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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 transitioned 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) in 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 the last day of school, as part of their 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 27 March to Friday 31 March 2023)**

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 Sports Leaders and Peer Support 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 new sporting activities such as Target Games.

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 10 April to Friday 14 April 2023)**

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 recess throughout the week. 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.

### **43rd Speech and Prize-Giving Day (Thursday 27 April 2023)**

12 CTSS is celebrating our 43rd Speech and Prize-Giving Day on Thursday, 27 April 2023. This would be our first full-scale celebration since the pandemic, and we are thankful to once again be able to invite our ex-Clementeens and parents of prize winners to attend the ceremony. Our Sec 2 and 3 Prize Giving Ceremony will be held during ASPIRE Time on Tuesdays, 2 and 9 May 2023.

### **Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Cohort Camp (Monday 22 May to Wednesday 24 May 2023)**

13 A 3-day-2-night outdoor adventure cohort camp is being planned for the Sec 1 students from 22 May to 24 May 2023. This cohort camp 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 25 May and Friday 26 May 2023)**

14 Our Mid-Year Parent-Staff Interaction will be held via either phone call or Zoom (a video conference platform) this year. An announcement will be put up on Parents Gateway to invite you to register your mode of communication with the CCA Parent in May 2023. You may choose to meet the CCA Parent on either Thursday 25 May or Friday 26 May 2023.

### **Leadership Handover Ceremony (Thursday 25 May 2023)**

15 The Leadership Handover Ceremony will be held on the morning of Thursday, 25 May, as part of the end-of-term programme to give due recognition to our Upper Secondary Student Leaders for their commitment and leadership throughout the past year. It also marks an important juncture where the current leaders take a step back and allow for the new leaders to take over. We look forward to celebrating the achievements and growth of our Clementeens.

### **Recruitment of Student Leaders for Student Union 2023**

16 The school is moving towards having one main Student Leadership body – the Student Union, from Semester 2 onwards. The Student Union will comprise 4 teams (CARE, EXPERIENCE, OUTREACH and VOICE) that look into different aspects of school and student life, and will allow our Student Leaders to work in areas of their interest and expertise. This will enable us to better harness the potential of our students in effecting positive change to the community and environment. We will be recruiting interested Sec 1 and Sec 2 Clementeens to join the Student Union, so we encourage parents to have a conversation with your child should they show interest.

**Sec 1 to 3 Student Leadership Camp (Wednesday 31 May to Thursday 1 June 2023)**

17 There will be a Student Leadership camp that will take place from 31 May to 1 June for all newly appointed student leaders and the Executive Committee members of the new Student Union. This is designed for the student leaders to learn more about the Leadership Challenge Model, and prepare them for the year ahead as they embark on creating positive change to the community and environment under our school's Life-long Learning Programme focusing on Community Youth Leadership.

**FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS' SUPPORT**

**ICT Workshop for Parents: Technology for Effective Learning (Saturday 1 April 2023)**

18 In this workshop, we will share the different productivity skills and tools that we have introduced to our students (e.g., notes-taking, Google Calendar, Google Keep) as well as demonstrate how to configure DMA settings. We will adopt a blended learning approach. Parent participants will be asked to complete some simple tasks on their own prior to the session so that we can have more time during the workshop for discussions and hands-on experimentation with the tools. The blended approach in teaching and learning is one that our teachers have introduced to our lessons. We also look forward to hearing from you some of the useful technological tools or practices that you feel we should teach our students and discuss how we can work together to develop our students into competent users of technology.

**Safety and Security Related Matters**

19 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.

20 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,

Mdm Rasidah Bte Rahim  
Principal

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