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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Warm greetings from Gan Eng Seng School.

2. As we conclude an enriching Semester 1 and prepare for the start of Term 3, we would like to thank you for your continued partnership and support in your child's learning journey. The first half of the year has been filled with rich learning experiences, achievements and opportunities for our Gessians to grow in character, leadership and global awareness.

### **Celebrating Student Growth and Achievements**

3. In May, Gan Eng Seng School hosted delegates from the **Arizona State University (ASU) China Executive MBA Programme**. During the visit, the school shared insights into Singapore's education landscape and school life, while Gessians showcased their co-curricular experiences. The visit provided meaningful opportunities for our students to strengthen their communication skills, develop greater cultural awareness, and engage confidently with an international audience.

4. Term 2 provided many opportunities for our students to grow as leaders, learners and contributors. In April, we appointed a new cohort of Student Leaders and conducted the 75th Election of the Head Prefect. Our Gessians also continued to achieve commendable outcomes across sports, academic competitions, co-curricular activities and community engagement initiatives:

### **Sports Excellence**

- In the NSG Track and Field Championships, **Ng Xin Hao Asher (2-5)** secured **3rd Place in the C-Division Boys' 800m Final**. He also represented the school in the NSG Cross Country Championships, demonstrating determination and resilience throughout the season.
- Our Canoeing Team achieved commendable results at the **NSG Canoeing Championships**, earning podium finishes across several events: **3rd Place** in both B-Girls K4 500m and B-Girls K4 1000m; **2nd Place** in the C-Girls K1 1000m and **3rd Place** in the C-Girls K1 500m.
- Our students attained **3rd Place in the B-Division Girls category** and **9th Place in the B-Division Boys category** at the Inter-Schools Boulderling Championships 2026.

### **Academic and Applied Learning Excellence**

- Our Drama Club attained **3rd Place at the International Science Drama Competition**, demonstrating creativity, teamwork and confidence on an international platform.
- At the NUS Geography Challenge 2026, **Emma Ang Hui Zhen (4-5)** was awarded the **Bronze Medal** in the Top Performing Student Individual Component. We also



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commend **Lim Shi Jie (4-5)**, **Tan Ying Jie Hayley (4-5)** and **Vanessa Yuan Wan Lun (4-7)** for representing the school.

- At the National Elements of Business Skills (EBS) Competition 2026, **Caren Peh Jia En (4-1)**, **Wang Yihan (4-1)** and **Leong Wei Ting Ashlyn (4-1)** led Gan Eng Seng School to emerge as the **Overall EBS Champion School** and **EBS Amazing Race Champion**.
- At the Gen G Berita Harian Young Journalist Camp 2026, **Muhammad Naufal Anaqi Rosli** was awarded the **Anugerah Wartawan Paling Semangat (Most Enthusiastic Journalist Award)** in recognition of his enthusiasm, initiative and commitment to journalism.

### Leadership, Advocacy and Student Voice

- Our students continued to contribute actively to language, culture and community advocacy. Two Gessians were appointed as **Rakan Bahasa (Friends of the Malay Language) Ambassadors**, joining a national network of student advocates who champion the use and appreciation of the Malay Language within the community. Their appointment reflects the confidence, leadership and cultural awareness that we seek to nurture in our students.
- We also launched the **Kindness Movement** and piloted **GESSpressions**, student platforms designed to amplify student voice and agency. Through speeches, performances, advocacy initiatives and student-led sharing, GESSpressions provides opportunities for students to express their views, showcase their talents and engage meaningfully with issues that matter to them.

### Uniformed Groups and Character Development

- The **NPCC Unit** attained the prestigious **Distinction Award** in the Unit Overall Proficiency Award (UOPA) 2025 and emerged **1st in Area** at the **NPCC Inter-Unit Drill Competition 2026**, reflecting the dedication, discipline and leadership of our cadets.
- The **71st Girls' Brigade Company** was conferred the **Gold Award**, recognising the commitment and service of our girls, teachers and volunteers.
- Our **NCC Freestyle Drill Team** also performed commendably at the **West District Freestyle Drill Competition**, securing a place in the Grand Finals. Through their participation in drill and ceremonial competitions, our cadets demonstrated precision, teamwork, perseverance and pride in their respective Uniformed Groups.

### Community, Heritage and Cultural Engagement

- Beyond competitions and school-based programmes, our students had opportunities to represent Gan Eng Seng School at significant community and heritage events.
- Gan Eng Seng School was honoured to participate in **Gan Clan Singapore's 60th Anniversary Dinner**, graced by Guest of Honour **Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong**. Our **Dance Ensemble** delivered a vibrant performance that showcased the talent, confidence and spirit of our Gessians while strengthening ties with the wider Gan Clan community and celebrating the school's rich heritage.

### Expanding Global Perspectives

5. As part of our commitment to developing globally aware and culturally sensitive learners, selected students participated in a range of overseas learning experiences during the June holidays.



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- This year, our Internationalisation Programme expanded beyond Guangzhou, Bangkok and Chiang Mai to include exchanges with partner schools in **Beijing and Hong Kong**. Through school visits, cultural immersion and interactions with peers from diverse backgrounds, students gained deeper insights into the cultures, histories and contemporary developments of our regional neighbours.
- These experiences strengthened students' **Civic, Cross-Cultural and Global Literacy**, enabling them to appreciate diverse perspectives, build cross-cultural understanding and engage confidently in an increasingly interconnected world while remaining rooted in Singapore's values and identity.

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### Looking Ahead to Term 3

6. Term 3 marks an important phase of the academic year as students continue to build on their learning and prepare for upcoming assessments and key school programmes. Parents/guardians are encouraged to continue supporting their child's learning routines, attendance, well-being and positive use of technology. Your partnership remains instrumental in helping our students stay focused, resilient and motivated.

### Timetable Adjustments (Semester 2 onwards)

7. There will be some changes to the timetable for Semester 2. This is to free up time on selected afternoons for additional academic support and student-initiated activities and to better streamline the timetable. The revised timetable has earlier dismissal time for classes now. Key changes include:

- Each lesson period will now be conducted in a **35-minute block**, replacing the current 20-minute block structure.
- Home-Based Learning (HBL) will no longer take place once every fortnight. **14 to 16 July 2026 (Term 3 Week 3)** has been designated as the HBL days for Secondary 1 to 3 while Secondary 4 and 5 students are undergoing the GCE O- and N-level Oral Examinations. Students will be assigned online learning activities to ensure continuity of learning. We seek your support in encouraging your child's active participation in the learning tasks.

8. The **revised reporting arrangements** are listed below. Students are required to be seated at their respective reporting venues at least five minutes before the stipulated reporting time.

Day	Reporting Time	Venue
Monday	8.25 am	Arena
Tuesday	7.50 am	Classroom
Wednesday	7.50 am	Classroom
Thursday	7.50 am	Classroom
Friday	7.50 am	Arena

The revised timetable will be shared with students via SLS and email before the commencement of Term 3.



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### Support Programmes for Graduating Students

9. To support our graduating students in their preparation for the National Examinations, the school will be implementing three complementary programmes in Semester 2. The Year Head and the subject teachers will inform the identified students on the dates and timings of these programmes.

- The **Achievers' Programme** provides selected Sec 4NT and 4NA students with additional subject-specific remedial lessons and targeted practice to strengthen their mastery of key concepts and address learning gaps.
- The **Afternoon Study Programme** offers a structured and conducive environment for independent study, teacher consultation and the development of effective study habits for identified Sec 4NT, 4NA, 4E and 5NA students.
- The **Timed Practice programme** provides Sec 4E and 5NA students with opportunities to complete examination-style papers under timed conditions to strengthen examination techniques, improve time management and familiarise themselves with examination demands.
- Detailed schedules, reporting arrangements and participation requirements will be communicated to students and parents/guardians at the start of Term 3.

Day	Type of Support Programme	Target Group of Students	Timing (selected weeks)
Monday	Achievers' Programme	4NT and 4NA (Selected)	After curriculum hours
	Afternoon Study Programme	4NT, 4NA, 4E and 5NA (Selected)	3.15 pm – 5.00 pm
Tuesday	Timed Practice	4E and 5NA (All)	3.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Thursday	Achievers' Programme	4NT and 4NA (Selected)	After curriculum hours
	Afternoon Study Programme	4NT, 4NA, 4E and 5NA (Selected)	3.15 pm – 5.00 pm
Friday	Timed Practice	4E and 5NA (All)	2.30 pm – 5.00 pm

### 10. Preliminary Examinations and National Examination Preparation (Secondary 4 and 5 students)

- As students enter the second half of the academic year, they will progressively prepare for the Preliminary and National Examinations. We encourage all students to manage their time well, maintain consistent study routines and seek support from their teachers whenever needed.
- The Preliminary Examination period will commence in August 2026. Detailed examination timetables have been communicated to students via their school emails on 14 May, and parents/guardians via PG on 19 May. Please note the following period(s):
  - **Sec 4NT & 4NA:** 3 August to 14 August 2026
  - **Sec 4 E & Sec 5 NA:** 11, 13, 18, 20 August 2026 (Science Practicals); 24 August to 2 September and 14 September 2026 (Written)

You may access the Preliminary Examination timetables through our school website: <https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/school-information/exam-matters/>.

- Parents/guardians play an important role in supporting students during this period. We encourage you to provide a conducive home environment, maintain open



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communication with your child and support healthy routines that promote both academic success and well-being.

### Weighted Assessments and Support Programme for Secondary 1 to 3

11. As in Semester 1, assessments for Secondary 1 to 3 students will be spread out over several weeks this term. In addition to written tests, students will continue to experience Alternative Assessment practices designed to deepen their learning and develop a broader range of skills. You may access more information on the assessment through the school website: <https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/weighted-assessment/>.

12. To support our Secondary 1 to 3 students who need further support in their academic learning, the school will be implementing **Achievers' Programme** which provides selected students with additional subject-specific remedial lessons to strengthen their mastery of key concepts and address learning gaps in Semester 2. The subject teachers will inform the identified students on the dates and timings of this programme.

Day	Type of Support Programme	Target Group of Students	Timing (selected weeks)
Monday	Achiever's Programme	Sec 1, 2, and 3 (Selected)	After curriculum hours
Thursday	Achiever's Programme	Sec 1, 2, and 3 (Selected)	After curriculum hours

13. We encourage all students to manage their time well and approach these assessments with preparedness. If needed, please contact our Senior School Counsellor, Mr Sim Kwang Mong at [sim\\_kwang\\_mong@schools.gov.sg](mailto:sim_kwang_mong@schools.gov.sg) for counselling support, Ms Christina Ho at [Ho\\_Yuin\\_Ching\\_Christina@schools.gov.sg](mailto:Ho_Yuin_Ching_Christina@schools.gov.sg) for career counselling and Ms Yap Soo Ting at [yap\\_soo\\_ting@schools.gov.sg](mailto:yap_soo_ting@schools.gov.sg) for special needs matters. As parents/guardians, do continue to motivate your child/ward to give his or her best to each assessment.

### Working Together for Every Gessian

14. We look forward to the active partnership with all parents/guardians to give all our students an enriching schooling experience. Kindly refer to Annex A for **Term 3's key events**. Should you have any queries, please feel free to email the school at [gess@moe.edu.sg](mailto:gess@moe.edu.sg).

Follow us on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/theofficialgess> and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SG.GESS> for timely updates on school events.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal



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### Key Events for Term 3 (2026)

### Annex A

Date	Event	Remarks
30 June – 10 Jul (Tues to Fri)	Sec 4 & 5 - EL and MTL Oral Intensive for selected students	7.30am – 8.00am
1 Jul	Sec 2 AI for Fun #2	PM
3 Jul	Sports Fiesta	AM No CCA in afternoon
6 Jul	Youth Day School Holiday	General Office is closed
7 Jul	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examination	PM (Dismissal at 12.55pm –Sec 1-3 and for Sec 4&5 students not taking the exam) No CCA in afternoon
8 Jul	Sports Wednesday #5	
10 Jul	Sec 2 Breakfast with Parents	
11 Jul	SYF Dance Extravaganza	
13 - 17 Jul	GCE Oral Examinations	No CCA on 14/7 & 17/7
14 - 16 Jul	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 - 3)	
20 Jul	Mother Tongue Learning Fortnight (Part 2)	
21 Jul	Racial Harmony Day 2026	
29 Jul	White Space for Student Leaders (Mental Well-being & Cyber Wellness Training)	
3 - 14 Aug	4NA/NT Preliminary Examinations	
7 Aug	National Day Celebrations	Dismissal at 10.30am
10 Aug	National Day School Holiday	
11 - 21 Aug	Oral Examinations & Practical Examinations	Various Levels No CCA on 11/8
11,13,18,20 Aug	4E5N Preliminary Examinations (Science Practical)	
24 Aug - 2 Sep & 14 Sep	4E5N Preliminary Examinations (written)	
26 Aug	FT & Class Committee Meeting #3	
28 Aug	South Area Cub Scouts Day	No CCA on 28/8
2 Sep	Teachers' Day Rehearsal	No CCA on 1/9
3 Sep	Teachers and Support Staff Day Celebration	
4 Sep	Teachers' Day School Holiday	
5–13 Sep	September Holidays / Protected Vacation Time	
14 Sep	First Day of Term 4	