

#### 9 September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 4N Students,

#### WELCOME TO TERM 4 AND ALL THE BEST FOR THE N-LEVELS!

We hope that you were able to spend some quality time with your teen during the September holidays and trust that you have been closely supporting your teen as he/she prepares for the upcoming GCE N-Level Examinations. As we enter the final term of 2024, we would like to provide you with key updates and information on events/programmes in Term 4 for our Sec 4N students.

### A. GCE N-Level Examinations and Timetable Adjustments

- The GCE N-Level Examinations will take place over two periods, <u>Period 1:</u> Mon 9 Sep to Mon 16 Sep (4NA) / Thu 19 Sep (4NT) and <u>Period 2</u>: Mon 30 Sep to Tue 8 Oct. The detailed exam timetable is stated in the GCE N-Level Examination Entry Proof, which was issued to each student.
- 2. The Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) have updated the Examination Rules and Regulations for Candidates for all 2024 Singapore-Cambridge GCE-Level Examination. All students are to adhere to the Rules and Regulations closely and update their Form Teachers as soon as possible, should it be necessary. The detailed Examination Rules and Regulations can be accessed via the SEAB website at: 2024 Singapore-Cambridge GCE N(T), N(A), O-Level Examination Rules and Regulations (seab.gov.sg)
- 3. Students have been briefed in detail on **Fri 23 Aug** about what to do for their examinations (e.g. attire, venue, what to bring etc). Parents/guardians, please help ensure your teen
  - a. goes to bed early to get sufficient sleep; and
  - b. wakes up and gets to school on time for each day's papers, with time for a proper breakfast.
- 4. Between Period 1 and Period 2, the Sec 4N classes' timetables will be adjusted so that the school day ends earlier. This is to allow students to take greater individual ownership over the pace and depth of their revision. Students will report to school as usual by 7.30am in proper school attire. Subject teachers may also conduct consultations for selected students in the afternoons. Please refer to <u>Annex A</u> for the adjusted timetables.
  - 4NA: Adjusted timetable will start from Tue 17 Sep
  - 4NT: Adjusted timetable will start from Fri 20 Sep

### **B.** Graduation Ceremony

5. The annual Graduation Ceremony for all Sec 4 and 5 graduating students will be held on Fri 27 Sep, 11.00am to 12.30pm in school. It is a formal occasion to mark the end of their journey in Bowen Secondary and celebrate their school experience. Hence, attendance for all graduating students is compulsory. Students are required to be in their full school uniform, school shirt with school pants/skirts.



# C. Last Day of School and Students offering GCE O-Level Subjects

- 6. The last day of school lessons for 4N students is **Fri 27 Sep**. Students need not report back to school after the GCE N-Level Examinations conclude on **Tue 8 Oct**.
- 7. 4NA students taking GCE O-Level subjects (e.g. Mother Tongue Language, Mathematics, Science and Humanities) may be asked to return to school for additional lessons and/or attend consultations with their subject teachers, in preparation for their GCE O-Level Examination(s) in end Oct/Nov.

#### D. Release of Result Slips for Preliminary Examinations

8. Sec 4N students have been given an interim result slip that contains their Preliminary Examination results on **Fri 23 Aug.** Students will receive their official result slips during the Graduation Ceremony on **Fri 27 Sep**.

# E. Graduation Evening

9. To celebrate the completion of their secondary school journey, we are inviting our graduating cohort to mark this significant milestone of their life together with their peers and teachers at our Graduation Evening. It is <u>fully subsided by the school</u> and we would like for all Sec 4/5 students to attend this celebratory occasion. The details of the event are as follows:

Day/Date: Wed 13 November

• Time: 5.00pm to 7.00pm (registration starts at 4.15pm, graduands to be seated

by 4.50pm)

Venue: The Star Gallery @ Star Vista

Dress code: Smart Casual

Kindly note that <u>students dressed in inappropriate attire will not be allowed entry to the event</u>. More details about the Graduation Evening will be shared with our students at a later date.

#### F. Release of 2024 GCE N-Level Examination Results

- 10. The GCE N-Level Examination Results will be released tentatively between Mon 16 Dec and Wed 18 Dec. Students should look out for the formal MOE announcement via official media channels about the confirmed date, which usually happens around early mid-Dec. On the day of the results release, students should report at 2.00pm to the school hall.
- 11. During the results release day, students will be required to report in full school attire (school shirt/ blue polo shirt with school pants/skirts) and with proper grooming. Students with outlandish hairstyles and/or coloured hair will not be permitted to enter the school hall. Parents/guardians are welcomed to come to school to join the results release with your teen.



12. Please see attached Annex B for key information regarding post-4N options. All students are strongly encouraged to continue their educational journey after Sec 4, as it is important to further develop the skills and knowledge required to thrive in uncertain times.

# 13. Note to parents/guardians of 4NA students:

- a. If your teen is eligible for PFP or DPP, we strongly recommend that you encourage him/her to apply and to take up the course if they are offered a place.
- b. The PFP and DPP courses cater to 4NA students to help them get started on their postsecondary education after their N-Levels, and will boost their morale.
- c. Nonetheless, if your teen makes an informed decision to spend another year in Bowen, we are happy to have him/her continue with us and will work hard with him/her to prepare for O-Levels.

We trust that your teen has had a meaningful experience over the past 4 years in Bowen. Please write to us to help encourage our teachers, who have worked tirelessly to nurture and support our students. If there are areas where we could have done better, do let us know as well. We sincerely hope that each and every one of our students will be able to reach for their star, and wish you and your teen all the best!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Loh Chih Hui Principal

#### Use of photographs and video images

Photographs or video images of students, parents and visitors may be taken during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, enrichment activities, CCA activities, camps, etc. The school may use and publish such photographs or video images in school publications, the school's website, social media channels, or other communication channels.



# Annex A - Adjusted Timetables

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# Annex B - Important Post-Secondary Information for 4N Students

- 1. All students are strongly encouraged to continue their educational journey after Sec 4, as it is important to further develop the skills and knowledge required to thrive in an uncertain future.
- 2. After the release of N level results, students will be required to submit their applications for post-4N education options within 5 calendar days. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.myskillsfuture.gov.sg/content/student/en/secondary/education-guide/education-landscape.html">https://www.myskillsfuture.gov.sg/content/student/en/secondary/education-guide/education-landscape.html</a>
- 3. Post-secondary Options for Sec 4N(A) Students:
- a. If a 4N(A) student is eligible for and intends to apply for the **Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)**:
  - The student will be required to indicate their choice on the Option Form given during the release of results, as well as submit their application online (they will be informed of the website address).
  - As the application for PFP will take place only in Jan 2025, students intending to apply for PFP will still need to report to Bowen on **Thu 2 Jan 2025** at **7.30am** for Sec 5N(A).
  - Once the GCE O-Level Examination Results are released in Jan 2025 (between second and third week of Jan), the 5N(A) student will submit his/her application for PFP.
  - Subsequently, students will be notified by **end Jan 2025** about the outcome of their application. If they are successful and if they accept the PFP course offer, they can then withdraw from Sec 5N and continue their studies in PFP (which will begin in April 2025).
  - For more information, please visit <a href="https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html">https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html</a>
- b. If a 4N(A) student is eligible for and wishes to apply for the **Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)**:
  - The student will be required to indicate their choice on the Option Form given during the release of results, as well as submit their application online (they will be informed of the website address) within about 5 calendar days.
  - MOE will inform students of the posting results in the last week of Dec.
  - If the student accepts the DPP course offer, they should email the course acceptance notification to their Form Teachers on that same working day. They will not be required to report to Bowen on Thu 2 Jan 2025 as the DPP preparatory course will begin in Jan 2025.
  - If the student does not accept the DPP course offer, they will be required to report to Bowen on **Thu 2**Jan 2025 at **7.30am** for Sec 5N(A).
  - For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec/direct-entry-scheme-to-polytechnic-programme">https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec/direct-entry-scheme-to-polytechnic-programme</a>
- c. If a 4N(A) student is eligible for and wishes to continue to in Bowen for Secondary 5N(A), he/she will be required to indicate their choice on the Option Form given during the release of results, as well as attend a mandatory briefing by the Principal. He/she will be required report to school on **Thu 2 Jan 2025** at **7.30am** for Sec 5N(A).
- 4. Post-secondary Options for Sec 4N(T) Students:

Students should submit their options for ITE courses within 5 calendar days via the relevant MOE website (they will be informed of the website address). MOE will release the results of the application by end Dec. Students should report to their posted ITE institution on the date specified in early Jan 2025.