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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Letter to Parents – Term 4 2025

Greetings from Outram Secondary School!

We hope this letter finds you well as we welcome our Outramians back for Term 4 and wish all parents and students a great term filled with learning, growth, and productivity after a wonderful break with your loved ones. The 2025 school year draws to a closure this final academic term, and we look forward to working with you during this period to provide meaningful educational experiences for our Outramians.

1. Student Development Theme in Term 4 – “Labor Omnia Vincit”

In line with our School Motto, we will be focusing on this student development theme of “**Labor Omnia Vincit**” (in Latin) this term, interpreted as labour conquers all, which means whatever our Outramians do, they will be able to overcome the hardest of ordeals with diligence and resilience. We make every effort to inculcate, nurture and develop the following in our Outramians:

- **perseverance and determination** – Outramians will be inspired to endeavour hard and overcome challenges, understanding that with labour and effort, even the most daunting obstacles can be overcome;
- **resilience in adversity** – Outramians will learn to face difficulties head-on, developing coping mechanisms and grit to navigate through difficulties and emerge stronger;





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- **growth through hard work** – Outramians will be nurtured to appreciate the value of diligence, recognising that consistent effort leads to personal growth and achievement, and be encouraged to view failures and setbacks as opportunities for growth, analyzing their experiences and applying the lessons learned to future undertakings;
- **capacity to overcome barriers** – Outramians will be equipped with the growth mindset and skills to rise above adversity and tackle seemingly insurmountable challenges, breaking them down into manageable tasks and persisting until success is attained;
- **self-discipline and tenacity** – Outramians will cultivate the discipline and tenacity to pursue their goals relentlessly, fostering a strong work ethic and unwavering commitment to excellence;
- **achievement through effort** – Outramians will be guided to set ambitious goals and work tirelessly towards reaching them, celebrating their successes and recognising the direct correlation between their effort and accomplishments.

Our School Motto serves as a meaningful compass for Outramians, encouraging them to develop a robust, resolute and optimistic attitude. By embracing this motto, Outramians will cultivate essential qualities that enable them to conquer hurdles and realise their aspirations. They will understand that success is not solely dependent on natural abilities, but rather on the efforts and perseverance they apply to their ventures. We hope that our Outramians will make a positive impact on their own lives and the lives of those around them, contributing to a more supportive and inspiring community that values hard work, determination, and mutual support.

2. School's Newsletter on Term 3 Activities

We are pleased to share with you about the school's newsletter on Term 3 activities which can be accessed via the link <https://go.gov.sg/osst3newsletter>.





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3. Academic and Assessment Matters for Secondary 4/5

Level	Dates
Secondary 4NT/NA	26 September, Friday [29 September to 3 October 2025– Study Break]
Secondary 4E/5NA	26 September, Friday [29 September to 7 October 2025– Study Break & Consultation]

National Listening Comprehension Examinations

All Outramians sitting for the GCE N-level and O-level Listening Comprehension Examinations (LCE) are reminded to report to the examination venue on time with their identity card and appropriate school attire. All other Outramians will be **dismissed at 1.00 pm** on the respective LCE dates, as shown in the table below, and are expected to leave the school premises immediately after dismissal.

2025 Listening Comprehension Examination (LCE)	Date
GCE N-level EL Syllabus A LCE GCE N-level Basic MTL LCE	16 September, Tuesday
GCE N-level EL Syllabus T LCE GCE N-level MTL LCE	17 September, Wednesday
GCE O-level EL LCE GCE O-level MTL Syllabus B LCE	8 October, Wednesday

Your child/ward is required to refer to their entry proof for examination information on subjects that he/she is offering. **Please refer to the SEAB website (<https://www.seab.gov.sg/important-dates-for-candidates/>) for detailed information and important dates on the national examinations.** We wish all our Outramians the very best as they prepare for the national examinations together with our team of dedicated teachers.

4. Last Day of School

The last day of school for the Sec 4/5 students is **26 September 2025, Friday**. Thereafter, they will be released for their study breaks where they may continue to consult their teachers, as per the schedule shown in the table below.





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The last day of school for the **Secondary 2 and 3NT** students is **23 October 2025, Thursday**. With the post-examination Secondary 3E/NA Bridging Programme put in place, the last day of school for **Secondary 3E/NA** students is **31 October 2025, Friday**.

5. Graduation Day Ceremony and Prom Celebration for 2025 Secondary 4/5 Cohort

The school will be holding the Graduating Day Ceremony for the 2025 Secondary 4/5 cohort on **26 September 2025, Friday**, from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. This ceremony celebrates the successful completion of our graduating Outramians' journey through secondary school and marks the beginning of a lifelong commitment to learning, leading with integrity, and contributing to the community with compassion, living up to the school motto, "Labor Omnia Vincit".

In addition, the Prom Celebration will be held on **14 November 2025, Friday**. More details will be shared later.

6. Academic and Assessment Matters for Secondary 2 and 3

As we prepare your child/ward for the upcoming year-end school examinations, we appreciate your close partnership in monitoring your child/ward's revision schedule, and in supporting, encouraging and affirming your child/ward's efforts. The End-of-Year Examinations for Sec 2 and Sec 3 will be held in the week starting 29 September 2025, Monday till 10 October 2025, Friday. Please refer to **ANNEX A** (also sent out earlier together with letter to parents in Term 3 2025) attached for the specific examination timetable for each academic level and stream, for your reference.

Secondary 3E/NA Bridging Programme

The Secondary 3E/NA Bridging Programme, which comprises timetabled lessons, is very important in preparing your child/ward for his/her academic studies in Secondary 4 in 2026. It will take place **from 27 October 2025, Monday to 31 October 2025, Friday**, from 7.45 am to 12.15 pm. The canteen will be in operation during recess. Students will be informed of the detailed Secondary 3E/NA Bridging timetable later in Term 4.





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7. Marking Day and Promotion Day

Marking Day and Promotion Day are designated on **13 October 2025, Monday** and **17 October 2025, Friday** respectively. Outramians are not required to attend school on these two days.

8. Post-Examination Programme for Secondary 2 and 3

The Post-Examination Programme for Secondary 2 and 3 will take place **from 14 October 2025, Tuesday to 23 October 2025, Thursday**. Additional details will be provided by the respective Key Personnel later. The post-examination dismissal time is 1.00 pm, unless otherwise communicated.

9. Meet-the-Parents Sessions (MPS) in Term 4 for Secondary 2 and 3

Outramians are not required to attend school on **24 October 2025, Friday**, which is set aside for the Term 4 MPS for the Secondary 2 and 3 students. Your child's/ward's Form Teachers (FTs) may start to contact parents/guardians to arrange for the MPS **from 21 October 2025, Tuesday**. All MPS between FTs and parents are expected to be completed latest **by 14 November 2025, Friday**. The MPS seek to strengthen the school's partnership with parents to help our students succeed in their educational journey. More information on MPS will be disseminated to parents in Term 4.

10. CCA Days in 2026 and 2027

As part of our continued efforts to provide a meaningful and well-rounded education, we are enhancing our Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) programme to benefit all Outramians. In **2026 and 2027, Wednesdays and odd-week Fridays** will be designated as CCA Days for students from both Sengkang and York Hill campuses. To facilitate this, students from York Hill Campus will be provided with one-way transportation to Sengkang Campus on these days, allowing all Outramians from both campuses to come together for joint CCA sessions.





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This arrangement aims to enrich your child/ward's CCA experience in several ways:

- **more opportunities for student leadership** – Outramians can take on greater leadership roles, guiding peers and juniors, organising activities, and/or representing their CCAs and helping them grow in confidence and responsibility;
- **reinforced school identity and pride** – regular joint sessions help build a sense of belonging to the wider Outramian family beyond individual campuses;
- **stronger collaboration and bonding across campuses** – coming together regularly nurtures friendship, strengthens team spirit, and reinforces our shared Outramian identity;
- **richer and more engaging learning environment** – with a larger combined student group, CCA sessions will benefit from more diverse interactions, deeper peer learning, and greater participation;
- **fair and consistent access for all students** – common CCA days ensure all Outramians, regardless of campus, have equal opportunities to facilities afforded from both campuses, especially brand new ones at the Sengkang campus, for training and coaching for preparations for competitions and events;
- **optimised use of resources and coaching support** – coaches and teachers can plan more effectively, focus on quality training, and make full use of all brand new facilities;
- **support for students' school-life balance** – with CCAs scheduled on Wednesdays and odd-week Fridays each fortnight as CCA Days for Outramians from both Sengkang and York Hill campuses, Outramians are given early information so as to help them manage their academic and personal commitments on other school days, thereby promoting personal ownership of their well-being.





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We are confident that this **structured** and **inclusive** approach will provide a richer, more fulfilling CCA experience for all Outramians. Further details, including transportation arrangements and individual CCA schedules, will be shared closer to the start of the 2026 academic year.

11. Central Kitchen Meal Model (CKMM)

MOE is working with 13 schools to roll out the use of central kitchens from January 2026 to provide meals in the school canteen. Outram Secondary School is one of the schools. The Central Kitchen Meal Model (CKMM) builds on MOE's ongoing pilot at Yusof Ishak Secondary School and is part of our continuous efforts to ensure sustainable canteen operations in light of the ongoing challenges in managing school canteens.

Some schools experience difficulties in attracting stallholders, resulting in longer queues and reduced food options for students. While the rental in MOE school canteens is on average much lower, they face competition for good stallholders from food courts, hawker centres and other public eating houses, which serve a larger customer base.

Under the CKMM, a single central kitchen operator manages the school canteen. Similar to current school canteen stallholders, the operator must also adhere to the Health Promotion Board's Healthy Meals in Schools Program guidelines and provide a good variety of food choices. This ensures our students will have sustained access to healthy and affordable meals planned by in-house dietitians which have undergone stringent quality control measures. Students would also benefit from shorter queues and more time to have their meals.

Our school will be served by **Gourmetz Pte Ltd**, an established operator experienced in providing meals for our local educational and healthcare institutions. We will share more details, when available, on the menu and pricing with you and your child/ward in the later part of Term 4 this year. Our Outramians' well-being is our utmost priority. Please be assured that every Outramian will have access to healthy, tasty, and affordable meals every day.





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12. School Open House at New Campus in Sengkang

- **You are invited: Join us at our School Open House!**

We are thrilled to invite you and your friends (who may be prospective parents in future) to our School Open House at our brand-new campus in Sengkang **22 November 2025, Saturday from 8.30 am to 12.00 pm @ 48 Anchorvale Crescent, Singapore 549936.**

This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your friends to taste the Outram experience where we nurtured Outramians to be *Learners for Life*, *Leaders with Integrity*, and *Contributors with Compassion*. Prospective parents will get to meet our dedicated teachers and learn more about our upcoming exciting academic and co-curricular programmes that would make learning meaningful, engaging, and future-ready for our Outramians.

- **Explore our vision, meet our community**

At the Open House, you and your friends will have the chance to explore our new campus and see how our students would grow in confidence, character, and compassion throughout their Outram journey.

You and your friends will also learn about how we foster a sense of belonging and partnership with our students, parents, and community. We are passionate about building a supportive and inclusive environment that allows every Outramian to thrive, and we cannot wait to share our interesting plan for the students with you and your friends.

- **Join the Fun!**

We hope you and your friends will join us for an enlivening morning of discovery, interaction, and fun! Our Open House is the perfect chance to get a glimpse into the Outram experience. We look forward to welcoming you and your friends to our new campus and sharing our motivating school's story with you. Mark your calendars for **22 November 2025, Saturday**, and we look forward to seeing you and your friends there!





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13. Calendar of Events and Important Examination Dates in 2025 Term 4

The calendar of events and important examination dates for Term 4 are appended for your perusal and reference. Let's finish strong! We are grateful for your unwavering support so far and look forward to our continued remarkable partnership in Term 4. Together, we will make the final stretch count and wrap up the year on a high note, celebrating the achievements of all our Outramians!

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Keith Tan
Principal





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2025 Term 4 – Calendar of Events, Key School Events & National Examination Dates			
Date		Event	Level(s)
15	Sep	Start of Term 4	
15 – 23	Sep	GCE NA-level Written Examination Part 1	Sec 4NA students
15 – 25	Sep	GCE NT-level Written Examination Part 1	Sec 4NT students
24	Sep	GCE O Level MTLB Oral Examination	Selected Sec 4 & 5 students
26	Sep	Sec 4/5 Graduation Day Ceremony	All students
6 – 14	Oct	GCE N-level Written Examination Part 2	Sec 4NA/NT students
1,6,9,14	Oct	GCE O-level Science Practical Examinations	Sec 4E5N students
8	Oct	GCE O-level EL LCE	Sec 4E5N students
		GCE O-level MTLB LCE	Selected Sec 4E5N students
13	Oct	Marking Day (No School)	-
13	Oct	Visit to ITE College Central	Sec 3NA students
17	Oct	Promotion Day (No School)	-
16 Oct – 10 Nov		GCE O-level Written Examination	Sec 4E5N & selected 4NA & 3E students
14 – 23	Oct	Post-Examination Programme	Sec 2 & 3 students
20	Oct	Deepavali Public Holiday	
21 Oct – 14 Nov		Meet-the-Parents Session (MPS)	Sec 2 & 3 students
24	Oct	No school on 24 Oct- designated for MPS	
24	Oct	End of Term 4 and School Year	
27 – 31	Oct	Sec 3 Bridging Programme	Sec 3NA & 3E students
23 Oct – 7 Nov		Outreach in preparation of school Open House at New Sengkang Campus	Selected Sec 2 to 4/5 students/student leaders
14	Nov	Prom Celebration	Sec 4/5 students
22	Nov	School Open House at New Sengkang Campus	Selected Sec 2 to 4/5 students/student leaders
22 Nov – 31 Dec		End-of-Year School Holidays	

