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Dear Parents / Guardians

Updates on School-Based Assessment 2020

- Due to COVID-19 pandemic, all schools implemented Full Home-Based Learning (HBL) from 7 April to 4 May 2020. The Mid-Year School Holidays were also brought forward to 5 May to cover the extended Circuit Breaker which ended on 1 June. Hence, we were not able to carry out the Weighted Assessment (WA) in Term 2 for Sec 1 and 3, as well as the Mid-Year Examination for Sec 2, 4 and 5.
- 2. In reviewing the School-Based Assessment (SBA) weighting and schedule, we are mindful that our students need time to adjust and transit back to school after a month of Full HBL and the Mid-Year School Holidays. We have also taken into consideration the time needed for curriculum recovery, student well-being and readiness. In addition, our teachers will adjust the scope, format and mode of assessment to ensure appropriate pitching and a manageable assessment load.
- 3. We have adjusted the weighting for the WA in Term 3 and the End-Year Examination in Term 4 for Sec 1, 2 and 3. The assessment weighting for the Preliminary Examination for Sec 4 and 5 remains unchanged. The revised SBA weighting is shown in the table below.

Distribution of Assessment Weighting

| | Term 1 2 Jan – 13 Mar | Term 2 23 March – 4 May | | Term 3 2 Jun – 6 Sep | Term 4 14 Sep – 23 Oct |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | Weighted Assessment | Weighted Assessment | Mid-Year Examination | Weighted Assessment | End-Year Examination |
| Sec 1 | 15% | Removed [15%] | - | 20% [15%] | 65% [55%] |
| Sec 2 | 10% | - | Removed [30%] | 20% [10%] | 70% [50%] |
| Sec 3 | 15% | Removed [15%] | - | 20% [15%] | 65% [55%] |
| Sec 4/5 | 100% | - | Removed [100%] | 100% (Preliminary Examination) | - |

Note: Percentage in square brackets [] refers to the original assessment weighting stated in the Student Handbook.

4. We also share with you the School-based Assessment Schedule for Semester 2, in alignment with the revised School Terms for 2020.

School-based Assessment Schedule

| | Weighted Assessment | N-Level Preliminary Exam | O-Level Preliminary Exam | End-Year Exam |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Sec 1, 2, 3 | 7 July to 17 July* and 27 July to 30 July | - | - | 28 September to 9 October |
| Sec 4NA/NT | - | 4 August to 17 August | - | - |
| Sec 4E/5NA | - | - | Phase 1: 31 August to 2 September Phase 2: 14 September to 18 September | - |

^{*}There is a mid-term school holiday from 20 to 26 July 2020.

- 5. Further details of the schedule and topics/chapters to be covered for Weighted Assessment will be communicated to the students during the Form Teacher Time next week.
- 6. For further clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact Mdm Goh Shwu Jun, Head of Mathematics, at 64560669 ext. 114.

Thank you and keep safe!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Carol Lim Principal