...
Mdm Chua Chiew Ping, School Staff Developer	Mr Robin Goh Jin Quan, HOD/Physical Education & Co-Curricular Activities
Mr Naraindran s/o Chandrashagaran, HOD/Student Management	Mdm Ho Woan Shay, Subject Head/Student Well-being

Preparation For The New School Year

Being the first letter of the year, you would notice that this would be a longer one, as we would like to communicate the updated school information pertaining to school hours, routines and other administrative matters. Your child/ward would also be receiving the 2022 Youth Planner in the first week of school which would outline the expectations of all Zhenghuarians. While our teachers would reinforce the school regulations, I advise that you familiarise yourself with these as well for a consistent and conducive learning environment for your child/ward.

Being prepared for the new school year extends beyond getting ready the learning materials and being familiar with the school routines. As parents/guardians, you play a critical role to ease your child/ward into the new school year. I encourage you to share my letter with your child/ward for him/her to be updated as well. More importantly, you could prepare your child/ward with the right mindset for the new school year. For example, for those attending Sec 1 or Sec 3 in 2022, besides being introduced to new subjects, new friendships would also be forged as he/she would be meeting new classmates. It is intentional that this letter be sent prior to the first day of school on 4 January 2022 so that you could initiate a conversation with your child/ward. Some useful conversation starters that you could use would be:

- What are your strengths, and how could you grow your strengths in the new school year?
- Do you have any concerns or worries that you would like me to know? What could you do about it, and what support do you need from me?
- When I started the new school year back when I was a student, I would ...
- If you look back to 2022 later in the year, what would make you feel accomplished, and why?

Listen actively, and remember that it is meant to be a two-way conversation with him/her, thus refrain from being too quick to jump in with your own solutions. Do regularly maintain such conversations throughout the year.

Home-school Partnerships

The value of strong and cohesive home-school partnerships cannot be understated, and the holistic development of your child/ward is a totality of the rich school and home experiences. As

adolescents in a secondary school, this is the most formative years in one's lives, and having significant adults as positive role models to guide and mentor them is crucial. Throughout the year, my staff and I would share useful school information or key messages with the students in school, and relevant ones would also be shared with you via Parents Gateway (PG) app so that you could reinforce these messages at home. MOE would also provide timely updates to parents via the app. If you have not turned on the 'Push Notifications' function on your PG app, I strongly suggest that you do so via the 'profile' tab so that you do not miss any messages. I also look forward to your attendance during the various parent engagement sessions in the year.

Living With Covid

With the Omicron variant, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce has reminded everyone to continue our efforts and cooperation to exercise social responsibility and comply with all the measures that have been put in place. In Zhenghua, we will continue to implement the various safe management measures to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Please continue to monitor the health of your child/ward, and seek medical attention immediately, if unwell. Please ensure that he/she observes good personal hygiene, and wears his/her mask when leaving home. Students should also have their TraceTogether token or app with them in school to facilitate accurate contact tracing, should the need arise.

Conclusion

One lesson that the Covid-19 pandemic has taught us is to seize opportunities even in the midst of crisis. Our teachers pivoted to Home-Based Learning and tapped on the affordances of technology to ensure curriculum continuity so that we do not lose a generation, like some other countries. Our teachers are now more adept in leveraging digital technology to deepen and customise learning of our students. This is an example of how our teachers have lived the school values of Resilience and Responsibility.

Please read on for details of the other changes in our school and the upcoming school activities for the year ahead in **Annex A**. The names and email addresses of the 2022 Form Teachers and CCA Teachers are provided in **Annex B** and on our website for your reference. The Form Teachers may also contact you from time to time to provide updates on your child's progress.

Here's wishing one and all a very healthy, successful and fulfilling 2022 ahead!

Yours sincerely,

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

Mr Ng Hock Soon
Principal

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1. Reporting and Dismissal Timing

Our school timetable function on a 10-day cycle. This means that the timetable on odd and even weeks differ. Students who take Subject-Based Banding (SBB) subjects in Mother Tongue Languages and Science, Higher Mother-Tongue Languages, and Sec 3E/4E students taking an 8th subject will experience a longer timetable. The detailed timetable will be shared with your child/ward.

	Curriculum Hours (except 8 th subject, SBB & HCL)	Students to report for Flag Raising by	Structured STAR (for graduating students only)	CCA Start Time
MONDAY	8.35am – 1.30pm/2.30pm	8.35am	3.00 – 4.00pm	4.00pm
TUESDAY	7.35am – 1.30pm/ 3.00pm	7.35am	3.00 – 4.00pm	No CCA
WEDNESDAY	7.35am – 1.00pm/2.30pm	7.35am	3.00 – 4.00pm	4.00pm
THURSDAY	7.35am – 1.30pm	7.35am	no STAR programme (until after CCA stand down in April)	2.30pm (including UGs)
FRIDAY	7.35am – 12.30pm	7.35am	12.30 – 1.30pm (CL related only) 2.30 – 4.30 pm (Craft & Tech)	2.30pm

Students are to assemble in their classroom by 8.35 am on Mondays and 7.35 am on Tuesdays to Fridays. Those who are not present with their classes by that time will be considered late for assembly.

Students are not to leave the school compound before 1pm on Mondays to Thursdays, and 12.30pm on Fridays. If students do not have any lessons or after school activity at the end of the day, the earliest they can be dismissed from school is 1pm on Mon-Thu and 12.30pm on Fri.

Students who need to leave school before the official dismissal time each day are to obtain permission through our staff in the General Office. All CCAs and after school enrichment programmes should end by 6.30 pm. The school compound closes at 6.30 pm on weekdays. The General Office is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

2. Attendance

We seek your support in the following matters related to school attendance. Absence from school as a result of illness must be supported by a valid medical certificate (MC). Absence due to other valid reasons e.g.: bereavement in the family, must be supported with a letter written by parents or legal guardian. The MC or letter is to be submitted promptly to the Form Teacher when the student returns to school. Students **have up to 5 working days** to produce these documents for

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valid absence, failing which the absence will be deemed as truancy and appropriate consequences will be meted out.

3. Attire

Students may choose to wear the school polo t-shirt, which must be tucked in for both boys and girls, on all days of the week. As part of their PE attire, students are to wear Zhenghua black PE shorts, and not any other types of shorts.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

- There will be no mid-year exams for Sec 1 and 3 students in 2022. The details for subject Weighted Assessments and exams will be issued to your child / ward by **Term 1 Week 3**. All Weighted Assessments, class and common tests will be conducted during curriculum time unless otherwise stated. Please ensure that your child / ward maintains a regular study schedule.
- The STAR (Stretch-Train-Affirm-Remediate) Programme for graduating students in 4Exp and 5NA will commence in **Term 1 Week 2**. Please refer to the detailed STAR schedule that will be provided to your child at a later date.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) MATTERS

- CCA, an important component in the holistic education of your child/ward, is a platform for the development of character, life skills and 21st century competencies. It is through CCA that they are able to discover and develop their interests and talents. CCA attendance is compulsory, and we seek your understanding that any absence from a training/practice session must be covered with a medical certificate. The schedules for CCA training and practice can be found on the CCA noticeboards in school. The list of CCA teachers-in-charge can be found in **Annex B**.

SAFETY MEASURES

- During the morning peak hours, all vehicles will enter through the gate at Senja Road and exit from Bukit Panjang Ring Road. Please note the opening hours of the Senja gate as follows:

	Gate Opening Hours				
	Mondays	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
AM	6.30 – 9.00 am	6.30 – 8.00 am			

Beyond the timings indicated above, vehicles will enter and exit through the gate from Bukit Panjang Ring Road as the gate at Senja Road will be closed.

The new gate for the pedestrians (located near the traffic junction) will be opened during morning peak hours but will be closed during wet weather. The covered link gate at Bukit

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Panjang Ring Road will be closed but it will be opened during wet weather. At all times, pedestrians may enter the school via the Bukit Panjang Ring Road guardhouse walkway.

8. If your child intends to cycle to school, please note that he / she will need to submit a Parent's Consent Form for cyclists to the General Office by **Term 1 Week 2**. All student cyclists need to comply with the regulations as stipulated by the Singapore Traffic Police on safe cycling attire and road traffic rules for cyclists. All students cycling to and from school will hence have to put on a helmet for their personal safety. For our students' safety and the safety of pedestrians, students are not allowed to use personal mobility devices such as e-scooters to travel to and from school.

9. KEY EVENTS IN TERM 1

Date	Event
5 - 7 January	Sec 1 Orientation Day Camp
7 January	Sec 1 Principal's Talk and Parent Teacher Meeting (via Zoom) (5.00 – 6.30 pm)
18 – 31 January	Chinese Language Cultural Fortnight
31 January	Chinese New Year celebrations (Students will be dismissed from school by 10.30 am)
1 – 2 February	Chinese New Year Public Holidays
8 February	Blended Learning Day 1 (Sec 2 to 4/5 students)
11 February	Total Defence Day Commemoration
18 – 25 February	Common Test 1 (Sec 4 and 5 students only)
23 February	Blended Learning Day 2 (Sec 2 and 3 students only)
2 – 5 March	English Language Week
9 – 11 March	Sabbatical Week
11 March	Blended Learning Day 3 (Sec 1 and 2 students only)
12 - 20 March	March School Holidays

ANNEX B
2022 Form Teachers and Year Heads

Year Head 1: Mdm Magdalene Tan
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Class	Form Teacher	Form Teacher	Form Teacher
1A	Mdm Hafida Muhd hafida_muhamad@schools.gov.sg	Ms Tay Li Min tay_limin@schools.gov.sg	Mr Muhd Faisal Ramli Muhhammad_faisal_ramli@schools.gov.sg
1B	Mr Boo Jia Liang boo_jia_liang@schools.gov.sg	Ms Valerie Chia chia_wei_ting_valerie@schools.gov.sg	
1C	Mdm Emilia Md Ali emilia_mohamed_ali@schools.gov.sg	Ms Kwek Co Hui kwek_co_hui@schools.gov.sg	
1D	Ms Tan Pei Wen tan_pei_wen_a@schools.gov.sg	Mdm Chee Pey Jiun chee_pey_jiun_a@schools.gov.sg	
1E	Mdm Lee Weiqi lee_weiqi@schools.gov.sg	Ms Sakinah Md Supiyan sakinah_mohamed_supiyan@schools.gov.sg	
1F	Ms Amerlyn Ong ong_wei_lin_amerlyn@schools.gov.sg	Mr Liang Kar Weng liang_kar_weng@schools.gov.sg	
1G	Mdm Masrena Rahmat masrena_rahmat@schools.gov.sg	Mr Aaron Justin Tan aaron_justin_tan_wen@schools.gov.sg	
1H	Mr Dennis Loy loy_suan_doong@schools.gov.sg	Ms Jamie Foo foo_jie_min_jamie@schools.gov.sg	

Year Head 2: Mdm Zanariah bte Zainal Abiden
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Class	Form Teacher	Form Teacher	Form Teacher
2A	Mr Derrick Lim lim_jun_qiang_derrick@schools.gov.sg	Ms Darlene John Johney darlene_john_johney@schools.gov.sg	
2B	Ms Claudia Tan tan_danwei_claudia@schools.gov.sg	Mr Faizal Bin Bohari faizal_bohari@schools.gov.sg	
2C	Mr Andrew Kan kan_andrew@schools.gov.sg	Mdm Rosmawati Alwi rosmawati_alwi@schools.gov.sg	
2D	Ms Tan Meiyang tan_mei_ying@schools.gov.sg		
2E	Mr Jacobe Lim lim_chen_guo@schools.gov.sg	Ms Cynthia Loh loh_so_boey@schools.gov.sg	
2F	Mdm Koh Ming Hui koh_ming_hui@schools.gov.sg	Mdm Karen Choo choo_karen@schools.gov.sg	Mrs Selvam saratha_devi_ramasamy@schools.gov.sg
2G	Ms Vivian Koh koh_su_hui_vivian@schools.gov.sg	Ms Siti Nurbasyirah Azahar siti_nurbasyirah_azahar@schools.gov.sg	

Year Head 3: Mr Lim Cheng Yong
Email: lim_cheng_yong@schools.gov.sg

Year Head 2 (covering): Mdm Ho Woan Shay
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Class	Form Teacher	Form Teacher	Form Teacher
3E1	Mdm Serene Howe howe_joo-li_serene@schools.gov.sg	Mr Samuel Lim Kok Boon samuel_lim_kok_boon_@schools.gov.sg	
3E2	Ms Sri Diana Subari Sri_diana_subari@schools.gov.sg	Mr Peter Ng Ng_seng_huat@schools.gov.sg	
3E3	Ms Lee Yung Wen Lee_yung-wen@schools.gov.sg	Mdm Felicity Lim Lim_sy_hing_felicity@schools.gov.sg	
3E4	Mr Chia Boon Ling Randy chia_boon_ling_randy@schools.gov.sg	Mdm Tan Li Leng Agnes tan_li_leng@schools.gov.sg	
3N1	Mdm Sharifah Nazihah Sulaiman Sharifah_nazihah_sulaiman@schools.gov.sg	Mdm Tan Fong Yee tan_fong_yee@schools.gov.sg	
3N2	Mr Edwin Tan tan_kian_hong_edwin@schools.gov.sg	Ms Widad Wahid Widad_wahid@schools.gov.sg	
3T1	Mr Gay Weizhuang gay_wei_zhuang@schools.gov.sg	Mdm Goh Lay Ping Justina goh_lay_ping_justina@schools.gov.sg	

Year Head 4/ 5: Mdm Koh Khee Hoon
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Class	Form Teacher	Form Teacher	Form Teacher
4E1	Ms Yong Wai Teng yong_wai_teng@schools.gov.sg	Ms Anna Low low_li_leen_anna@schools.gov.sg	
4E2	Mdm Gloria Boey Gloria_boey_li_ling@schools.gov.sg	Ms Marinah Mohdar Marinah_mohdar@schools.gov.sg	
4E3	Ms Li Jiao li_jiao@schools.gov.sg	Ms Natalie Tan tan_li_er_natalie@schools.gov.sg	
4E4	Mdm Seah Hwee Bing seah_hwee_bing@schools.gov.sg	Mr Sebastian Ang sebastian_ang_tau@schools.gov.sg	
4N1	Ms Rachel Tan tan_hui_leng_rachel@schools.gov.sg	Mr Shamsul Idris Shamsul_idris@schools.gov.sg	
4N2	Ms Grace Chia chia_choo_hui@schools.gov.sg	Mdm Nur Elfianie bte A Samad nur_elfianie_abdul_samad@schools.gov.sg	Mr Lim Michael lim_michael@schools.gov.sg
4T1	Mdm Nurul Aishah Shuhaimi nurul_aishah_shuhai@schools.gov.sg	Ms Tan Cheng Cheng Angela tan_cheng_cheng_angela@schools.gov.sg	
5N2	Mr Ng Kian Hong kian_hong_ng@schools.gov.sg	Mdm Liu Fen liu_fen@schools.gov.sg	

2022 CCA TEACHERS-IN-CHARGE

CCA	Teacher I/C	Email Address
Clubs and Societies		
Art	Ms Tay Limin	<i>tay_limin@schools.gov.sg</i>
AVA	Mr Dennis Loy	<i>loy_suan_doong@schools.gov.sg</i>
Infocomm	Ms Claudia Tan	<i>tan_danwei_claudia@schools.gov.sg</i>
Library	Ms Tan Hui Leng Rachel	<i>tan_hui_leng_rachel@schools.gov.sg</i>
Physical Sports		
Basketball	Ms Tan Mei Ying	<i>tan_mei_ying@schools.gov.sg</i>
Football	Mr Ng Kian Hong	<i>kian_hong_ng@schools.gov.sg</i>
Netball	Ms Karen Choo	<i>choo_karen@schools.gov.sg</i>
ODAC	Mdm Lee Weiqi	<i>lee_weiqi@schools.gov.sg</i>
Sports Club	Mr Gay Wei Zhuang	<i>gay_wei_zhuang@schools.gov.sg</i>
Volleyball	Mdm Koh Ming Hui	<i>koh_ming_hui@schools.gov.sg</i>
Visual and Performing Arts		
Choir	Mdm Emilia Mohamed Ali	<i>emilia_mohamed_ali@schools.gov.sg</i>
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Drama Club	Ms Darlene John Johney	<i>darlene_john_johney@schools.gov.sg</i>
Drums	Mdm Hafida Bte Mohd	<i>Hafida_muhamad@schools.gov.sg</i>
Handbells	Ms Tan Pei Wen	<i>tan_pei_wen_a@schools.gov.sg</i>
Symphonic Band	Ms Grace Chia	<i>chia_choo_hui@schools.gov.sg</i>
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NPCC	Mr Shamsul Idris	<i>shamsul_idris@schools.gov.sg</i>
Red Cross	Mdm Felicity Lim	<i>lim_sy_hing_felicity@schools.gov.sg</i>
Scouts	Ms Yong Wai Teng Mr Sebastian Ang	<i>yong_wai_teng@schools.gov.sg</i> <i>Sebastian_ANG_TAU@schools.gov.sg</i>