



## GAN ENG SENG SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### A Warm Welcome to 2025!

This year marks a significant milestone in the history of our school as we celebrate our 140th anniversary under the theme 'Celebrating our Legacy and Embracing the Future'. We have a range of exciting events planned, and one of the highlights took place on January 3, 2025.

It was a privilege to meet many of you at our first anniversary event, where we proudly set a new record in the Singapore Book of Records for the largest human formation of the number 140. The overwhelming participation from our parents, school partners such as the School Advisory Committee, Gan Eng Seng School Old Students' Association (GESSOSA), and the Parent-Teacher Association made the event truly special. Your involvement not only contributed to the success of the day but also reflected the spirit of unity that has been at the heart of Gan Eng Seng School for the past 140 years.

As we move forward into this exciting year, we have planned other events to continue celebrating our 140th anniversary, including the Cycle for a Cause activity, Founders' Day, and the GESS 140th Anniversary Dinner at Orchard Hotel (organised by GESSOSA). It is our hope that you will continue to support these events as we work together to build on the legacy of excellence that has defined our school for over a century. For more details, please visit <https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/>.

#### 1. Staff Updates

We are very happy to welcome our new colleagues who have joined us in 2025: Mr Goh Thye Heng (VP), Madam Chen Xi (CL), Miss Tan Sze Jiin (Chem/Bio), Mr Senthil Kumaran S/O Kunasegaran (Science), Miss Alysia Soon Ya (Art), Mr Harran Punithan (Hist/SS), Mdm Reshmi Menon (FCE/EBS), Miss Lynn Quek Xin Yi (Lit/EL), Miss Wong Jing Ning (CL), Miss Chua Arielle Elise (POA/EBS), Miss Hemalatha (Student Well-Being Officer), Miss Josephine Tang (Admin Executive) and Mr Ng Tuan Kiat (Operations Manager).

We would also like to express our appreciation to all other staff who left us at the end of the year. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

#### 2. Celebrating Our Students' Achievements

##### i) GCE 'N' Level Results 2024

GESS Secondary Four N-level students did us proud in the 2024 GCE N-Level examinations. Our NT students achieved excellent results with 100% gaining admission to the Institute of



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Technical Education (ITE). 93.2% of our NA students were eligible for Sec 5 and 91.8% qualified for the Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic programme (DPP). 24 4NA students obtained ELMAB3 of 8 points or less, with 22 from this group obtaining an 'Excellent' for their CCAs too. 12 4NT students obtained EMB2 of 5 points or less, with 10 from this group achieving an 'Excellent' for their CCAs too. 5 students in our 2024 Sec 4NA and 4NT received the MOE Edusave Character Award (ECHA) for exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities. Heartiest congratulations to our 2024 N-Level cohort!

### ii) GCE 'O' Level Results 2024

The 2024 cohort of Sec 4Exp/5NA students has done very well in the GCE 'O' level examination 2024. 100% of Sec 4 Express and 57.1% of Sec 5NA students achieved 5 GCE 'O' level passes. 82.5% of our Sec 4 Express students are eligible for JC and 100% qualify for Polytechnic education. 50% and 66.7% of the Sec 5NA students are eligible for JC and Polytechnic education respectively. 11 students in the 2024 4EX/5NA graduating cohort received the MOE Edusave Character Award (ECHA).

Sincere appreciation goes to all teachers who have taught this cohort of students. They have instilled the right values and disposition so that Gessians can move on successfully to the next phase of their academic life. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the School Advisory Committee, Parent-Teacher-Association (PTA), Alumni (GESSOSA), and all parents/guardians who have worked with us to bring out the best in our students.

### 3. School Based Assessments

As part of our ongoing commitment to academic excellence, all levels will have weighted assessments (WAs) throughout the year. These assessments are integral to evaluating and reinforcing your child's/ward's progress in their studies. To ensure the best possible outcomes, it is essential that students put in their best effort for each assessment. We kindly request your active partnership in encouraging your child/ward to revise their work regularly, reinforcing their knowledge and skills in the respective subjects.

#### CESS Assessment Weighting Distribution (for 2025)

Level/ Term	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
	WA1	WA2	WA3	End-Of-Year Examination
Sec 1	10%	15%	15%	60%
Sec 2	10%	10%	10%	70%
Sec 3	10%	15%	15%	60%
Sec 4/5	15%	15%	-	70% (Prelim)

The Weighted Assessment (WA) Schedule for 2025 has been uploaded to the school website: <https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/weighted-assessment/>.



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### 4. Communication with school

MOE has come up with guidelines for School-Home Partnership which aim to strengthen collaboration with parents for the holistic development of Gessians. While we do our best for our students, we also take care of our staff well-being. Kindly take note of the following:

- a) Keep all communication to teachers within school hours (8 am to 6 pm) on working days and during school terms.
- b) Teachers are not expected to respond to parents' or students' queries after office hours, during weekends or on school holidays.
- c) Urgent messages to teachers may be directed to the General Office, should the teachers be in class and are uncontactable during school hours.
- d) Teachers are not expected to provide their personal mobile numbers to parents/students.
- e) Appointments to see teachers (face to face or virtual) should be made at least 3 working days in advance. You may call the General Office to make the appointment or email the teachers directly. Email addresses of the teachers can be found on our website: <https://ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/school-information/key-personnel-and-form-teachers/>
- f) GESS Student Handbook 2025 contains useful information about school policies, rules and regulations and school calendar. Do go through the content with your child/ward to help him/her understand the information given.

Kindly email us through our generic email address [gess@moe.edu.sg](mailto:gess@moe.edu.sg) if you have any concerns or feedback. The school leaders will respond to these emails personally within 3 working days.

### 5. Use of Photographs and video images of students/parents

Please be informed that photograph(s) or video image(s) of you and your child/ward may be captured during school activities and events such as CCAs, GESS camps and Meet-Parent-Sessions. The school may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website, social media channels, and other communication channels.

### 6. Key Events and Important Dates for Term 1, 2025

Please refer to Annex A for key events and important dates for term 1. We look forward to another year of active partnership with all parents/guardians so as to give all our students an enriching schooling experience.

Onward!

Ms Tan Hwee Pin  
Principal



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### Key Dates for Term 1 (2025)

### Annex A

Dates	Event	Remarks (if any)
14 Jan & 17 Jan	Sec 1 CCA Trials & Auditions	
22 Jan & 19 Feb	Sports Wednesday	Students are encouraged to participate in sports after curriculum hours
28 Jan	Chinese New Year Celebrations	Attire for the day-Red top for all staff and students. School will be dismissed at 10.30 am
29 Jan & 30 Jan	Chinese New Year Holidays	
31 Jan to 6 Feb	Mother Tongue Fortnight Programme	
6 Feb	Phototaking for Sec 1&3	Students must put on their full uniform and school tie for the phototaking.
7 Feb	Sec 1 CCA first training	
12 Feb, 26 Feb & 12 Mar	HBL Day for all levels	
14 Feb	Breakfast with Sec 4/5 parents from 8 am to 9 am	
17 Feb	Total Defence Day Commemoration	
4 Mar	Class photo-taking for all levels	
5 Mar	iPad and DMA Deployment for Sec 1 (2pm to 5pm)	
13 Mar	CESS 140 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Cycle for a Cause (5 pm)	
14 Mar	CESS 140 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Cycle for a Cause completion (7 am)  Founder's Day Celebrations (7.30 am to 12 pm)  CESS 140 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Orchard Hotel (7pm)	
15 Mar-23 Mar	Term Break	

