

24 June 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 4/5 students,

WELCOME TO TERM 3 2024

Welcome back! We hope that you were able to make the most of the June holidays to spend quality time with your teen as well as encourage him/her to reflect on their Semester 1 learning experiences. We are pleased to share that the school recently completed MOE validation and Bowen has been recognised for our Culture of Care for Students and Staff, Holistic Development of Students, and Curriculum Customisation. Going forward, we will seize growth opportunities to further strengthen the distinctiveness of the Bowen Experience. Strong school-home partnerships have also contributed to our positive student outcomes and we appreciate your continued support. As we enter the second half of 2024, we would like to provide you with key updates and information on programmes /events for Term 3 for our Sec 4/5 students.

A. Secondary 4/5 Form Teachers for Semester 2

1. We are pleased to share the updated list of Sec 4/5 Form Teachers (FTs) and their email addresses.

Class	Form Teachers	Email
4 Topaz	Mrs. Andrea Thoo Ms. Shi Mengchen	kan_sok_may_andrea@schools.gov.sg shi_mengchen@schools.gov.sg
4 Sapphire	Ms. Anne Marie Chua Ms. Tan Shuming	anne_marie_chua@schools.gov.sg tan_shuming@schools.gov.sg
4 Peridot	Mrs. Li Seow Koon Mrs. Sankar	ng_seow_koon@schools.gov.sg sankar_thilahavathi@schools.gov.sg
4 Amethyst	Ms. Ler Kim Har Mr. Lim Kah Kiat	ler_kim_har@schools.gov.sg lim_kah_kiat@schools.gov.sg
4 Ruby	Mr. Derrick Lim Ms. Suraiya	lim_soon_ben_derrick@schools.gov.sg suraiya_izharul@schools.gov.sg
4 Kunzite	Mdm. Shafiqah Mrs. Sim Sook Fen Ms. Chu Shuai Wu	shafiqah_hadam_hussain@schools.gov.sg loh_sook_fen@schools.gov.sg chu_shuai_wu@schools.gov.sg
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4 Emerald	Ms. Stacey Ang Ms. Siti Norrulhudha	ang_ting_ting@schools.gov.sg siti_norrulhudha_sonny@schools.gov.sg
5 Eudialyte	Mr. Winston Chua Dr. Banumathi	chua_seng_wee_winston@schools.gov.sg pichandi_banumathi@schools.gov.sg

2. To contact your teen's FTs or subject teachers, please email them or call the school at **6385 9466**. Teachers will generally be contactable by telephone during office hours. If you email our teachers, they will aim to reply you within 3 working days. We seek parents'/guardians' understanding that teachers may wish to keep their handphone numbers private.
3. The Sec 4/5 Year Head continues to be Mrs Bernice Kuan (tey_puay_leng@schools.gov.sg).

B. Update on Health Matters and Temperature-taking Exercise

4. The school continues to prioritise student health, and remains vigilant in checking in on student well-being. Your support is also crucial towards keeping Bowen a safe environment for students. Please remind your teen to practice good personal hygiene (e.g. washing/sanitising hands) and exercise personal and social responsibility. While mask-wearing is no longer required in a school setting, it remains an effective way to minimise the risk of infectious disease transmission. Students who prefer wearing masks are welcome to continue doing so.
5. If your teen is unwell, please ensure he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention where necessary. Do also inform his/her Form Teachers (FTs). If your teen is recovering from respiratory-related illness, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g. by wearing a mask, minimising social interactions). Social responsibility will be crucial in preventing any infectious disease outbreak in schools. In the event your teen has to miss school, his/her learning will be supported. FTs will assign a buddy to update your teen on the lessons and collect his/her worksheets. Please encourage your teen to be proactive in finding out on what he/she has missed from his/her buddy.
6. For Term 3, all schools will be carrying out a temperature-taking exercise on **Wed 3 Jul**. We would appreciate it if you could help remind your teen to bring a working thermometer on **Tue 2 Jul** for checking, and for use on **Wed 3 Jul**. Do also encourage your teen to continue bringing a thermometer (as well as a spare ART kit, if possible) to school so that he/she can monitor his/her health whenever necessary, given that social responsibility is now crucial in living with Covid-19.

C. Key Programmes, Events and Holidays in Term 3

7. The following are highlights of our school's programmes, events and holidays in Term 3.

Date	Programmes / Events	Remarks
Mon 24 Jun to Tue 27 Aug	StARS Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section D for details. • Refer to Annex for the detailed schedule.
Wed 26 Jun	Home Based Learning (Sec 1,2,4-5)	Students will need to log into SLS by 8.00am for check-in and attendance taking.
Mon 1 Jul	Youth Day School Holiday	-
Mon 15 Jul	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	Activities will be conducted during curriculum hours.
Wed 17 Jul	Class Photo Taking	See Section E for details.
Tue 23 Jul to Thu 25 Jul	Home Based Learning (Sec 1-5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and parents/guardians will be provided with more information at a later date. • Some Sec 4/5 students will be having GCE O-/N-Level English Language and/or Mother Tongue Language Oral Examinations during this period. Students have been briefed on the Oral Examinations on Mon 24 Jun.
Thu 8 Aug	National Day School-based Celebrations	Students will be dismissed at 10.30am.
Fri 9 Aug	National Day Public Holiday	-
Fri 23 Aug	Issuance of Sec 4N Preliminary Result Slips	-

Date	Programmes / Events	Remarks
Thu 29 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebrations	Students will be dismissed by 10.00am. This is also the last day of school for Term 3.
Fri 30 Aug	Teachers' Day School Holiday	-
Sat 31 Aug to Sun 8 Sep	September School Holidays	To allow students the time and space to rest and recharge, Student Protected Time will be on Mon 2 Sep and Tue 3 Sep . No school activities will be held on these two days.

8. For regular updates on school programmes and the happenings in and around the school, feel free to check our school website, and follow us on the school's official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bowensec> or our official Instagram account @bowensec_official.

D. Structured Academic Review and Support Programme (StARS)

9. The Structured Academic Review and Support programme (StARS) will start in Term 3 Week 1 **Mon 24 Jun**. This programme aims to further support our Sec 4/5 students to enhance their understanding and application in the various subjects, finetune their examination skills and to prepare them in areas such as mental resilience and will include Timed Practices. More details will be provided by their subject teachers.
10. Students taking GCE O-Level subjects will complete the programme in Week 8 (**Fri 16 Aug**) while students taking GCE N(A)-Level subjects will complete in Week 10 (**Tue 27 Aug**). StARS will end by 5.00pm to give students time to rest and to prepare for the next school day. Please note that there will be no StARS on Wednesdays to provide a rest day for our students.
11. Your teen may be attending StARS on several days a week for various subjects and will be informed via his/her subject teachers. **Attendance is compulsory**. Do encourage your teen to attend StARS diligently and make full use of these learning opportunities.
12. As the National Oral Examinations will also take place in Term 3, Oral Examinations will take precedence over StARS. Students who miss StARS sessions due to Oral Examinations are strongly encouraged to arrange alternative timeslots for consultations with their subject teachers and complete assigned work at home.
13. Please refer to the **Annex** for the schedule.

E. Class Photo Taking

14. The school has made arrangements for class photo-taking for all students on **Wed 17 Jul**. Students are required to be in full school uniform with school tie and be neatly attired and well-groomed. Failure to do so may result in them being unable to participate in the class photo taking.

F. Preliminary Examinations and GCE N- and O-Level Examinations

15. The dates for 2024 Preliminary Examinations and National Examinations are compiled in the table below to help students with their revision planning. The detailed schedule for preliminary examinations will be given to students at a later date. Students can refer to their class or cohort noticeboards or their GCE Examination Entry Proof for the detailed schedule for their N- or O-Level examinations.
16. Students must bring along their hardcopy Entry Proof on each examination day together with their NRIC/FIN/Student Pass, as it will be used to verify their identity and attendance at the examination venue.

Term	Date	Examination	Remarks
3	Tue 3 Jul	GCE O-Level MT/ MTB Listening Comprehension (LC) Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted in the afternoon, in school premises. All Sec 4/5 students will be dismissed at 12.30pm.
3	Thu 4 Jul to Fri 15 Jul	GCE O-Level MT Oral Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted in the afternoon, in school or external centres Candidates to refer to their entry proof for allocated centres and time. Candidates to report to their allocated centres at least half an hour before the examination.
3	Mon 22 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCE N-Level EL Oral Examination GCE O-Level EL Oral Examination GCE O-Level HMT Oral Examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates to refer to their entry proof for allocated centres and time. Candidates to report to their allocated centres at least half an hour before the examination.
3	Tue 23 Jul to Thu 25 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCE N-Level EL Oral Examination GCE N-Level MT/BMT Oral Examination GCE O-Level MTB Oral Examination GCE O-Level EL Oral Examination GCE O-Level HMT Oral Examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted in the morning and/or afternoon, in school or external centres. Candidates to refer to their entry proof for allocated centres and time. Candidates to report to their allocated centres at least half an hour before the examination.
3	Fri 26 Jul	GCE O-Level EL Oral Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted in the afternoon, in school premises.
3	Fri 19 Jul to Fri 2 Aug	Sec 4N Preliminary Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate details will be issued at a later date.
3	Wed 14 Aug to Wed 28 Aug	Sec 4E/5N Preliminary Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate details will be issued at a later date.
4	Mon 9 Sep to Thu 19 Sep	GCE N-Level Written/ Oral/ Practical Examinations (Part 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detailed timetable will be provided to students. A copy is also available on the class noticeboards and SEAB website.
4	Mon 30 Sep to Tue 8 Oct	GCE N-Level Written Examinations (Part 2)	
4	Tue 24 Sep to Fri 27 Sep	GCE O-Level Music Practical Examinations	
4	Wed 2 Oct, Mon 7 Oct, Thu 10 Oct, Tue 15 Oct	GCE O-Level Science Practical Examinations	
4	Wed 16 Oct	GCE O-Level EL Listening Comprehension Examination	
4	Thu 17 Oct to Mon 11 Nov	GCE O-Level Written Examinations	

17. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our graduating Sec 4/5 students all the best for the upcoming national examinations.

G. Heat Management Measures and School Attire

18. In view of the continued warm and humid weather, please refer to our latest guidelines below with regards to school attire for Term 3.

Day	Timing	Attire
Mondays	7.30am onwards	Smart Casual Attire i.e. Polo T-shirt with school skirt / shorts / pants <i>(students can change to full PE attire i.e. PE T-shirt and PE shorts from 10am onwards)</i>
Tuesdays - Thursdays	7.30am onwards	PE T-shirt and school skirt / shorts / pants <i>(students can change to full PE attire i.e. PE T-shirt and PE shorts from 10am onwards)</i>
Friday (Dress-Down Day)	7.30am onwards	CCA / Class / PE T-shirt and school skirt / shorts / pants <i>(students can change to full PE attire i.e. CCA /Class / PE T-shirt and PE shorts from 10am onwards)</i>
Term Assessment/ Preliminary Examinations	-	PE T-shirt and school skirt / shorts / pants
National Examinations (Oral / Practical / Written)	-	1. Smart Casual Attire i.e Polo T-shirt with school skirt / pants <u>OR</u> 2. Smart Formal Attire <u>without</u> tie

19. Students have been updated through their FTs before the start of Term 3 and reminded on attire matters on **Mon 24 Jun** during morning assembly. The school will review whether to extend this provision in Term 4 based on the prevailing weather conditions.

20. In addition, our staff will continue to closely monitor students during physical and/or outdoor activities. Students will also be encouraged to hydrate themselves before, during and after activities.

H. Start of Term 4

21. Term 4 will begin on **Mon 9 Sep**. A separate letter will be issued to inform parents/guardians about the schedule for Term 4.

22. For any further clarifications, please contact the respective FTs.



Thank you for your continued support and for partnering us closely as we nurture our students to be passionate and future-ready Learners, Leaders and Champions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loh Chih Hui", written in a cursive style.

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: Schedule for Structured Academic Review and Support Programme (StARS)

4 Topaz

Week & Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Remarks
T3W1, 24-28 Jun	Pure Phy	English		E Math	Phy / Chem	
T3W2, 1-5 Jul	Youth Day	Social Studies		Pure Chem	Phy / Chem	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W3, 8-12 Jul	A Math	Geog/His/Lit Elect		Pure Phy	Phy / Chem	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W4, 15-19 Jul	English	E Math		Social Studies	MTL	
T3W5, 22-26 Jul	Pure Chem	HBL (Oral Exam)			Phy / Chem	EL&MTL O&N Oral Exam
T3W6, 29 Jul - 2 Aug	A Math	Pure Phy		English	MTL	
T3W7, 5-9 Aug	E Math	Social Studies		National Day Celebration	National Day	
T3W8, 12-16 Aug	Geog/His/Lit Elect	A Math		Geog/His/Lit Elect	Pure Chem	

4 Sapphire

Week & Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Remarks
T3W1, 24-28 Jun	Sc (Bio/Phy)	English		E Math	D&T / Art	
T3W2, 1-5 Jul	Youth Day	Social Studies		Sc(Chem)	D&T / Art	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W3, 8-12 Jul	Pure Geog	Geog/His/Lit Elect		Sc (Bio/Phy)	D&T / Art	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W4, 15-19 Jul	English	E Math		Social Studies	MTL	
T3W5, 22-26 Jul	Sc(Chem)	HBL (Oral Exam)			MTL	EL&MTL O&N Oral Exam
T3W6, 29 Jul - 2 Aug	Pure Geog	Sc (Bio/Phy)		English	MTL	
T3W7, 5-9 Aug	E Math	Social Studies		National Day Celebration	National Day	
T3W8, 12-16 Aug	Geog/His/Lit Elect	Pure Geog		Geog/His/Lit Elect	Sc(Chem)	

4 Peridot

Week & Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Remarks
T3W1, 24-28 Jun	Pure Phy	English		E Math	Pure Bio	
T3W2, 1-5 Jul	Youth Day	Social Studies		Pure Chem	Pure Bio	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W3, 8-12 Jul	A Math	Geog/His/Lit Elect		Pure Phy	Pure Bio	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W4, 15-19 Jul	English	E Math		Social Studies	MTL	
T3W5, 22-26 Jul	Pure Chem	HBL (Oral Exam)			MTL	EL&MTL O&N Oral Exam
T3W6, 29 Jul - 2 Aug	A Math	Pure Phy		English	MTL	
T3W7, 5-9 Aug	E Math	Social Studies		National Day Celebration	National Day	
T3W8, 12-16 Aug	Geog/His/Lit Elect	A Math		Geog/His/Lit Elect	Pure Chem	

4 Amethyst

Week & Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Remarks
T3W1, 24-28 Jun	Sc(Phy)	English		E Math	Phy / Chem	
T3W2, 1-5 Jul	Youth Day	Social Studies		Sc(Chem)	Pure Bio	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W3, 8-12 Jul	A Math	Geog/His/Lit Elect		Sc(Phy)	Pure Bio	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W4, 15-19 Jul	English	E Math		Social Studies	MTL	
T3W5, 22-26 Jul	Sc(Chem)	HBL (Oral Exam)			MTL	EL&MTL O&N Oral Exam
T3W6, 29 Jul - 2 Aug	A Math	Sc(Phy)		English	MTL	
T3W7, 5-9 Aug	E Math	Social Studies		National Day Celebration	National Day	
T3W8, 12-16 Aug	Geog/His/Lit Elect	A Math		Geog/His/Lit Elect	Sc(Chem)	

4 Ruby

Week & Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Remarks
T3W1, 24-28 Jun	E Math	Sc(Chem)		Geog/His/Lit Elect	A Math/C&T	
T3W2, 1-5 Jul	Youth Day	Sc(Phy)		Social Studies	A Math/C&T	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W3, 8-12 Jul	English	E Math		Geog/His/Lit Elect	A Math/C&T	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W4, 15-19 Jul	Sc(Chem)	Social Studies		Sc(Phy)	N Prelims	
T3W5, 22-26 Jul	N Prelims	HBL (Oral Exam)			N Prelims	EL&MTL O&N Oral Exam
T3W6, 29 Jul - 2 Aug	N Prelims					
T3W7, 5-9 Aug	Sc(Chem)	E Math		National Day Celebration	National Day	
T3W8, 12-16 Aug	Sc(Phy)	Geog/His/Lit Elect		English	MTL	
T3W9, 19-23 Aug	Social Studies	English		E Math	MTL	
T3W10, 26-30 Aug	English	Geog/His/Lit Elect		Teachers' Day Celebration	Teachers' Day	

4 Kunzite

Week & Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Remarks
T3W1, 24-28 Jun	E Math	Sc(Chem)		Geog/His/Lit Elect	Art	
T3W2, 1-5 Jul	Youth Day	Sc (Bio/Phy)		Social Studies	Art	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W3, 8-12 Jul	English	E Math		Geog/His/Lit Elect	Art	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W4, 15-19 Jul	Sc(Chem)	Social Studies		Sc (Bio/Phy)	N Prelims	
T3W5, 22-26 Jul	N Prelims	HBL (Oral Exam)			N Prelims	EL&MTL O&N Oral Exam
T3W6, 29 Jul - 2 Aug	N Prelims					
T3W7, 5-9 Aug	Sc(Chem)	E Math		National Day Celebration	National Day	
T3W8, 12-16 Aug	Sc (Bio/Phy)	Geog/His/Lit Elect		English	MTL	
T3W9, 19-23 Aug	Social Studies	English		E Math	MTL	
T3W10, 26-30 Aug	English	Geog/His/Lit Elect		Teachers' Day Celebration	Teachers' Day	

4 Larimar

Week & Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Remarks
T3W1, 24-28 Jun	E Math	Sc(Chem)		Geog/His/Lit Elect	NFS / D&T	
T3W2, 1-5 Jul	Youth Day	Sc(Bio)		Social Studies	NFS / D&T	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W3, 8-12 Jul	English	E Math		Geog/His/Lit Elect	NFS / D&T	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W4, 15-19 Jul	Sc(Chem)	Social Studies		Sc(Bio)	N Prelims	
T3W5, 22-26 Jul	N Prelims	HBL (Oral Exam)			N Prelims	EL&MTL O&N Oral Exam
T3W6, 29 Jul - 2 Aug	N Prelims					
T3W7, 5-9 Aug	Sc(Chem)	E Math		National Day Celebration	National Day	
T3W8, 12-16 Aug	Sc(Bio)	Geog/His/Lit Elect		English	MTL	
T3W9, 19-23 Aug	Social Studies	English		E Math	MTL	
T3W10, 26-30 Aug	English	Geog/His/Lit Elect		Teachers' Day Celebration	Teachers' Day	

5 Eudialyte

Week & Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Remarks
T3W1, 24-28 Jun	Sc (Bio/Phy)	English		E Math	A Math/C&T	
T3W2, 1-5 Jul	Youth Day	Social Studies		Sc(Chem)	A Math/C&T	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W3, 8-12 Jul		Geog/His/Lit Elect		Sc (Bio/Phy)	A Math/C&T	MTL O Oral Exam
T3W4, 15-19 Jul	English	E Math		Social Studies	MTL	
T3W5, 22-26 Jul	Sc(Chem)	HBL (Oral Exam)			MTL	EL&MTL O&N Oral Exam
T3W6, 29 Jul - 2 Aug		Sc (Bio/Phy)		English	MTL	
T3W7, 5-9 Aug	E Math	Social Studies		National Day Celebration	National Day	
T3W8, 12-16 Aug	Geog/His/Lit Elect			Geog/His/Lit Elect	Sc(Chem)	