



## ZHENGHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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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 a vertical line with a horizontal crossbar and a small loop at the bottom.

Mr Ng Hock Soon  
Principal

**Annex A**

<b>Sec 4 Express / 4 Normal Academic / 5 Normal Academic</b>	<b>Semester 1, 2022</b>			<b>Semester 2, 2022</b>
	<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Term 2</b>		<b>Term 3 &amp; Term 4</b>
	<b>Weighted Assessment 1</b>	<b>Weighted Assessment 2</b>	<b>Mid-Year Exam</b>	<b>Preliminary Examination</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100</b>
English Language	Common Test	Class Test	Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams	Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams
Mother Tongue Languages	Common Test	Creative Writing	Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams	No Exam for 4E5NA MTL & MTLB Higher MTL – Written Exam 4NA Written & Listening Comprehension Exams
Mathematics	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Additional Mathematics	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Chemistry, Science(Chemistry)	Common Test	Practical Test	Written Exam & Practical Exam	Written Exam & Practical Exam
Science(Chemistry) (4NA)	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Biology, Science(Biology)	Common Test	Practical Test	Written Exam & Practical Exam	Written Exam & Practical Exam
Science(Biology) (4NA)	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Physics, Science(Physics)	Common Test	Practical Test	Written Exam & Practical Exam	Written Exam & Practical Exam
Science(Physics) (4NA)	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Social Studies	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Elective Geography	Common Test	Project	Written Exam	Written Exam
Elective History	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Elective Literature	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Principles of Accounts	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Nutrition & Food Science	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam & Coursework	Written Exam & Coursework
Design & Technology	Common Test	Journal Assessment	Written Exam & Coursework	Written Exam & Coursework
Art	Timed Assessment	Timed Assessment	Drawing & Painting	Written Exam & Coursework

Sec 4 Normal Technical	Semester 1, 2022			Semester 2, 2022
	Term 1	Term 2		Term 3 & Term 4
	Weighted Assessment 1	Weighted Assessment 2	Mid-Year Exam	Preliminary Examination
%	10	10	80	100
English Language	Common Test	Class Test	Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams	Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams
English Language (NA)	Common Test	Class Test	Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams	Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams
Mother Tongue Languages	Common Test	Oral recording	Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams	Written & Listening Comprehension Exams
Mother Tongue Languages (NA)	Common Test	Creative Writing	Written, Listening Comprehension & Oral Exams	Written & Listening Comprehension Exams
Mathematics	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Mathematics (NA)	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Science	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Science(Chemistry) (NA)	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Science(Physics) (NA)	Common Test	Class Test	Written Exam	Written Exam
Design & Technology	Common Test	Journal Assessment	Written Exam & Coursework	Written Exam & Coursework
Elements of Business Skills	Common Test	Research Work	Written Exam	Written Exam
Art	Timed Assessment	Timed Assessment	Written Exam	Written Exam
%	10	20	25	45
*Computer Applications	Common Test (Theory)	Class Test (Practical)	Written Exam (7.5%) & Practical Exam (17.5%)	Written Exam (13.5%) & Practical Exam (31.5%)