



# SERANGOON SECONDARY SCHOOL


11 Upper Serangoon View  
Singapore 534237



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Through Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,


  
**Mdm Tay Siok Hwa**  
 Principal  
 Serangoon Secondary School  
 22/9/2021

## 2021 Term 4 Letter – Secondary 1 to 3

1. As we continue our partnership with you in your child's/ward's journey towards the end of the academic year, we would like to update you on:

- End-of-Year Examinations
- COVID-19 Safe Management Measures (SMMs)
- Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Updates
- Key Events in Term 4
  - Learning Week 2
  - Parent Engagement Session
  - Sec 2 Subject Allocation Exercise
  - Sec 3 Bridging Programme
- Sale of Books and Uniforms
- School Expectations
- Home-School Partnerships

### End-of-Year Examinations

2. Your child/ward has received the End-of-Year Examinations Timetable in the first week of Term 4. Kindly take note of the following key dates during the examination period:

Date	Activities
30 September 2021	End-of-Year Examinations: English Language Papers 1 & 2
1 to 6 October 2021	Regular lessons
7 to 15 October 2021*	End-of-Year Examinations: All other subjects
18 October 2021	Marking Day (No school)
19 to 29 October 2021	Remainder of Term 4: Examination feedback, regular lessons, Learning Week 2

\*14 and 15 October (Thursday and Friday) will be E-Learning Day for Sec 1 and 2 students. Sec 1 and 2 students do not need to report to school on these two days.

3. All Sec 1 to 3 students do not need to report to school on Marking Day, **18 October (Monday)**.

### COVID-19 Safe Management Measures (SMMs)

4. We will continue to ensure that SMMs are in place to keep students and staff safe, such as:
- Proper wearing of **surgical masks**, or reusable masks with equivalent effectiveness, at all times
  - Daily temperature-taking – students without a working oral digital thermometer are required to purchase one from the school bookshop (priced at \$5.50)
  - Regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces and disinfection of premises
  - Frequent washing of hands and wipe-down of tables after use
  - Seating with at least 1-metre spacing in the classrooms
  - Staggered recesses, with students seated by class and with at least 1-metre spacing in the canteen

5. **Enhanced Leave of Absence and Approved Absence Policies.** As required by MOE, parents/guardians must alert your child's/ward's Form Teachers and keep your child/ward at home in the following situations. Your child/ward will continue to be supported in learning through the syllabus schedules on our school website and live Zoom lessons.
- Students, or their household members, **unwell with flu-like symptoms** (fever, cough, runny nose, loss of smell) should seek medical attention immediately. Students can only return to school when the relevant individual's COVID-19 ART and/or PCR test result is/are negative.
  - Students, or their household members, are required to undergo **mandatory testing due to a COVID-19 cluster** (including MOH's Health Risk Warning). Students can only return to school when the relevant individual's COVID-19 PCR test result is negative.
  - Students with **household members on Quarantine Order (QO)** can only return to school after the individual has tested negative for COVID-19 entry PCR test.
6. **Year-End Holiday Travel Advisory and Travel Declarations.** Students should continue to defer all travel overseas unless it is permissible under the prevailing MOH's travel advisory. Parents/Guardians are required to make a travel declaration by **29 October (Friday)** for their child/ward only if he/she intends to travel during the year-end holidays.

### **Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Updates**

7. Sec 1 to 3 students have stood down from their CCA after **17 September (Friday)**, to allow them sufficient time to prepare for their End-of-Year Examinations. CCAs will resume **on or after 20 October (Wednesday)**. Your child/ward will receive information on his/her practice sessions from his/her CCA teachers.

### **Key Events in Term 4**

8. **Learning Week 2.** The holistic development of our students is important and a myriad of activities have been planned for our Sec 1 to 3 students. Through these learning experiences, we seek to enable our students to make connections between classroom learning and out-of-classroom learning; develop their character, social and emotional competencies, and skills; and deepen their sense of belonging to school. Learning Week 2 will take place on **28 and 29 October (Thursday and Friday)**, subject to the prevailing SMMs.
9. **Parent Engagement Session (PES).** We will like to continue to update you on the progress of your child/ward in this final term. Form Teachers will contact you via a phone call between **29 October (Friday) and 10 November (Wednesday)**. Virtual meetings via Zoom will be arranged for identified students where necessary.
10. **Sec 2 Subject Allocation Exercise.** Sec 2 students will be briefed by **29 October (Friday)** on the administrative instructions for this exercise. Thereafter, students will be able to submit their choices online. The closing date for online submission is **3 November (Wednesday)**.
11. **Sec 3 Bridging Programme.** The Sec 3 Bridging Programme, which comprises timetabled lessons, is very important in preparing your child/ward for his/her studies in Sec 4. It will take place from **1 to 10 November**. However, there will be **no bridging lesson** on Deepavali Public Holiday on **4 November (Thursday)**. Students will be issued with the Sec 3 Bridging Timetable at a later date.
12. **E-Open House 2021.** Our school's online Open House will be on **27 November (Saturday)**, with the first session from 9 am to 10 am and the second session from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm. There will be live sharing by School Leaders, Key Personnel, and student leaders, and a Q&A session. Parents/Guardians are invited to share these details with other parents/guardians with Pri 6 children, and to join a session if you have Pri 6 children. Registration information will be available on our school website by end-October.

### **Sale of Books and Uniforms**

13. In view of the COVID-19 situation, online sale of books and uniforms is the mode as per last year. It is important to minimise the presence of and intermingling between vendors, parents/guardians, and students in school premises. Hence, we strongly encourage you to purchase your books and uniforms online with home delivery as the preferred option. However, we understand that there are parents/guardians who may prefer to self-collect the books and uniforms in school and we are working on the details to facilitate this. Planning is currently underway, and we will provide more details towards the end of Term 4.

### **School Expectations**

14. Students coming in after 7.30 am (for Sec 1) or after 7.40 am (for Sec 2 and 3) are late for school and will be required to serve detention. We encourage students to arrive in school at least five minutes before the respective reporting time. This will help them frame their mind and prepare themselves to learn for the rest of the day.

15. With face masks mandatory due to COVID-19, students can wear the **half school uniform** (PE shirt with pants/skirt) on all days. Members of Uniformed Groups (UGs) can also wear their UG pants/skirts with their boots/shoes on Wednesdays and/or Fridays.
16. The **proper** wearing of face masks is paramount. Students must wear their face masks properly, covering their nose, mouth, and chin at all times. They are only allowed to remove their masks during meal times and PE lessons. After their meals or PE lessons, they must immediately wear back their masks. Consequences will be given to students who do not wear their masks despite reminders and warnings, and these consequences include detention and suspension from school.
17. As a school, we strive to inculcate appropriate and responsible device usage in our students. Unless allowed by teachers for learning purposes during lessons, handphone usage is restricted to before 7.25 am and after dismissal. Handphones are not allowed during recess, so that students can focus on taking meals or interacting with peers. Parents/Guardians can contact the General Office at 6385 1589 if you need to contact your child/ward urgently.
18. Students returning to school during the year-end holidays are required to be in half-uniform with black shoes and black socks. Students with improper attire will not be allowed to enter the school premises. Students should also have their thermometer and TraceTogether Token/App with them as part of our ringfencing efforts to keep the school a safe place for everyone.

### Home-School Partnerships

19. Teachers can be contacted at **6385 1589** during **weekdays** between **7.30 am and 6.00 pm**. Alternatively, you may reach our staff by sending an email to [serangoon\\_ss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:serangoon_ss@moe.edu.sg).
20. You may also wish to visit our school website ([www.serangoonsec.moe.edu.sg](http://www.serangoonsec.moe.edu.sg)) for updates and key information on our school programmes.
21. We thank you for your continued support of the school and our programmes. If you require any clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact the following personnel at 6385 1589:
  - Mdm Cindy Lum, Year Head (Upper Sec)
  - Ms Ezyanti Siregar, Assistant Year Head (Sec 3) (Covering)
  - Mdm Low Siew Ping, Year Head (Lower Sec)
  - Ms Lee Zhi Li, Assistant Year Head (Sec 2)
  - Mr Kwek Cher Wei Dennis, Assistant Year Head (Sec 1) (Covering)
22. On behalf of all staff, we thank you for your support and partnership. We hope that it has been a fulfilling journey this year for your child/ward, and we wish him/her all the best for the examinations ahead. Keep safe!

Yours sincerely,



Mdm Low Siew Ping  
Year Head (Lower Sec)



Mdm Lum Cindy  
Year Head (Upper Sec)

**Serangoon Secondary School – 2021 Term 4 School Events, Programmes, and Holidays**

Term 4						
Date (tentative)	Event	Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4 & 5	Parents/ Guardians
15 – 23 Sep & 11 – 14 Oct	N-Level Practical & Written Examinations				✓*	
30 Sep & 7 – 15 Oct	End-of-Year Examinations	✓	✓	✓		
11 Oct – 16 Nov	O-Level Practical & Written Examinations				✓*	
15 Oct	O-Level EL e-LC				✓*	
18 Oct	Marking Day ( <b>No school</b> )	✓	✓	✓		
25 Oct	Promotion Day ( <b>No school</b> )	✓	✓	✓		
28 – 29 Oct	Learning Week 2	✓	✓	✓		
29 Oct	Parent Engagement Session; Last day of school for Sec 1 – 3	✓	✓	✓		✓
30 Oct – 31 Dec	Year-End School Holidays <i>20 Nov – 12 Dec: Protected time; no activities. (Students may have CCA and/or Mastery Learning Programme classes on other days)</i>	✓	✓	✓		
1 – 10 Nov	Sec 3 Bridging Programme			✓		
4 Nov	Deepavali (Public Holiday)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
27 Nov	E-Open House 2021					✓*

\*For selected students only

Note: The above dates are subjected to changes in view of the COVID-19 situation.