



Outram Secondary School

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Dear Parents / Guardians

Letter to Parents – Term 2 2023

Greetings from Outram Secondary School!

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that everyone has had a restful break with your family and loved ones during the March holiday break.

Character Values for Term 2 – Integrity & Innovative

In line with the school's character education, we would like to emphasise the school value of integrity, that is, maintaining honesty even when no one is observing. It is an integral value we want to develop each Outramian to be a contributing and concerned citizen. As innovation keeps one at the forefront of discovery and breaking of new grounds, it is our hope and mission to imbue all Outramians with these enduring values as part of their holistic development.

Update on the National School Games (NSG) in Term 1

The NSG kick-started the 2022 season of games for several sports groups in Term 1. These are the teams and stages of games our young sportspersons have completed:

Team	Stages and Rounds	Term
Netball (B Division)	Completed the South Zone Preliminary Rounds and qualified for the Quarter Finals	Jan to Mar
Basketball (B Division)	Completed the South Zone Preliminary Rounds	Jan to Mar
Water polo (B Division)	Competing at the National Preliminary Rounds	Jan to current

On 2 March, the different sports teams assembled to take the Athletes' Oath. They listened attentively to the Minister for Education, Mr. Chan Chun Sing's uplifting speech on sporting values and opportunities for student athletes. Mr. Keith Tan, our Principal exhorted the students on sporting norms and aspirations for the school and delivered his thanks to all committed athletes and their dedicated teachers. The oath-taking event is publicised on the school's official Facebook page. Please scan the QR code to find out more about events our students our engaged in!





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With regard to the NSG, we like to congratulate our sportspersons for their brilliance in their wins and resilience in their losses. Pitted against powerhouses, they were able to maintain their quality of play and sportsmanship. In particular, we bring to mention the Netball Team who qualified for the Quarter Finals with 3 wins out of 4 matches. We are proud of our young athletes who embody the school values of Perseverance and Teamwork!

In Term 2, these are the games that will ensue. Let's cheer our junior athletes on!

Team	Stages and Rounds	Term
Water polo (C Division)	Competing at the National Preliminary Rounds	Mar
Basketball (C Division)	C Division South Zone Preliminary Rounds	Mar to May
Netball (C Division)	C Division South Zone Preliminary Rounds	Mar to May
Climbing (C Division)	Inter-Schools Bouldering Championships 2023	16-18 March

Blended Learning@Home (BL@Home) Day for Sec 1 to 5 Students

In Term 2, the students will carry on BL@Home on the dates as follows:

OSS BL@Home Schedule (Term 2 2023)

Date / Level	Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4 & 5
30 March	✓	✓	✓	✓
14 April	✓	✓	✓	✓
4 May	✓	✓	✓	✓ (4NT and 4NA) *
26 May	✓	✓	✓	✓ (4NT and 4NA) **

*Sec 4 & 5 students offering O-level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) or MTL B will report to school for Mother Tongue Language Examination on 4 May.

**Sec 4 & 5 students offering O-level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) or MTL B will report to school for Intensive MTL lessons from 7.45 – 9.45am.

Online lessons will follow the regular timetable where lessons start at 7.45 am. Teachers will design and facilitate meaningful technology-mediated learning experiences for the students. Instructions for BL@Home lessons will be posted on the Student Learning Space (SLS) platform where students can access it from home.

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Students who do not have internet and/or computer facilities at home must report to school for supervised learning by 7.25 am on BL@Home days. The timetable overview for BL@Home is as follows:

OSS BL@Home Timetable Overview 2023

Subject / Action	Duration
Form Teacher Check-in & Attendance-taking	7.30 am to 7.45 am
Subject Teachers	7.45 am to dismissal

Applied Learning Elective Module (ApLM@ITE) at ITE

The school selects Applied Learning Modules (ApLMs) offered by the Institute of Technical Education to prepare Sec 3NA, 3NT, 4NA, and 4NT students for the exciting courses they can pursue in their post-secondary education. The ApLMs help students discover their interests and provide them with applied learning opportunities – learning that involves doing and applying, learning about the real world, and learning for life. Going through the modules also enable students to make informed decisions in the next step of their academic pursuit or their career path.

Students who complete the module will be awarded a Certificate of Completion and one advanced credit standing for exemption from elective modules in ITE's full-time Nitec programme. Students selected for the ApLMs will be furnished with more details closer to the date. The ApLMs offered this year include:

SCHEDULE FOR ApLM@ITE	
20 March (Mon) to 22 March (Wed) 2023, 8.30am to 5.30pm	
Fun with Home Networking	ITE Central
Beauty Services	ITE East
A Taste of Art & Service of Cooking	ITE West
Creating a 2D computer game	ITE Central
Cruising Into Maritime Industry	ITE Central
Design And Build Your Own Glider	ITE Central
Fitness For Life	ITE East

Sec 1 Personal Learning Device (PLD) Roll-Out

Sec 1 students will receive their PLD (Chromebook) on **31 March, Friday** during curriculum time.

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Sec 2 Streaming Engagement with Parents (Virtual)

The school will conduct a virtual engagement with parents on information pertaining to Sec 2 end-of-year streaming exercise on **14 April, Friday** from 5.00 to 5.45 pm. More details will be sent out to Sec 2 parents on Parents Gateway (PG) in Term 2.

No Mid-Year Examinations

With effect from 2023, all Secondary 1 to 3 students will only sit for Weighted Assessments in the first 3 terms, and end-of-year examination in Term 4. Secondary 4 and 5 students will only sit for Weighted Assessments in the first 2 terms and the Preliminary Examination in Terms 3 and 4.

117th Speech Day

The school will celebrate its 117th Speech Day on **19 May, Friday**, with all students, staff and invited guests. School will be dismissed at 11.30am.

Meet-the-Parents Session

The Term 2 Meet-the-Parents Session will be conducted on **26 May, Friday** from 9.45am to 4.30pm. More details will be furnished later.

Calendar of Events for Term 2 and important Exam Dates for Terms 3 and 4

The calendar of events for Term 2 is appended on the next page for your perusal. In addition, please see important key school events and National Examination dates for Terms 3 and 4.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Keith Tan
Principal



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2023 Term 2 – Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Level(s)
20 Mar	Start of Term 2	
20 – 22 Mar	Applied Learning Modules (ApLMs)	Sec 3NT, 3NA, 4NT, 4NA students
23 Mar	Financial Literacy Training	Selected Sec 1 to 3 students
24 Mar	2023 Sec 1 VIA Learning Journey to Sustainable Singapore Gallery	Sec 1 students
30 – 31 Mar	Peer Support Leaders' Training (online and onsite)	All levels
30 Mar	Blended Learning@Home	All levels
31 Mar	NRIC Registration	Sec 3 students
31 Mar	PLD Roll-Out	Sec 1 students
3 Apr	Learning Journey (MTL Fortnight)	Sec 3NT BCL & 3NA CL, 3NA CLB students
3 – 14 Apr	MTL Fortnight	All levels
6 Apr	Learning Journey (MTL Fortnight cultural performance)	Sec 2E CL, 2NA SBB CL students
7 Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday	
10 Apr	Learning journey (MTL Fortnight)	Sec 3E CL, 3E CLB, HCL students
12 Apr	Commemoration of International Friendship Day	All levels
13 Apr	LCube	Sec 1NA/EXP students
13 Apr	EL Oral Examination	Sec 3ENA students
14 Apr	Blended Learning@Home	All levels
14 Apr	Sec 2 Streaming Engagement with Parents (Virtual)	Sec 2 Parents
17 Apr	Literature Drama Appreciation (The Jungle Book)	Sec 1ENA students
17 Apr	E-Teens Workshop by HPB	Sec 3NT, 3NA, 3EXP students
20 Apr	MTL Oral Examination	Sec 4NT, 4NA students



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Date	Event	Level(s)
24 Apr	Hari Raya School Holiday	
27 Apr	MTL Oral Examination	Sec 4E5N students
28 Apr	EL Oral Examination	Sec 2ENA students
28 Apr	Big Day Out	Sec 4 and 5 students
1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday	
4 May	Blended Learning@Home	All levels except Sec 4E5N MTL and Sec 4 and 5 MTLB students
4 May	MTLB Oral Examination (Prelim)	Sec 4E5NA MTL & Sec 4 students
5 May	EL Oral Examination (Prelim)	Sec 4NTNA students
8 May	Learning Journey (Geography Inquiry)	Sec 1E & 1NA students
8 May	Artefactually Speaking: A Museum-Based Learning programme at the National Museum of Singapore	Sec 2NT and 2NA students
9 May	Artefactually Speaking: A Museum-Based Learning programme at the National Museum of Singapore	Sec 2E students
10 May	Meet-the-Parents (details to be furnished later)	All parents
11 May	Fin Lit training with Project Moolah	Selected Sec 2 and 3 students
11 – 12 May	SEN and Business Day	All levels
15 May	EL Oral Examination (Prelim)	Sec 4E5N students
19 May	117 th Speech Day	All levels
22 – 26 May	MTL Intensive Program	Sec 4E5N MTL and Sec 4 and 5 MTLB students
24 May	Big Day Out cum Sports Enrichment Programme (SEP)	Sec 1 students
25 May	Big Day Out cum Sports Enrichment Programme (SEP)	Sec 2 students
25 May	Big Day Out cum Sports Enrichment Programme (SEP)	Sec 3 students

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Date	Event	Level(s)
26 May	Meet-the-Parents Session from 9.45am to 4.30pm. (More details will be furnished later)	All levels
29 May	GCE O Level MTL Written Examination Papers 1 and 2	Sec 4E5N MTL and Sec 4 & 5 MTLB students
30 May	GCE O Level MTLB Written Examination Papers 1 and 2	Sec 4E5N MTL and Sec 4 & 5 MTLB students
29 – 30 May	Student Council Day Camp	Sec 1 to 3 student councillors
27 May – 25 Jun	School Holidays	

2023 Term 3 – Week 1 Calendar of Events, Key School Events and National Examination Dates		
Date	Event	Level(s)
26 Jun	Start of Term 3	
26 – 28 Jun	ITE ApLM (Cat A EM)	Sec 2NA and 2NT students
29 Jun	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	
30 Jun	Fitness Run@Punggol Waterway Park (more details will be furnished in Term 2)	All levels
29 May	GCE O Level MTL Written Examination Papers 1 and 2	Sec 4E5N MTL students
30 May	GCE O Level MTLB Written Examination Papers 1 and 2	Sec 4 & 5 MTLB students
3 Jul	Youth Day School Holiday	
4 Jul	GCE O Level MTL and MTLB Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4E5N MTL and Sec 4 & 5 MTLB students
5 Jul	Blended Learning@Home	Sec 1 to 3 students
6 Jul	GCE O Level MTLB Oral Examination	Sec 4 & 5 MTLB students
7 – 17 Jul	GCE O Level MTL Oral Examination	Sec 4E5N MTL students
11 Jul	GCE N(T) and N(A) Design and Technology Coursework Submission	Sec 4NANT D&T students
11 – 17 Jul	GCE N Level EL Oral Examination	Sec 4NANT EL students
21 Jul	Blended Learning@Home	Sec 1 to 3 students

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Date	Event	Level(s)
25 Jul	GCE O Level Design and Technology Coursework Submission	Sec 4E5N D&T students
25 – 27 Jul	GCE N Level MTL and Basic MTL Oral Examination	Sec 4N MTL and Basic MTL students
25 Jul – 3 Aug	GCE O Level EL Oral Examination	Sec 4E5N EL students
28 Jul – 3 Aug	GCE O Level Higher MTL Oral Examination	Sec 4E5N Higher MTL students
3 Aug	Blended Learning@Home	Sec 1 to 3 students
4 Aug	Swimming and Sports Carnival	All levels
8 Aug	National Day Celebration	All levels
9 Aug	National Day Public Holiday	
10 Aug	National Day School Holiday	
11 – 22 Aug	4NT and 4NA Preliminary Examination	Sec 4NANT students
14 Aug	Blended Learning@Home	Sec 1 to 3 students
18 Aug	Retail Operations Preliminary Examination	Sec 3NT students
23 Aug	Retail Operations Preliminary Examination	Sec 4NT students
24 – 30 Aug	Sec 4E5N Preliminary Examination Part 1	Sec 4E5N students
29 Aug	Blended Learning@Home	Sec 1 to 3 students
31 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebration	All levels
1 Sep	Teachers' Day School Holiday	
2 Sep	End of Term 3	
2 – 10 Sep	Term 3 School Holidays	



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2023 Term 4 – Key School Events and National Examination Dates		
Date	Event	Level(s)
11 Sep	Start of Term 4	
11 – 15 Sep	Sec 4E5N Preliminary Examination Part 2	Sec 4E5N students
11 Sep	GCE N(A) Level Humanities (SS, Geog), (SS, Hist), (SS, Lit) Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4NA students
11 Sep	GCE N(T) Level EL Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4NT students
11 Sep	GCE N Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4N MTL students
12 Sep	GCE N(T) Level Retail Operations Practical Examination Paper 3	Sec 4NT students
12 Sep	GCE N(A) Level EL Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4NA students
12 Sep	GCE N Level Basic MTL Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4N Basic MTL students
13 Sep	GCE N(T) Level EL Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4NT students
14 Sep	GCE N(T) Level EL Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4NT students
15 Sep	GCE N(A) Level EL Written Examination Papers 1 and 2	Sec 4NA students
18 Sep	GCE N Level MTL Written Examination Papers 1 and 2	Sec 4N MTL students
18 Sep	GCE O Level Art Coursework Submission	Sec 4E5N Art students
19 Sep	GCE N(T) Level Computer Applications Practical Examination Paper 2	Sec 4NT CPA students
20 Sep	GCE N(T) Level Retail Operations Practical Examination Paper 2	Sec 4NT RO students
21 Sep	GCE N(T) Level Computer Applications Practical Examination Paper 3	Sec 4NT CPA students
22 Sep	Blended Learning@Home (Tentative)	Sec 1 to 3 students
2 Oct	GCE N(T) Level Mathematics Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4NT students
2 Oct	GCE N(A) Level Science (Phy/Chem) Written Examination Papers 1 and 2	Sec 4NA (Phy/Chem) students
3 Oct	GCE N(A) Level Mathematics Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4NA students
3 Oct	GCE N(A) Level Principles of Accounts Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4NA POA students

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Date		Event	Level(s)
4	Oct	GCE N(A) Level Science (Phy/Chem) Written Examination Papers 3 and 4	Sec 4NA (Phy/Chem) students
4	Oct	GCE N(A) Level Science (Chem/Bio) Written Examination Papers 3 and 4	Sec 4NA (Chem/Bio) students
4	Oct	GCE N(A) Level Mathematics Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4NA students
4	Oct	GCE O Level Chemistry Practical	Sec 4E5N Chemistry students
5	Oct	GCE N(T) Level Science Written Examination Papers 1 and 2	Sec 4NT students
5	Oct	GCE N(A) Level Humanities (SS, Geog), (SS, Hist), (SS, Lit) Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4NA students
5	Oct	GCE N(T) Level Retail Operations Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4NT RO students
6	Oct	GCE N(T) Level Computer Applications Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4NT CPA students
6	Oct	GCE N(A) Level Science (Chem/Bio) Written Examination Papers 5 and 6	Sec 4NA (Chem/Bio) students
9	Oct	GCE N(T) Level Mathematics Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4NT students
9	Oct	GCE N(A) Level Principles of Accounts Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4NA POA students
9	Oct	GCE O Level Physics Practical	Sec 4E5N Physics students
10	Oct	GCE N(T) Level Design and Technology Written Examination	Sec 4NT D&T students
10	Oct	GCE N(A) Level Design and Technology Written Examination	Sec 4NA D&T students
10	Oct	GCE O Level Art Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4E5N Art students
12	Oct	GCE O Level Science (Chem/Bio) and (Phy/Chem) Practical	Sec 4E5N (Chem/Bio) and (Phy/Chem) students
13, 16	Oct	Marking Days (No school)	
17	Oct	GCE O Level Biology Practical	Sec 4E5N Biology students
18	Oct	GCE O Level EL Listening Comprehension Examination (Old and New syllabus)	Sec 4E5N students
18	Oct	GCE O Level MTL B Syllabus Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4E5N MTL B students
19	Oct	GCE O Level EL Written Examination Papers 1 and 2 (Old and New syllabus)	Sec 4E5N students

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Date		Event	Level(s)
20	Oct	GCE O Level Humanities (SS, Geog) and (SS, Hist) Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4E5N (SS, Geog) and (SS, Hist) students
23	Oct	Promotion Day (No school)	
24	Oct	GCE O Level Mathematics Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4E5N students
25	Oct	GCE O Level Science (Chem/Bio) and (Phy/Chem) Written Examination Paper 3	Sec 4E5N (Chem/Bio) and (Phy/Chem) students
25	Oct	GCE O Level Chemistry Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4E5N Chemistry students
26	Oct	GCE O Level Mathematics Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4E5N students
27	Oct	GCE O Level Additional Mathematics Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4E5N A Math students
27	Oct	End of Term 4 and school year	
28 Oct - 31 Dec		End-of-Year School Holidays	
30	Oct	GCE O Level Humanities (SS, Geog), (SS, Hist), (SS, Lit in English) Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4E5N (SS, Geog), (SS, Hist) and (SS, Lit) students
30	Oct	GCE O Level Additional Mathematics Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4E5N A Math students
31	Oct	GCE O Level Science (Phy/Chem) Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4E5N (Phy/Chem) students
31	Oct	GCE O Level Science Physics Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4E5N Physics students
1	Nov	GCE O Level Science (Chem/Bio) Written Examination Paper 4	Sec 4E5N (Chem/Bio) students
1	Nov	GCE O Level Science Biology Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4E5N Biology students
1	Nov	GCE O Level Humanities (SS, Lit in English) Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4E5N (SS, Lit) students
2	Nov	GCE O Level Principles of Accounts Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4E5N POA students
2	Nov	GCE O Level Design and Technology Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4E5N D&T students
6	Nov	GCE O Level Principles of Accounts Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4E5N POA students
7	Nov	GCE O Level MTL and Higher MTL Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4E5N MTL and Higher MTL POA students

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8	Nov	GCE O Level Art Written Examination Paper 2	Sec 4E5N Art students
8	Nov	GCE O Level Science Chemistry Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4E5N Chemistry students
9	Nov	GCE O Level Science (Chem/Bio) and (Phy/Chem) Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4E5N (Chem/Bio) and (Phy/Chem) students
9	Nov	GCE O Level Science Physics Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4E5N Physics students
10	Nov	GCE O Level Science Biology Written Examination Paper 1	Sec 4E5N Biology students

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