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Dear Parents/Guardian of Secondary 1 students,

1 Term 1 has been an exciting time for change and learning for our new Sec 1 students as they are transiting from primary to secondary school. By now, they are more accustomed to the school environment, learning expectations and would have also formed some friendships with their classmates and CCA mates. Our Sec 2 and 3 Peer Support Leaders (PSLs) have helped them with the transition the past few months. Our PSLs are inspired by their seniors before and now they are paying it forward with a sense of humility to serve and confidence to lead, like in our school mission, through supporting their juniors.

2 A recent highlight of Term 1 would have been the unboxing of their personal learning devices (PLDs) at the end of Week 9. With the PLDs, there will be increased online learning assignments and activities for their subsequent Self-Directed Learning days. To prepare them, all Sec 1 students experienced a different mode of learning on Wednesday, 6 Mar, as part of their End of Term Cohort Activity. They were introduced to additional tools and functions of their PLDs through the completion of challenges in groups.

3 The school regularly shares our activities for students on the school's official Instagram account. We invite you to follow this account to view snapshots of school life for your child/ward. Knowing what your child/ward may have experienced in school is a good conversation starter to connect with him/her about his/her relationships in school and sense of well-being. Do search for us using *officialctss* on Instagram.

4 In the rest of this letter, the school would like to share information about school activities which have been planned for Sec 1s in Term 2.

Academic Support

5 From Term 2, Week 2 till Week 9, students may sign up for 30 minutes of individual or group consultation with their subject teachers every Friday afternoon. They may refer to their subject teachers' google calendar to sign up for these face-to-face or zoom consultation sessions.

Well-being Week (Monday 1 April to Friday 5 April 2024)

6 CTSS Well-being week aims to educate students on their self-management of personal well-being, both psychologically and physically. We hope that Clementeens will learn, start and sustain healthy psychological and physical habits through a series of informative activities that will be conducted during ASPIRE Time, recess and lessons. The series of activities will be led by Student Leaders, for Clementeens by Clementeens.

7 In the area of cultivating good physical habits, Clementeens will learn to be mindful of the food we consume. They will also have the opportunities to participate in exercise challenges during recess to keep their body active and explore the use of Target Games to bring about positive emotions.

8 To enhance psychological well-being, Clementeens will learn to focus on strengthening their resilience through thought reframing process, self-care as well as showing care and support for others.

International Friendship Week (Monday 8 April to Thursday 11 April 2024)

9 International Friendship Day helps the world to overcome its challenges and complexity using the most basic form of human solidarity, friendship.

10 The theme for International Friendship Day this year is *Singapore in Asia*. Asia is made up of colourful and diverse cultures. Mutual understanding of each other's culture helps to promote regional peace through the acknowledgement and respect of cultural differences within the region.

11 This year, for International Friendship Day, students will get the opportunity to appreciate the culture of selected ASEAN countries through engaging booth activities during recesses. Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) lesson will also portray how countries within the region help each other through different situations, highlighting the cooperation and solidarity of ASEAN.

Cyberwellness Week (Monday 15 April to Friday 19 April 2024)

12 CTSS Cyber Wellness Week aims to reinforce the key cyber wellness messages in our Clementeens through recess activities and sharing by Student Leaders. This year, the school will focus on the Digital Well-being of our Clementeens to reinforce the following messages:

- Embrace the affordances of technology while maintaining a balanced lifestyle between offline and online activities.
- Be a safe and responsible user of technology and maintain a positive online presence.
- Be responsible for personal well-being in cyberspace.

13 Through the activities, our Clementeens will have the opportunities to be aware of their digital wellness and online habits, from which they will then be able to work on sustainable online habits to ensure their Digital Well-being. The assembly programme by Cyber Security Agency of Singapore on "CyberSavvy, A Safe Journey" as well as the "Be Cyber Safe" Pop-Up will also focus on the importance of cybersecurity and cyber tips to adopt.

44th Speech and Prize-Giving Day (Friday 26 April 2024)

14 CTSS is celebrating our 44th Speech and Prize-Giving Day on Friday 26 April 2024. We are honoured to invite our present and past Clementeens who are prize winners, as well as their parents and guardians to attend the ceremony. Our Sec 2 and 3 Prize Giving Ceremony will be held during ASPIRE Time on 29 April and 6 May 2024 respectively. We look forward to celebrating the successes of all our Clementeens on that day.

Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Cohort Camp (Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024)

15 A 4 day 3 night outdoor adventure cohort camp is being planned for the Sec 1 students from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024. This cohort camp which is part of the Outdoor Education curriculum and is a key student development experience that not only gives students the opportunity to learn and apply outdoor adventure knowledge and skills, it is also a character building opportunity to strengthen the school values of adaptability, perseverance and respect. With activities conducted in small group formats, students will have to exercise collaboration skills to work with others in order to achieve group goals. We seek your support in enabling your child/ward to attend the camp fully. Details will be provided at a later stage.

Mid-Year Parent-Staff Interaction (Thursday 23 May and Friday 24 May 2024)

16 Our Mid-Year Parent-Staff Interaction will be held either via phone call or Zoom this year. An announcement will be put up on Parent Gateway to invite you to register your mode of communication with the CCA Parent in May 2024. You may choose a slot on either Thursday 23 May or Friday 24 May 2024.

Recruitment of Student Leaders for Student Union 2024

17 The recruitment of Student Leaders for the Student Union 2024/25 is underway, marking the second year of the Student Union's establishment. The school has consolidated its Student Leadership structure under the new Student Union framework. For the past year, the Student Union, in its four strands (CARE, EXPERIENCE, OUTREACH, and VOICE), have been focusing on different facets of school and student life and allowing our Student Leaders to contribute to areas aligned with their interests and expertise, enhancing their ability to positively impact the school community and environment.

18 We invite Sec 1 and Sec 2 Clementeens to express their interest in joining the Student Union, and we encourage parents to engage in conversations with their children about this opportunity. Existing Student Leaders will also be given the opportunity to indicate their preferred strands in efforts to better optimize the potential of our students in fostering constructive change within the school and broader community.

Leadership Handover Ceremony (Thursday 23 May 2024)

19 The Leadership Handover Ceremony will be held on the morning of Thursday 23 May 2024, as part of the end of term programme. This event aims to acknowledge the dedication and leadership demonstrated by our Upper Secondary Student Leaders over the past year. It signifies a significant moment where the present leaders take a step back, paving the way for the incoming leaders to assume their roles. We eagerly anticipate commemorating the accomplishments and development of our Clementeens during this ceremony.

Sec 1 to 3 Student Leadership Camp (Monday 27 May to Tuesday 28 May 2024)

20 There will be a mandatory Student Leadership Camp from Monday 27 May to Tuesday 28 May 2024 for all newly appointed Student Leaders and Executive Committee members of the new Student Union. The primary focus of the camp is to empower our Student Leaders with essential skills and knowledge required for their roles in the upcoming year. The camp will also emphasize on fostering team bonding through interactive activities to welcome the new members to the Student Union as they embark on various learning journeys and engage in service learning activities as a team.

8th Biennial School Musical (End of Term 2)

21 At the end of Term 2, we will be putting up our 8th biennial school musical, *Dear You*. The musical is a six-month long journey that seeks to teach our students good lessons of empathy, respect and perseverance. Students, staff and alumni are involved in the production as cast, crew or creatives, allowing them to showcase and develop their talents in their areas of interest. While the Drama Club leads this production, the rest of the school was invited to join in various roles. More details on the show will be provided nearing the date. We hope for our students, if they are not involved in the production, to attend the show as part of their aesthetics exposure, and to support their friends and schoolmates.

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS' SUPPORT

Promoting Punctuality

22 Punctuality is an important habit that contributes to academic success and personal development. By arriving on time, students cultivate a sense of responsibility and discipline, setting the tone for a productive day of learning.

23 The morning flag raising ceremony begins at 7:35 am and thus all Clementeens must be at the designated assembly area (school hall / quadrangle / classroom) at **7:30 am**. We appreciate your partnership in emphasising the value of being punctual and contribute to creating a positive learning environment.

Sharing for Parents: Gaming and Your Child (Saturday 23 March 2024)

24 Following our first parent sharing session on Current and Emerging Youth Trends, the school will be conducting our second parent sharing entitled 'Gaming and Your Child', looking into the pros, cons, effects and things to note about gaming, and how to work with your child/ward with regard to it. The sharing will be held via zoom on Saturday 23 March 2024, from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. More details will be provided on Parents Gateway.

Safety and Security Related Matters

25 The school appreciates that the majority of our parents/guardians are cooperative and partners with us in ensuring the safety and security of our staff and students. We would like to remind parents/guardians on the following:

- a. Visitor Declaration. To enable the accounting of all visitors into the school compound, all visitors must register their particulars at the Security Guard Post. Do show our Security Guards any ID which can proof your identification. Upon clearance by the security guards, visitors **MUST** display the school visitor's sticker prominently on the upper right side of the shirt/blouse.
- b. No Parking/Waiting at the Foyer. Please be reminded that the road along the Foyer is meant to be a drop-off/pick-up point and not for parking or waiting. Parents/guardians can park their vehicles at Carpark A if your child/ward is not ready to board the vehicle. Do wait for your child inside the car and not at the foyer area.

26 We would like to underscore the importance of attendance for our end of term activities. With the recent removal of Mid-Year Exam, schools have been encouraged to redesign the learning experiences for our students. In line with this, the school has put in place end of term cohort activities to enrich our Clementeens learning experiences and support the achievement of important learning objectives within the curriculum.

27 The end of term cohort activities aim to extend learning beyond the regular classroom-based learning to provide students with real-world applications of their knowledge. This approach reinforces academic understanding and foster collaboration and problem-solving skills. Therefore, it is imperative that students attend and participate actively in these activities. Your support in ensuring their attendance and participation will greatly contribute to their holistic growth and academic success.

28 I look forward to another school term of rich and meaningful learning together with our Clementeens. I also seek parents'/guardian's continued understanding and support to work with my staff as we nurture them holistically.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

(This is an electronic letter. No signature is required.)