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Dear Parents / Guardians,

It has been 3 weeks since the start of the school year, and I trust that your child/ward has settled in well in the new school year. In my first address to the students, I encouraged all students to search for 3 things this year – search for opportunities, control and inspiration. There is a plethora of learning opportunities for every Zhenghuarian to look forward to, not just in the classroom but also in the various student development activities. For example, we are proud of our Student Leaders who had successfully organised this year's Sec 1 Orientation amidst the challenges posed by Covid-19, to help the Sec 1s integrate in the Zhenghua family. I also encouraged the students to look for control of their time, and more importantly, their energy. Lastly, I challenged them to look to their seniors for inspiration.

GCE O Level Results

On that note, I am pleased to share with you that the 2021 cohort did well. 52% of the Sec 4 Express students qualify for Junior Colleges, and 95% Polytechnics. The following subjects also achieved 100% passes – (Sec 4 Express) Pure Chemistry, Pure Biology, Higher Chinese and Malay; (Sec 5 Normal) Design & Technology, Chinese and Malay. Thirteen of our Sec 4 Express students obtained a score of 12 points or less for English and 5 other subjects, while four Sec 5 Normal students achieved a score of 15 points or less for English and 4 other subjects. Their photos, along with the 13 students who received the Edusave Character Award, can be found on our school website <https://zhenghuasec.moe.edu.sg/achievements/academic-profile/>. We are proud of our students, and I would like to express my appreciation to the staff of the school and parents/guardians for teaching and guiding the students.

Chinese New Year Celebrations – 31 January 2022

This year's celebration will include class-based cultural activities and an online concert. Your child/ward should report to school in the usual school uniform/polo T-shirt. Please take note that as dismissal time is 10.30am that day, there will be no recess. At the same time, students are reminded to bring along their thermometer and the materials required for the class activities.

Assessment Matters

You will find the assessment plan for all examinable subjects in the year ahead for your child/ward's level in this letter. Our revised assessment policy can be found on our website at this url: <https://zhenghuasec.moe.edu.sg/assessment-policy/>. Sec 1 and 3 students will not be sitting for the Mid-Year Examinations in Semester 1. Instead, they will be assessed through class/level tests and alternative forms of assessment like Project Work. As mentioned in our first letter to parents, Common Test 1 for Sec 4 and 5 will be conducted from 18 – 25 February. Lessons will carry on as per the timetable for the other levels, and for the Sec 4 and 5s, lessons will resume

beyond the time set aside for the Common Test. The detailed breakdown of the weightings for the various assessments that your child/ward will be sitting for in 2022 can be found in Annex A.

We appreciate your assistance in ensuring that your child/ward put in the required effort for the various components that they will be assessed on. Please note that students who are absent from any assessments/paper or a component paper of a subject must produce a medical certificate the following day, failing which, students will be deemed as absent without a valid reason and no marks will be given for the paper.

Lastly, on behalf of the school, we would like to wish all who are celebrating Chinese New Year a joyful and healthy year ahead!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr Ng Hock Soon
Principal

Annex A

Sec 3 Express / Normal Academic	Semester 1, 2022			Semester 2, 2022		Total
	Term 1	Term 2		Term 3	Term 4	
	Weighted Assessment 1	Weighted Assessment 2	Mid-Year Exam	Weighted Assessment 3	End-of-Year Exam	
%	15	15	0	15	55	100
English Language	Class Test	Project Work (Group & Individual)		Class Test	Written, Listening Comprehension and Oral Exams	
Mother Tongue Languages	Project Work & presentation (Group)	Class Test	MTL & MTLB - no exam Higher MTL - Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams	Creative Writing	MTL & MTLB - Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams Higher MTL – Written & Oral Exams	
Mathematics	Project Work (Group & Individual)	Class Test		iDiscuss Assessment (Group & Individual)	Written Exam	
Additional Mathematics	Class Test	Class Test		Project Work (Group & Individual)	Written Exam	
Chemistry, Science(Chemistr y)	Project Work (Group & Individual)	Class Test		Project Work (Group & Individual)	Written Exam	
Biology, Science(Biology)	Class Test	Biology Project Work (Group) Sc(Bio) Project Work (Pair Work)		Skills Assessment (3E) Class Test (3N)	Written Exam	
Physics, Science(Physics)	Physics Project Work (Pair & Individual) Sc(Phy) Project Work (Group & Individual)	Class Test		Class Test	Written Exam	
Social Studies	Class Test	Timed Assignment		Project Work (individual)	Written Exam	
Elective Geography	Class Test	Individual Project		Class Test	Written Exam	
Elective History	Individual Project	Individual Project		Class Test	Written Exam	
Elective Literature	Class Test	Group Project		Class Test	Written Exam	
Geography (Express only)	Timed assignment	Project Work (Individual)		Class Test	Written Exam	
Principles of Accounts	Class Test	Class Test		Project Work (Group)	Written Exam	
Nutrition and Food Science	Class Test	Class Test		Project Work (Individual)	Written Exam & Coursework	
Design & Technology	Class Test	Project (Individual)		Journal Assessment (Individual)	Written Exam & Coursework	
Art	Project Work (Individual)	Project Work (Individual)		Project Work (Individual)	Drawing & Painting	

Sec 3 Normal Technical	Semester 1, 2022			Semester 2, 2022		Total
	Term 1	Term 2		Term 3	Term 4	
	Weighted Assessment 1	Weighted Assessment 2	Mid-Year Exam	Weighted Assessment 3	End-of-Year Exam	
%	15	15	0	15	55	100
English Language	Class Test	Oral presentation (Individual)		Class Test	Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams	
English Language (NA)	Class Test	Project Work (Group & Individual)		Class Test	Written, Listening Comprehension and Oral Exams	
Mother Tongue Languages	Project Work & presentation (Group)	Class Test		Oral Presentation (individual)	Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams	
Mother Tongue Languages (NA)	Project Work & presentation (Group)	Class Test		Creative Writing	Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams	
Mathematics	Project Work (Group & Individual)	Class Test		Class Test	Written Exam	
Mathematics (NA)	Project Work (Group & Individual)	Class Test		iDiscuss Assessment (Group & Individual)	Written Exam	
Science	Class Test	Project Work (Group & Individual)		Project Work (Group & Individual)	Written Exam	
Science(Chemistry) (NA)	Project Work (Group & Individual)	Class Test		Project Work (Group & Individual)	Written Exam	
Science(Physics) (NA)	Project Work (Group & Individual)	Class Test		Class Test	Written Exam	
Design & Technology	Class Test	Project (Individual)		Journal Assessment (Individual)	Written Exam & Coursework	
Nutrition and Food Science	Class Test	Class Test		Project Work (Individual)	Written Exam & Coursework	
Art	Project Work (Individual)	Project Work (Individual)		Project Work (Individual)	Art Task	
%	10	15	0	15	60	100
*Computer Applications	Class Test (Theory)	Class Test (Practical)		Coursework	Written Exam (20%) & Practical Exam (40%)	

* For Computer Applications, MOE assessment weighting is observed.